A wooden cross stands on a hillside against a cloudy sky. The cross is made of two dark wooden beams. The background shows a landscape with rolling hills and a bright sun partially obscured by clouds.

# The Deity of Christ (1)

“That which has been is what will be,  
That which is done is what will be done,  
And there is nothing new under the sun.”

**Ecclesiastes 1:9**

# The Deity of Christ

Was He God?

Was He Man?

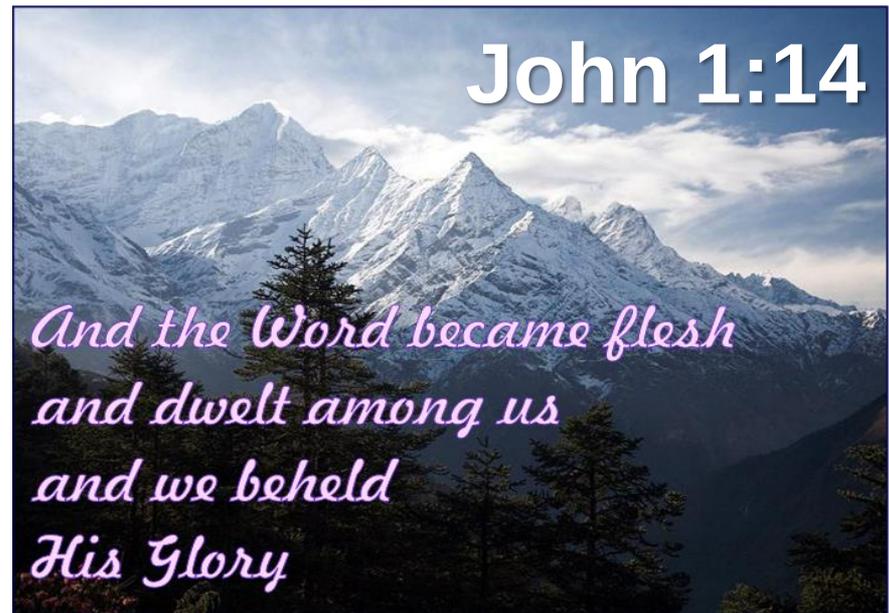
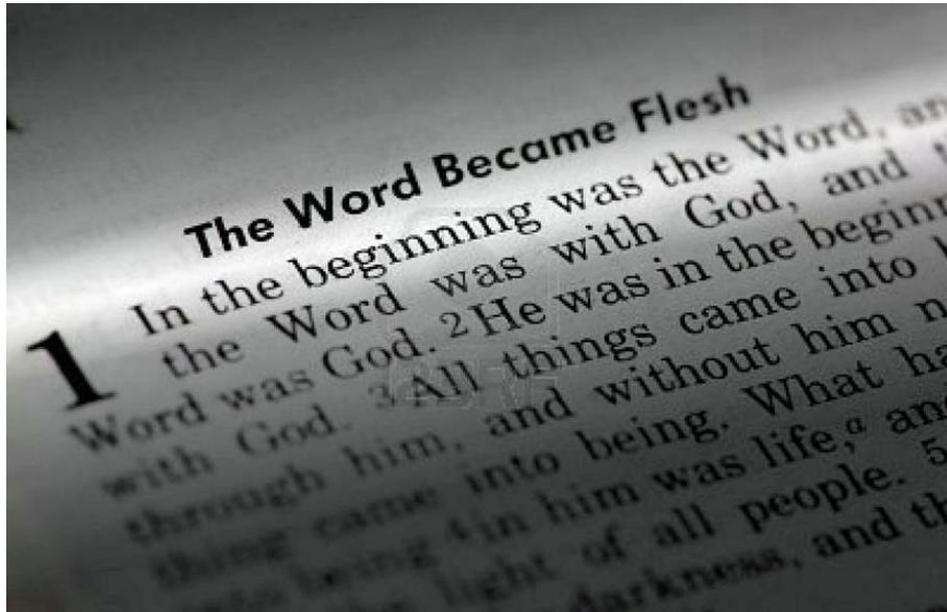
Did He really come in the flesh?

Did He give up His deity?

# The Deity of Christ

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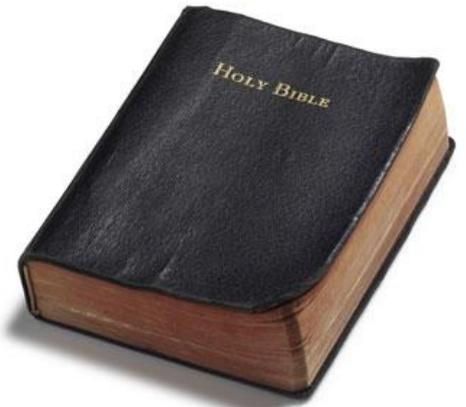
- Jesus was a man
  - Not merely a man
    - **GOD IN THE FLESH**



# Calvinism

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- **Doctrines “not according to Christ”**
  - **Colossians 2:8**
- **A system of religious error**
- **John Calvin**
  - Lived 1509-1564
  - Principle leader of the 16<sup>th</sup> century reformation movement
  - Developed a Theological System



# (T) Total Hereditary Depravity

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- **Humans have a depraved sinful nature**
  - Unable to do anything spiritually good
- **The Bible says:**
  - Committed sin condemns man
    - Isaiah 59:2; Ephesians 2:1-2; 1 John 3:4
  - Little children are innocent
    - Matthew 18:3

# (U) Unconditional Election

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- **Labeled “predestination”**
  - Confession of faith - Presbyterian Church
- **The Bible says:**
  - All offered the invitation to come to Christ
    - **Revelation 22:17**
  - Jesus told His disciples:
    - **Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15**
  - God desires all to be saved (**1 Tim 2:4**)

# **(L)** Limited Atonement

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- **That Christ died for “only the elected ones”**
- **The Bible says:**
  - Jesus died for all men
    - **Hebrews 2:9**
  - Jesus – the propitiation for our sins
    - **1 John 2:2**

# (I) Irresistible Grace

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- **God has chosen “whether you like it or not.....I’m going to save you!”**
  - This doctrine rules out the will of the individual entirely
- **The Bible says:**
  - The Jews were charged by Stephen
    - **Acts 7:51; John 5:24, 29**
  - Anyone can accept Jesus and do good

# **(P)** Perseverance of the Saints

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- **The doctrine of “once saved, always saved”**
- **The Bible says:**
  - Paul had to keep himself well disciplined
    - **1 Corinthians 9:27**
  - Christians can wander from the truth
    - **James 5:19-20**

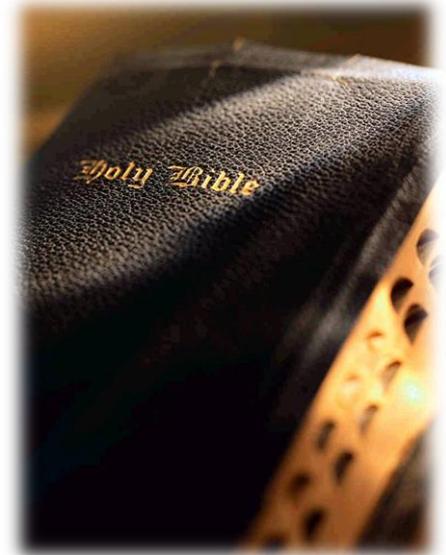
# (P) Perseverance of the Saints

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- **The Bible says:**

- Passages teaching one can depart from God and fall from grace:

- Hebrews 3:12
- 1 Peter 1:8-10
- 2 Peter 2:20-22
- Hebrews 10:26-31
- 1 Timothy 4:1; Revelation 2:5; Romans 11:22; 1 Corinthians 10:12



# Calvinism in Summary

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- **There is NOTHING a lost one can do to be saved**
- **Once saved, there is NOTHING he can do to be lost**
- **Holy Spirit abides in the saved one**
  - **If you seek it, you can't get it**
  - **If you get it, you can't lose it**
  - **If you lost it, you never had it**

# Contrast to Calvinism

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- **People become sinners by transgressing God's law**
  - Romans 3:23; 1 John 3:4
- **Sinners can become saints by obeying the gospel**
  - Romans 1:16-17; 6:17-18;  
Hebrews 5:9; Galatians 3:26-27

# Contrast to Calvinism

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- **Once you are saved, you must keep yourself saved**
  - Colossians 1:23; 2:6; Galatians 5:4
- **Calvinism is NOT according to Christ's teaching**
  - Colossians 2:8



# Conclusion

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- **The ground work is set for future studies on the Deity of Christ**
  - Calvinism teaches that man, because he is man, **MUST** sin
  - The Bible teaches that man does not have to sin – **we have a choice** – but that man does sin
    - Romans 3:23