

# In The Beginning God . . .

## *An In-Depth Study of the First Three Chapters of Genesis*

All Truth Begins Here



## Christ in Genesis 1-3

**INTRO:** If Genesis 1-3 contain the seeds of all important doctrines in the Bible and foreshadow the fullness of God's revelation to human beings, we would expect to find some significant revelations about Jesus Christ in these chapters. By way of rich analogy and progressive revelation indeed we do; these chapters are filled with references to the Person and Nature of Jesus Christ as He is revealed throughout the rest of Scripture.

### I. Christ in Creation—Fully God

- A. He is the Word of God  
John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.
- B. All Things Were Made By Him & Through Him  
John 1:3 <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- C. He is Fully Divine, Deity, God the Son, Maker of Heaven & Earth  
John 1:18 <sup>18</sup> No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.  
Hebrews 1:3 <sup>3</sup> And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

### II. Christ in Adam—Fully Man

- A. He is Like Adam in that He Was Given a Body (from the material realm)  
Matthew 1:20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.
- B. He is Like Adam in that He is the First Born of a New Race  
1 Corinthians 15:20-22 <sup>20</sup> But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.  
1 Corinthians 15:45-47 <sup>45</sup> So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven.
- C. He is Like Adam in that His Choice Changed Our Essential Nature  
1 Peter 1:3 <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1 Peter 1:23 <sup>23</sup> for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.
- D. He is Like Adam in that His Bride was Created from His Riven Side  
John 19:34 <sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 1 John 5:6-8 This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. 1 Peter 1:18-19 <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.
- E. He is Like Adam in that He Will Rule the Earth as King of Kings & Lord of Lords  
1 Timothy 6:14-16 Until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which He will bring about at the proper time-- He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. 1 Timothy 6:16 To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen

### III. Christ in the Sacrifice—The Lamb of God

- A. The Innocent is Slain for the Guilty  
2 Corinthians 5:21 <sup>21</sup> He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- B. Blood is Spilled to Make a Covering for Sin  
Hebrews 9:22 <sup>22</sup> And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.
- C. He is the Propitiation (*satisfactory appeasement of God's wrath*) for Our Sin  
Romans 3:24-25 <sup>24</sup> being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; <sup>25</sup> whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith.

**CONC:** Christ is found in Genesis 1-3 in these, and many other ways. We could explore further Who it is that was actually walking with Adam and Even in the cool of the day, or more deeply His relationship to His Bride, the Church, in the creation of Eve. We could explore His presence in Sabbath Rest, in the Tree of Life, and in offering the sacrifice to cover their sin. Of all the things we might take away from our investigation, we must take away the clear and unmistakable revelation of Jesus Christ as fully Divine, as fully human, and as the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world. These are the key points in knowing Him, and they are first given to us in these early chapters of Genesis.

