

2nd London Baptist Confession of Faith Study

Christ the Mediator - LBCF 8.2

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The Son of God, the second person in the Holy Trinity, being very and eternal God, the brightness of the Father's glory, of one substance and equal with Him who made the world, who upholds and governs all things He has made, did, when the fullness of time was complete, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities of it, yet without sin; being conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, the Holy Spirit coming down upon her: and the power of the Most High overshadowing her; and so was made of a woman of the tribe of Judah, of the seed of Abraham and David according to the Scriptures; so that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion; which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.

I. Introduction

1. Focus Today: Who is the Son of God?
2. Modern trinitarian controversy around personhood
3. Biblical boundaries to our discussion

II. Metaphysics - Q and A

1. What is a nature? (Essence) (What properties or categories belong to nature?)
2. What is the difference between a creaturely nature and the Divine nature?
3. What is a person? (Subsistence)
4. How are divine persons different than human persons?

III. Trinity Ad Intra- Q and A

- i. How might we distinguish the persons of the Godhead? (cf. John 1:1)
- ii. Is there an order within the Godhead?
- iii. What does this order imply?
- iv. What does this order not imply?
- v. How is the Son unique and distinguished as the Second Person of the Trinity?

IV. Trinity Ad Extra - Q and A

- i. Do the works of God come from a person separately or from the persons together?
- ii. May we still speak of the works of God being of one person or another?
- iii. How is the Son seen in the act of creation?
- iv. How is the Son seen in the act of the incarnation?