

7. Christology in Pauline Theology

1. Purpose of the Lecture

- 1) To understand the identity and work of Christ as revealed in Paul's epistles.
 - 2) To analyze the deity, humanity, crucifixion, resurrection, and lordship of Christ from a theological perspective.
 - 3) To confirm that Christ is at the center of salvation in Pauline theology.
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2. Key Elements of Christology in Paul's Letters

1) The Deity and Humanity of Christ

(1) Deity:

- ① Colossians 1:15–20: “He is the image of the invisible God...”
- ② Philippians 2:6: “Who, being in very nature God...”

(2) Humanity:

- ① Galatians 4:4: “God sent his Son, born of a woman...”

2) Redemptive Work on the Cross

- ① 1 Corinthians 1:18: “The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing...”
- ② Romans 3:24–25: “...through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus...”
- ③ 2 Corinthians 5:21: “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us...”

3) Resurrection and Exaltation

- ① 1 Corinthians 15: The historical and theological meaning of the resurrection
- ② Romans 1:4: “...declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead...”
- ③ Philippians 2:9–11: “...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...”

4) The Lordship of Christ

- ① Romans 10:9: “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’...”
- ② 1 Corinthians 8:6: “...one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all

things came...”

5) Christ and the Church

- ① Ephesians 1:22–23: “...appointed him to be head over everything for the church...”
- ② 1 Corinthians 12:27: “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

3. The Christ-Centered Gospel

- 1) Galatians 2:20: “...Christ lives in me.”
- 2) Romans 8:1–4: Christ who fulfilled the Law
- 3) Justification, sanctification, and glorification all flow through Christ

4. Contemporary Relevance of Pauline Christology

- 1) Reaffirming the exclusivity of Christ in a pluralistic postmodern world
- 2) Restoring the authority of Christ and the Church
- 3) Overcoming distorted, human-centered theology

5. Conclusion and Reflection Questions

- 1) Do I truly live confessing Jesus Christ as Lord?
 - 2) How do the cross and resurrection of Christ shape my faith and daily life?
 - 3) Am I living a life centered on Christ, as Paul did?
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