

Element 5E: The Humanity of Jesus the Christ In Didactic Biblical Perspective

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I. Eight Essential Elements: Outline & Overview

0. Intro: Proclamation / Pre-Evangelism / Disciples / Pole Fishing / Diagnostic Tools / 7 Missing Elements
1. God: Essential Biblical Attributes: (Non-Communicable & Communicable)
2. Man: Essential Biblical Attributes: (3 Issues / Culpability / Empowerment)
3. The 10 Commandments: (Exodus 20:1-17) & (Deuteronomy 5:1-21)
4. Historical Narrative of Israel & Warning(s) of Eternal Judgment Day: Gospel Presentations in Acts
5. **Jesus Christ: Only Mediator: Intro to Christology**: Bridge / Solution / Ministry / Atonement / Reign
6. Receiving Jesus Christ: (John 1:12-13) Responding: Key Components & Exchanges of Soteriology
7. The First 5 Steps Into the Kingdom of Christ: Acts 2:37-47 (See Pt. I, E, 3 Above)
8. Maturing in Jesus Christ: 3 Tools of Grace - Vital Growth Ingredients / Necessity of Discipleship

II. Messages 1 - 20: Elements 1 - 4: Defining Bad News (Gap): God, Man, Decalogue & Christ as Israel (Telos)

III. Element 5: Bridging the Gap: Christology / Jesus, The Eternal Covenant: Only Solution, Bridge, Mediator

(Matthew 16:13-18) ¹³ Now ... Jesus ... was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ And they said, “Some say ..., and others” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

(1 Tim. 2:3-6) ³ ... God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself ...

IV. Three & Four Weeks Ago - Element 5A & 5B: Jesus the “Logos” & The “I am” Statements by Jesus in John

A. John’s “I Am” as Archetypal & Quintessential “Logos” (John 1:1, 14) (1 John 1:1-3) (Ex. 3:13-15)

B. “I am” Statements of Jesus in John’s Gospel: (Jn. 10:7-11) (Jn. 14:6-7, 20) (Jn. 11:1-46) (Jn. 10:11-16) (Jn. 8:12-19) (Jn. 13:13, 19) (Jn. 15:17) (Jn. 8: 21-28; 31-32; 42-43, 58-59) (Jn. 18:4-9; 33-48) (Jn. 6:35)

V. Two Weeks Ago: Element 5C: 8+ Crucial Christological Characteristics & Role of Christ & Christology

A. List of Eight Critical Christological Characteristics: The Attributes of Jesus Christ (See “X” Below)

B. The Crucial Role of Christology: Why Our Understanding of Who Jesus is of Critical or Vital Importance.

Key Verses: **(1 Jn 5:12)** (1 Jn 2:18-25; 4:2-3, 15; 5:1, 5) (Jn 8:24, 28) (Rom. 1:1-5) (1 Cor.15:3-6a) (2 Jn 1:7-11)

Key Issues: All Pseudo Christian Cults & All False Religions: Are Anti-Christ (See Key Scriptures Above.)

VI. Last Week / Message 24: Introduction to the Didactic Approach to Scripture: A Vital Hermeneutic

Didactic Defined: In Scriptural usage, straightforward or plain language teachings (doctrines / statements) that contain Theological, moral or exhortative instruction to which aesthetic & literary considerations are subordinated. The Didactic approach is the most common Biblical Hermeneutic in Post-Reformational Modern Christianity. Vital.

VII. Last Week: Element 5D: Deity of Jesus Christ in Didactic Perspective: (1 John 2:18-25) (2 John 1:7-11)

(Jn. 1:1-5, 14) (Heb. 1: 1-13; Ps. 45:6) (1 Jn. 1:1-3) (Jn. 20:28) (Matt. 21:9, 15-16) (Lk. 19:37-40) (Mk. 14:61-64)

Note: Greek Word “Theos” is often reserved in NT for God the Father, but... (Rom. 9:5) (Tit. 2:13) (2 Pet. 1:1.1)

(Luke 18:18-22) ¹⁸ A ruler questioned Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. ²⁰ You know the

commandments, ‘DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.’” ²¹ And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” ²² When Jesus heard this, He

said to him, “One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” (Read Partial Explanation / Explain Further)

VIII. Today: The Humanity of Jesus Christ in Didactic Perspective & Implications:

A. God Becomes Man: The Tabernacle of God is Among Man. (Explain in Biblical Context)

(John 1:14) And the Word became flesh, and dwelt (tabernacled) among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. **(Ephesians 2:19-22)**

(Revelation 21:2-3) ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell (tabernacle) among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them (and be their God), ...

B. Christ Verses Anti-Christ: Always & Forever the Choice.

(1 John 4:1-3) Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now...

(Matthew 27:16-26) ¹⁷ ... Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" (Mark 15:7-15) (Luke 23:18) (John 18:40) (Explain: meaning of "Barabbas.")

C. A Very Ever-Present Help:

(Hebrews 2:14-18) Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. ¹⁶ For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

(Hebrews 4:12-16) ¹² For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. ¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(Psalm 46:1-11) God is our refuge and strength, A very present (Abundantly available / well proved) help in help in trouble (tight places). ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea (seas); ³ Though its waters roar and foam, Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, The holy dwelling places of the Most High. ⁵ God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved (Matthew 16:18); God will help her when morning dawns (at the turning of the morning). ⁶ The nations (Gentiles / Psalm 2) made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered; He raised (sent forth) His voice, the earth melted. ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold. ¹⁰ "Cease striving (Let go, relax) and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations (gentiles), I will be exalted in the earth." ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold. (NASB / ESV) **(John 14:1) (1 John 5:4) (Revelation 5:5)**

(John 16:33) ... In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

IX. Next Week: Element 5F: The Prophetic Witness & Miracles of Jesus Christ In Didactic Biblical Perspective

X. Upcoming: Elements 5G – 5?: Critical Christological Characteristics Continued in Didactic Perspective:

Sinless Life; Passion; Atoning Death; Resurrection; Ascension; Glorification; Present Reign & 2nd Coming