

# Study Objectives

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# The Sabbath Rest Experiential Christianity

- Open
- Web Site Materials
  - Resources, Videos, PDF, Video & Sessions
- Songs**
- Primacy of Christ**

Sabbath Rest

1Jo 2:20 But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know. 21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. 24 Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

## Study Method



- Methodical Bible Study: Basic & Advanced Step
- Kipling in Experience
- Epistolary Method: Experience of Resident Life
- Know by the Knowing Experience

## Blood of Christ



- Incarnate God; Birth God/Man; New Creation
- Reality of the Blood; Human; Man
- Curse/LIFE
- Blood of Old/Blood of New
- Cry of the Heart "Abba Father"; Peace with God
- Experience of LIFE

## Fellowship of LIFE



- Have LIFE
- Testimony of the Father
- Having Believed Evidence of Faith
- Promise of the Spirit

## Sabbath Rest



- Definitions
- Synonyms
- Apostolic/Scriptural Unfolding – NT Epistles Interpretive Lens
- Exhortational Foundation

*I never asked you to live the Christian life,  
I came to share MY LIFE with you.*

# Satisfied



1. All my life long I had pant - ed

For a draught from some cool Link spring.

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Satisfied'. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: '1. All my life long I had pant - ed' and 'For a draught from some cool Link spring.' The word 'Link' is underlined and highlighted with a white circular callout. The music notation includes various note values, rests, and bar lines.

*Link*

Our God, He Is Alive



**1:1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—**2** the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—**3** that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

**5** This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him

**12** I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. **13** I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. **14** I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

**15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the

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**4** Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. **5** You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. **6** No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. **7** Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, as he is righteous. **8** He who commits sin is of the

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**4** Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. **5** They are of the world, therefore what they say is of the world, and the world listens to them. **6** We are of God. Who-

**5:1** Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent loves the child. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. **4** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. **5** Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

**6** This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. **7** And the Spirit is

## Structural Diagram: 1 JN 2. 20-25

### Paragraph

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**28** And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. **29** If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that every one who does right is born of him.

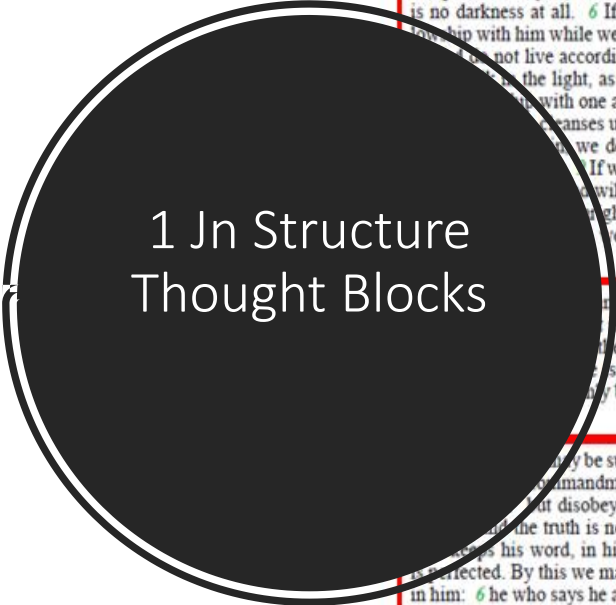
God, **22** and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. **23** And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. **24** All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. **19** We love, because he first loved us. **20** If any one says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. **21** And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

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1 John RSV



1 Jn Structure  
Thought Blocks

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5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we do not live according to the truth; 7 but who is the light, as he is in the light, we fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus which cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we love him and do not love our brother, we deceive ourselves, and the blood of Jesus which cleanses us from all sin does not cleanse us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we do not love our brother who has sinned, we make him a liar, and our love is not perfected with him.

11 Writing this to you so that you will not be deceived by anyone who does sin, we know that the Father, Jesus Christ who came in the flesh, is the expiation for our sins, and not only for our sins but also for the sins of the whole world. 12 Therefore, if anyone has sinned, let him confess his sins to God, and he will forgive him. 13 We know that anyone who says, "I love God," but does not love his brother who has seen his word, in him truly love for God is not perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: 14 he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

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15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides for ever.

18 Children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come; therefore we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us.

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26 I write this to you about those who would deceive you; 27 but the anointing which you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that any one should teach you; as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in him.

28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that every one who does right is born of him.

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11 For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 and not be like Cain who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not wonder, brethren, that the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. 15 Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him 20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

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4 Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are of the world, therefore what they say is of the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are of God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and he who is not of God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

17 In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. 19 We love, because he first loved us. 20 If any one says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

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6 This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. 7 And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth. 8 There are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has borne witness to his Son. 10 He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne to his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has no life.

13 I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 And this is the confidence which we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him. 16 If any one sees his brother committing what is not a mortal sin, he will ask, and God will give him life for those whose sin is not mortal. There is sin which is mortal; I do not say that one is to pray for that. 17 All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin which is not mortal.

18 We know that any one born of God does not sin, but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.

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Levels 1-4

## Structural Diagram: 1 JN 2. 20-25

Things Repeated  
Key Words  
Meanings?  
Bracket Ideas/Concepts  
Relationships

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# Column 1

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3 And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He who says "I know him" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: 6 he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

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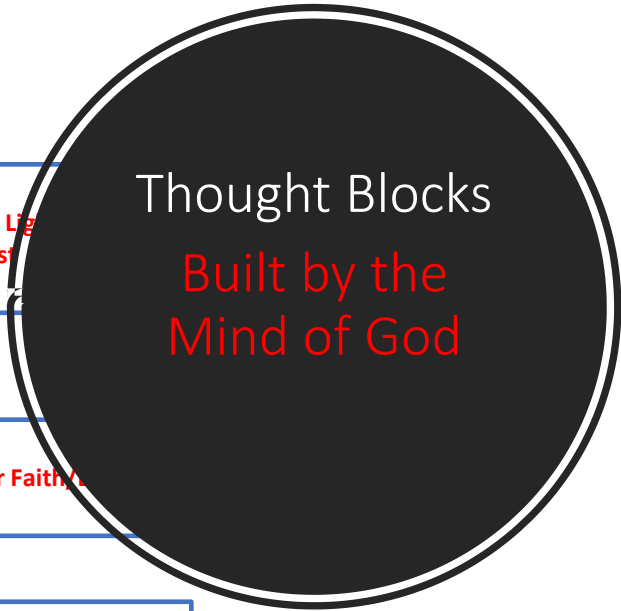
ETERNAL LIFE  
Life made manifest  
Fellowship 'a joint-participation'

God is Light  
Fellowship w Light  
Blood of Christ  
Truth is in us

Not SIN  
Advocate for Faith

Love for God PERFECTED  
I KEEP I ABIDE I WALK

Love: living – active His LIFE  
Lack of Life - stumbling



# Column 2

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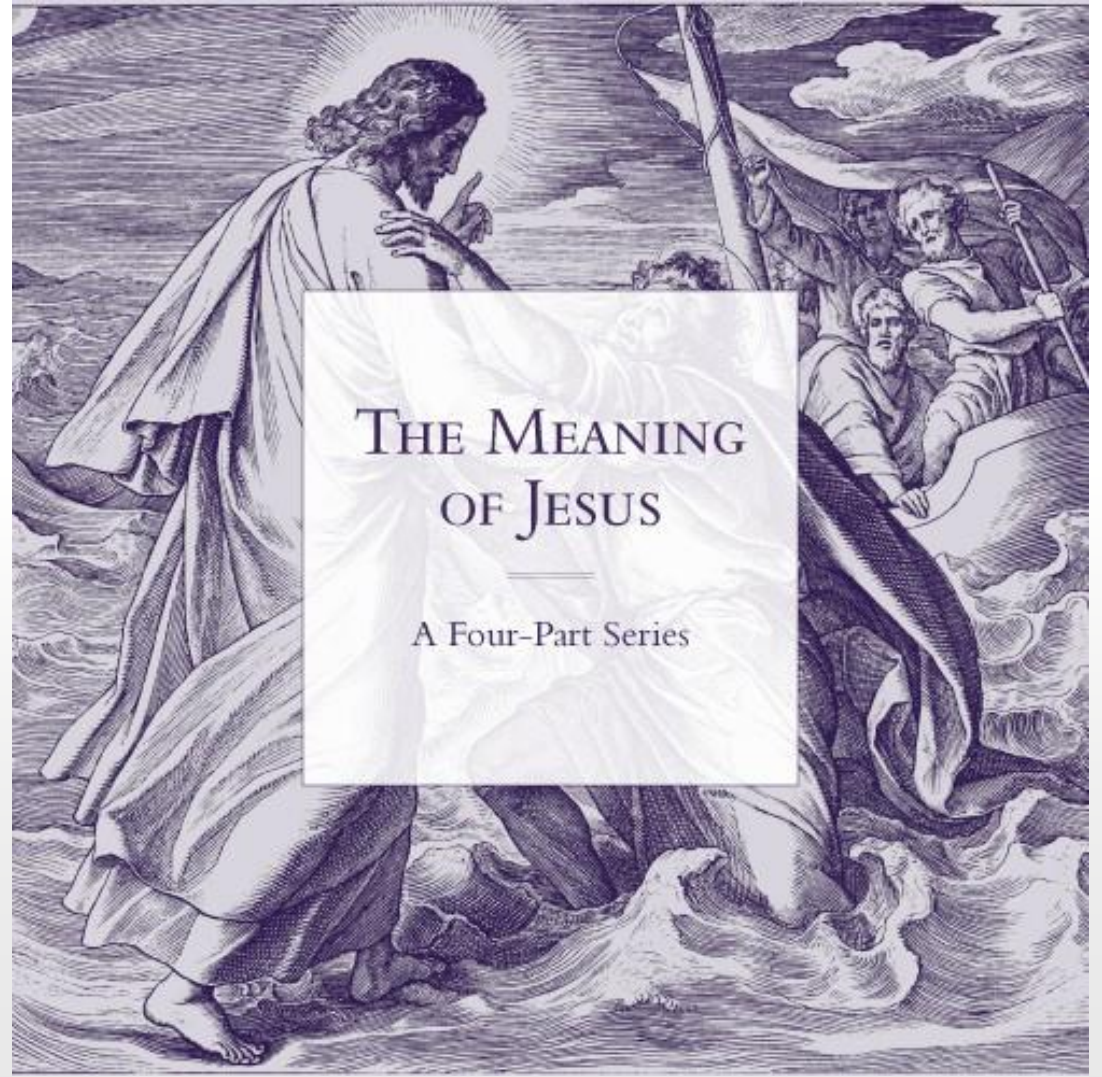
We love Father not world  
Abide forever

Children know those not of us  
went out made plain by Father  
Amen Sister!



Jesus, I trust in you!

# The Absolute Primacy of Christ



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## On Getting First Things First:

Assessing Claims for the Primacy of Christ

Myk Habets

### Abstract

Adopting modal logic the doctrine of the primacy of Christ is defined and defended in relation to the Thomistic – Scotistic debates over **the primary and efficient causes of the incarnation**. This leads to a defence of the Scotistic thesis and a reserved affirmation for the Scotistic hypothesis that **there would have been an incarnation irrespective of the fall**. This hypothesis is tested by reference to the work of four recent theologians, Thomas Weinandy O.F.M. cap., Karl Barth, Jürgen Moltmann, and Thomas Torrance. Finally, a sketch describing another possible-world incarnation that builds upon the Scotistic hypothesis is provided.



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## Modal Logic

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A modal is an expression (like ‘necessarily’ or ‘possibly’) that is used to qualify the truth of a judgement. Modal logic is, strictly speaking, the study of the deductive behavior of the expressions ‘it is necessary that’ and ‘it is possible that’.

# Why Did Jesus Come?

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Why Become  
Incarnate?

*Did God Become Incarnate just for Fallen Man  
or Just for Himself?*

What is His Purpose?

- *Eph 3:6 that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.*
- *7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace which was given me by the working of his power.*
- *8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,*
- *9 and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;*
- *10 that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.*
- ***11 This was according to the eternal purpose which he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,***
- *12 in whom we have boldness and confidence of access through our faith in him.*



Jesus, I trust in you!

# The Absolute Primacy of Christ



What is this?

DEFINITION: Habets

- Please note that all Christians are united in attributing a universal primacy to Christ; after all, He is God, the Eternal Word, made flesh! But is His universal primacy as the God-Man a *relative* primacy, in other words, *occasioned* by the sin of man? Or is His primacy *absolute* and *unconditional* and not dependent upon man's need for Redemption? It is a question of God's creative plan. Was Christ willed as the center of creation or was His coming due exclusively to man's sin?

## Example Ref Quad

**Col 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation;

**16** for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities--all things were created through him and for him.

**17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**18** He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

**19** For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell,

**20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**Eph 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

**4** even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

**5** He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

**6** to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.



The First Epistle of  
**JOHN**

Goal  
Key Words  
Primary Thought  
Core Operative Principle?

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- **What Does John Say?**





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- What is missing in both sides of the arguments that is 1 John's main/root/core revelation to his readers?

## Eternal Purpose

Interpretive Lens

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## Man or God

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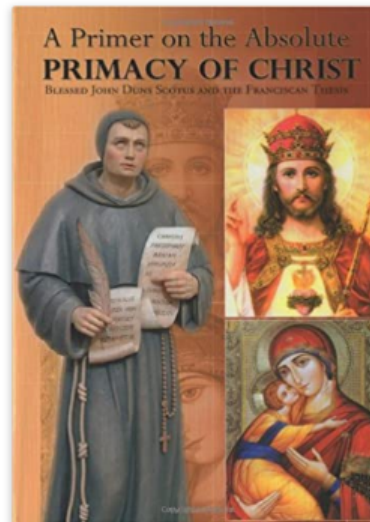
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## 1 John

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The Human 'I' of Jesus ←

The Primacy of Christ: A Theological Foundation



## A Primer on the Absolute Primacy of Christ: Blessed John Duns Scotus and the Franciscan Thesis

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## Pre-existence of Christ

Orthodox Christianity[edit]

Orthodox Christianity teaches that Jesus was personally identical with the eternally pre-existent Son of God or Logos. He did not come into existence as a new person around 5 BC but exists personally as the eternal Son of God. [citation needed] To adopt tensed language from Nicaea I ("there never was [a time] when he was not" – DzH 126)<sup>[12]</sup> According to Thomas Aquinas, "the humane nature" of Christ was created and began in time, where "the subsistent subject" is both uncreated and eternal.<sup>[13]</sup>

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## Salvation, Redemption, and the Primacy of Christ

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