Loris First Baptist Church "52 Vital Doctrines of The Bible"

Doctrine #8: God the Son (His Incarnation)

Note: Most information based on pages 56-59 of the book "Major Bible Themes" by Lewis Sperry Chaffer.

Opening Comments about God the Son, becoming "Flesh":

- 1. When considering the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, two important truths should be realized:
 - a. Christ became at the same time and in the absolute sense "very God" and "very man".
 - b. In becoming flesh Christ, though laying aside His "glory", in no sense laid aside His "deity".
- 2. In His Incarnation, Christ retained every essential attribute of "deity" (i.e. "Nature of God").
- 3. Christ's full deity and complete humanity are essential to His work on the cross:
 - a. If He were not man, He could not die.
 - b. If He were not God, His death would not have had "infinite" value.
- 4. In the Gospel of John, he made it clear that Christ was "one" with God and was God from all "eternity" and, at the appointed time, became "flesh" and "lived" among mankind:
- John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
- John 1:14 "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."
 - 5. Paul likewise states the following things about Jesus Christ:

Philippians 2:6-7 "Who, <u>BEING IN VERY NATURE GOD</u>, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, <u>BEING MADE IN HUMAN</u> <u>LIKENESS</u>."

1Timothy 3:16 (KJV) "God was manifest in the flesh"

1Timothy 3:16 (NIV) "He appeared in a body"

Hebrews 1:3 "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and <u>THE EXACT REPRESENTATION OF HIS BEING...</u>"

6. The Gospel of Luke, in greater detail, presents the historical fact of His incarnation, as to both His "conception" and His "birth":

Luke 1:26-38 "In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.' Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end.' 'HOW WILL THIS BE,' Mary asked the angel, 'SINCE I AM A VIRGIN?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. SO THE HOLY ONE BORN WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God.' 'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May it be to me as you have said.' Then the angel left her."

Luke 2:5-7 "He (i.e. Joseph) went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for THE BABY TO BE BORN, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

Illustrations of Contrasts in Scripture between Christ's "Deity" and "Humanity"

The Bible presents many contrasts, but none more striking than that Christ in His person should be at the same time very God and very man:

1. Jesus was "weary" (in His Humanity):

John 4:6 "Jacob's well was there, and <u>Jesus, TIRED AS HE WAS from the journey, sat down by the well</u>. It was about the sixth hour."

Christ called the "weary" to come to "Himself" for "rest" (in His Deity):

Matthew 11:28 "COME TO ME, all you who are weary and burdened, and I WILL GIVE YOU REST."

2. Jesus was "hungry" (in His Humanity):

Matthew 4:2 "After fasting forty days and forty nights, HE WAS HUNGRY."

Christ was "the bread of life" (in His Deity):

John 6:35 "Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry..."

3. Jesus was "thirsty" (in His Humanity):

John 19:28 "...Jesus said, 'I AM THIRSTY.'"

Christ was the "water of life" (in His Deity):

John 7:37 "...Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'If anyone is thirsty, <u>LET HIM COME TO ME AND</u> DRINK.'"

4. Jesus was in "agony" (in His Humanity):

Luke 22:44 "AND BEING IN AGONY He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."

Christ "healed" all manner of diseases and "soothed" ever pain:

Luke 4:40 "When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus ALL WHO HAD VARIOUS KINDS OF SICKNESS, and laying His hands on each one, <u>HE HEALED THEM</u>."

5. Jesus was "tempted" (in His Humanity):

Matthew 4:1 "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert TO BE TEMPTED by the devil."

Christ, as God, could not be made to "sin" (in His Deity):

James 1:13b-14 "For God <u>CANNOT BE TEMPTED BY EVIL</u>, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, BY HIS OWN EVIL DESIRE, he is dragged away and enticed."

2Corinthians 5:21 "God made HIM WHO HAD NO SIN to be sin for us..."

NOTE: Since Jesus "had no evil desires", it was impossible for Him to be tempted to sin!

6. Jesus was self-limited in "knowledge" (in His Humanity):

Luke 2:52 "And JESUS GREW IN WISDOM and stature, and in favor with God and men."

Christ, as God, "knows" all things (in His Deity):

John 2:24-25 "But Jesus would not entrust Himself to them, for HE KNEW ALL MEN. He did not need man's testimony about man, <u>FOR HE KNEW WHAT WAS IN MAN</u>."

7. Jesus said, in His self-humiliation (in His Humanity):

John 14:28 "My Father is GREATER THAN I ... "

Christ said, in His self-revelation (in His Deity):

John 14:9 "I and My Father ARE ONE."

8. Jesus "prayed" (in His Humanity):

Luke 6:12 "One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and <u>SPENT THE NIGHT PRAYING</u> TO GOD."

Christ "answered" prayer (in His Deity):

Acts 10:31 "Cornelius answered: 'Four days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. <u>SUDDENLY A MAN IN SHINING CLOTHES</u> (i.e Jesus Christ) stood before me and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor...'"

9. Jesus "wept" at the tomb (in His Humanity):

John 11:35 "Jesus wept."

Jesus commanded the dead to "arise" (in His Deity):

John 11:43 "Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'"

10. Jesus "asked" men questions (in His Humanity):

Matthew 16:13 "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

Jesus "knew" all things (in His Deity):

John 2:25 "He (i.e. Jesus) did not need man's testimony about man, for He knew what was in a man."

From this it may be seen that the Lord Jesus Christ sometimes functioned within the sphere of that which was perfectly human and sometimes within the sphere of that which was perfectly divine. His "divine" being was NEVER LIMITED in any degree by the fact of His "humanity"; however, He NEVER ministered to His "human" need from His "divine" resources. (NOTE: When He was hungry, Jesus could have easily have used His divine powers to turn stones into bread to feed His human hunger, but this He never did!)

The Facts of Christ's Incarnation

1. The "humanity" of Christ was purposed from before the foundation of the world.

Ephesians 1:4-7 "He chose us in Him <u>BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD</u> to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He PREDESTINED US to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will— to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves. In Him we have REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD (i.e. "became human to die for mankind"), the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace..."

Ephesians 3:11 "His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to <u>HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE which He</u> accomplished in <u>Christ Jesus our Lord</u>."

Revelation 13:8 "All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb <u>THAT WAS SLAIN FROM THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.</u>"

NOTE: The significance of Christ being called "a lamb" is to call attention to His sacrifice and shedding of blood which required a "physical" body.

2. Every type and prophecy of the Old Testament concerning Christ was an anticipation of the incarnate Son of God.

Isalah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: <u>The virgin will be with child and will GIVE</u> BIRTH TO A <u>SON</u>, and will call him Immanuel."

Isaiah 9:6 "For to us A CHILD IS BORN, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 53:2-3 "He (God, the Son) grew up before Him (God, the Father) like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, <u>NOTHING IN HIS APPEARANCE that we should desire Him</u>. He was despised and rejected by men, A MAN OF SORROWS, and FAMILIAR WITH SUFFERING. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not."

Isaiah 53:5 "But He was PIERCED for our transgressions, he was CRUSHED for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and <u>BY HIS WOUNDS</u> we are healed."

3. The fact of the humanity of Christ is seen in His "annunciation" (i.e. the angel's "announcement" of Jesus' birth) and subsequent "birth":

Luke 1:30-35 "But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, and you are to give Him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end.' 'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So <u>THE HOLY ONE TO BE BORN</u> will be called the Son of God.'"

- 4. His life here on earth revealed His humanity:
 - a. By His "human" names:

"The Son (i.e. of the same nature) of man"; "The man Christ Jesus"; "The Son of David"; etc., etc.

b. By His "human" parentage:

Jesus is mentioned as "the fruit of the loins"; "her firstborn"; "of this man's seed"; "seed of David"; "seed of Abraham"; "made of a woman"; "sprang from Judah"; etc., etc.

c. By His "human" body, soul, and spirit:

Matthew 26:28 "Then Jesus said to them, 'MY SOUL is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with Me.'"

John 13:21 "After He had said this, Jesus was troubled <u>IN SPIRIT</u> and testified, 'I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray Me.'"

1John 4:2 "This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that <u>JESUS</u> CHRIST HAS COME IN THE <u>FLESH</u> is from God..."

5. The humanity of Christ is seen in His "death" and "resurrection":

John 19:33-35 "But when they came to Jesus and found that <u>HE WAS ALREADY DEAD</u>, they did not break HIS LEGS. Instead, one of the soldiers PIERCED JESUS' SIDE with a spear, <u>BRINGING A SUDDEN FLOW OF BLOOD AND WATER</u>. The man who saw it has given testimony, and HIS TESTIMONY IS TRUE. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe."

John 20:27 "Then He (i.e. Jesus) said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; SEE MY HANDS. Reach out your hand and <u>PUT IT INTO MY SIDE</u>. Stop doubting and believe.'"

6. The fact of the humanity of Christ is seen in that He ascended into heaven and will come again "as He went", in the same body (though glorified) in which He became incarnate:

Luke 24:50-51 "When He had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, <u>HE LIFTED UP HIS HANDS</u> and blessed them. While He was blessing them, HE LEFT THEM (i.e. "ascended") and was taken up into heaven."

Acts 1:3-4a, 9b-11 "After His suffering, HE SHOWED HIMSELF to these men and gave many convincing proofs that HE WAS ALIVE. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while HE WAS EATING WITH THEM... He was TAKEN UP (i.e. "ascended") before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, <u>WILL COME</u> BACK IN THE SAME WAY you have seen Him go into heaven.'"

Reasons for the Incarnation

1. Jesus became "flesh" to reveal God to men.

Matthew 11:27 "... No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those TO WHOM THE SON CHOOSES TO REVEAL HIM."

John 1:18 "No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only (i.e. Jesus Christ), who is at the Father's side, HAS MADE HIM KNOWN."

John 14:9 "Jesus answered: 'Don't you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone <u>WHO HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER</u>. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?'"

Romans 5:8 "But God <u>DEMONSTRATED HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS</u>: While we were still sinners, CHRIST DIED FOR US."

1John 3:16 "This is HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us..."

NOTE: By the incarnation, the incomprehensible God is translated into terms of human understanding!

2. Jesus became "flesh" to reveal God's ideal man as an example to believers:

1Peter 2:21 "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, <u>LEAVING YOU AN EXAMPLE</u>, that you should follow in His steps."

NOTE: Jesus is NEVER an example to the "unsaved", since God is not seeking to "reform" the unsaved's behavior, but rather to "redeem" their souls from sin!

3. Jesus became "flesh" to provide a sacrifice for sin:

Hebrews 10:1-10 "The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. But those sacrifices are AN ANNUAL REMINDER OF SINS, because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, when Christ came into the world, He said: 'Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, BUT A BODY YOU PREPARED FOR ME; with burnt offerings and sin offerings You were not pleased. Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, O God.' First He said, 'Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings You did not desire, nor were You pleased with them' (although the law required them to be made). Then He said, 'Here I am, I have come to do your will.' He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through THE SACRIFICE OF THE BODY of Jesus Christ once for all."

4. Jesus became "flesh" that He might destroy the works of the Devil:

John 12:27-31 "Now My heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, IT WAS FOR THIS VERY REASON I CAME FOR THIS HOUR. Father, glorify your name!' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.' The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to Him. Jesus said, 'This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; NOW THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD WILL BE DRIVEN OUT."

John 16:10b-11 "...because I am going to the Father, where you can see Me no longer; and in regard to judgment, BECAUSE THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD NOW STANDS CONDEMNED."

Colossians 2:13-15 "When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; He took it away, nailing it to the cross. And <u>HAVING</u> <u>DISARMED THE POWERS AND AUTHORITIES</u>, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

Hebrews 2:14 "Since the children have flesh and blood, He too SHARED IN THEIR HUMANITY SO THAT by His death HE MIGHT DESTROY HIM who holds the power of death—that is, THE DEVIL..."

1John 3:8 "He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared WAS TO DESTROY THE DEVIL'S WORK."

5. Jesus became "flesh" that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God:

Hebrews 2:16-17 "For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason <u>HE HAD TO BE MADE LIKE HIS BROTHERS IN EVERY WAY</u>, in order that <u>He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God</u>, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people." Hebrews 8:1 "The point of what we are saying is this: <u>WE DO HAVE SUCH A HIGH PRIEST</u>, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man."

Hebrews 9:11-12 "When Christ came AS HIGH PRIEST of the good things that are already here, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man—made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all <u>BY HIS OWN BLOOD</u>, having obtained eternal redemption."

6. Jesus became "flesh" that He might fulfill the Davidic Covenant:

2Samuel 7:16 "Your (i.e. David's) house and your kingdom will endure forever before Me; your throne will be established forever."

Luke 1:31-33 "You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God <u>WILL GIVE HIM THE THRONE OF</u> HIS FATHER DAVID, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end."

Acts 2:29-33 "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that HE WOULD PLACE ONE OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON THE THRONE. Seeing what was ahead, <u>HE SPOKE OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST</u>, that He was not abandoned to the grave, nor did His body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. <u>EXALTED TO THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD</u>, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear."

Romans 15:8 "I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, <u>TO</u> CONFIRM THE PROMISES MADE TO THE PATRIARCHS..."

7. Jesus became "flesh" so that in His glorified "human body" He will sit on the throne of His father David:

Luke 1:32 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. <u>The Lord God will give Him THE</u> THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID..."

Revelation 19:11-16 "I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and ON HIS HEAD ARE MANY CROWNS. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and HIS NAME IS THE WORD OF GOD. The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. 'He will rule them with an iron scepter.' He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

8. Jesus became "flesh" to become Head over all things to "the church", which is a new creation, the "new humanity":

Ephesians 1:22-23 "And God placed all things under His feet and <u>APPOINTED HIM HEAD OVER</u> <u>EVERYTHING FOR THE CHURCH</u>, which is HIS BODY, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way."

Final Words on Jesus' Incarnation

- 1. In the "incarnation", the Son of God took upon Himself not only a human "body", but also a human "soul" and "spirit".
- 2. Though He was entirely "God" (as if He was not man), He became entirely "Man" that He is rightly called:

1Corinthians 15:45 "...the last ADAM..."

Philippians 3:21 "...the BODY of His glory..."

- 3. Jesus who is the eternal Son, the "Jehovah-God", was also the "son" of Mary, the "boy" of Nazareth, the "teacher" and "healer" of Judea, the "guest" of Bethany, and the "Lamb" of Calvary!
- 4. Jesus Christ is NOW the Savior of men and the High Priest of believers. He SOON will be coming as Bridegroom and Lord and will be reigning as the King of Glory!
- 5. This same Jesus is both "Lord" (deity) and "man" (humanity):

1Timothy 3:16 "Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: <u>HE APPEARED IN A BODY</u>, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory."

Titus 2:11-14 "For the grace of God that brings salvation HAS APPEARED TO ALL MEN. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing OF OUR GREAT GOD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, who gave Himself for us TO REDEEM US FROM all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."

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Doctrine #8: God the Son (His Incarnation)

- 1. Read Pages 1-10 from the Doctrine#8 Study Guide by next Wednesday.
- 2. Answer the following Questions about "God the Son" as you read:

a. God the Son, Becoming Flesh:

- 1) True or False. Though He was "God, the Son" from all Eternity, Jesus "humbled Himself" when He became "flesh" and temporarily was only a man with a human nature.

 (page 1, top)
- 2) Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks:

a) If Jesus Christ was not "man",	He could not:
b) If Jesus Christ was not "God",	His death would not have had:

- 3) When you take the words "the Word was God" from John 1:1 and the words "the Word became flesh" from John 1:14, then who is it that "became" flesh?
- 4) The writer of Hebrews revealed that Jesus Christ is "the radiance of God's glory and the EXACT REPRESENTATION of..." what? (see Hebrews 1:3)
- 5) When you read Luke 1:26-38, you will find that the angel that spoke to Mary told her that the "Holy One" to be born through her would be called "what"? (page 2, top)

b. Contrasts in Scripture Between Christ's "Deity" and "Humanity":

1) Although in His "humanity", Jesus could become "tired" (see John 4:6), in His "deity", Jesus had the divine power to give "what" to any who come to Him? (page 2, bottom; see Matt 11:28)

- 2) True or False. Although Jesus had the divine power to heal anyone of any disease or illness, Jesus felt intense "pain" and allowed Himself to "suffer" as a man. (page 3, top; see also Luke 22:44 and Luke 4:40)
- 3) True or False. Because Jesus was "man", while also being "God", it was possible for Jesus to "sin" while being tempted by evil. (see James 1:13-14)
- 4) Although Jesus functioned perfectly within the sphere of being "perfectly human", while also remaining "perfectly divine", what is something Jesus NEVER did with His "divine" resources? (page 4, bottom)

c. The Facts of Christ's Incarnation

- 1) True or False. After Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, God the Father decided to send God the Son to earth to become "flesh" and save the world from their sin. (page 5, top; see also Ephesians 1:4-7, 3:11 and Revelation 13:8)
- 2) Who is the "He" and who is the "Him" when Isaiah says "He grew up before Him like a tender shoot..."? (page 5, bottom; Isaiah 53:2)
- 3) When someone speaks of the "annunciation" of Jesus, what are they speaking about? (page 6, top; see also Luke 1:30-35)
- 4) The word "Son" means "what" in the Biblical names for Jesus such as "the SON of Man" or "the SON of God"? (page 6, middle-top)

5) V	What are "3 things" that Jesus had on this earth that reveal Him to be in "human likeness"? (page 6, middle; see also Matthew 26:28; John 13:21; and 1John 4:2)
,	What are some of the "convincing" proofs that Jesus Christ gave His disciples after He esurrected from the dead? (page 7, top; see also Acts 1:3-11; John 20:26-29)
d. Rea	sons for the Incarnation:
1) I	ist the "8" reasons that the Bible gives on "why" God, the Son became "flesh" (i.e. incarnate) (pages 7-10)
2) A	According to Romans 5:8, how did God "demonstrate" (i.e. "prove") His love for us?
3) A	According to 1John 3:16, how do we truly KNOW what "love" actually is?
4) 1	True or False. One of the purposes of God the Son becoming "incarnate" (in flesh) is so that He can set "an example" for all mankind how to live in a way that pleases God. (page 7, bottom; see also Romans 8:6-8)
	According to Hebrews 10:10, what is the "once for all" effect on "believers" through the 'sacrifice of the body" of Jesus Christ?

6) According to Colossians 2:13-15, what did Jesus do in orde authorities" (i.e. Satan and his demonic influence on sinful	<u>-</u>
7) According to Hebrews 2:14, Jesus "shared" in man's flesh an "death", He might "destroy" who?	d blood "humanity", so that by His
8) According to Hebrews 2:16-17, Jesus "had to be made like order that He might become" what?	His brothers" (i.e. mankind) "in
9) According to Hebrews 8:1, who should we as believers ONI	LY have as our "priest"?
10) On whose "throne" will Jesus Christ sit when He returns at (page 9, bottom; see also Luke 1:32 and Revelation	
11) True or False. God has set "pastors" and "elders" as head of believers, we are to obey whatever they tell violate Scripture. (page 10, top; see also Eph	us to do as long as it does not
e. Final Words on Jesus' Incarnation:	
1) In the "incarnation", the Son of God took upon Himself not human "what"? (page 10, top-middle)	only a human "body", but also a
2) According to Titus 2:11-14, what is the "blessed hope" that	believers are waiting for?