

The Preexistence of Christ **a brief overview of Chapter 40 of Basic Theology – Charles C. Ryrie**

“The doctrine (*speaking of Christology*) can be organized more or less chronologically. A study of the preincarnate Christ comes first. This would be followed by a section on Christ in His _____, i.e., during His earthly life.” Charles Ryrie

I. The Preexistence of the Preincarnate Christ

A. The Meaning of Preexistence –

B. The Evidence for Preexistence

1. His _____ origin – John 3:13, 31

2. His work as _____ - John 1:3; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2

3. His relationship with God – John 10:30; 17:5; Phil. 2:6

4. His attributes – Col. 2:9

5. His relationship to John the Baptist – John 1:15, 30

II. The Eternality of the Preincarnate Christ

A. The Meaning of Eternality –

B. The Evidence for Eternality

1. His relationship with God – Heb. 1:3

2. His attributes – Micah 5:2; Hab. 1:12; John 8:58

III. The Activity of the Preincarnate Christ

A. His Activity as _____ - John 1:3; Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:2

1. The extent of it –
2. The purpose of it –
3. The continuation of it –

B. His Activity as _____

1. His identity as Angel of Yahweh –
2. His ministries as Angel of Yahweh –

*“Though our Lord was not inactive in His preincarnate state,
His greatest works necessitated the Incarnation.
Nevertheless, He stands magnificent in His person as the eternal God,
but, as it were, in the shadows,
waiting the spotlight of the Incarnation to reveal His glory and grace.”
(John 1:17; Titus 2:11) Ryrie*

The Preexistence of Christ

John 1:1-18 – The prologue to the Gospel of John

“The life of the Lord Jesus did not begin,
as does the life of all other persons, at the time of birth.”

I. John’s facts concerning Jesus Christ’s relationship with _____ v. 1-2

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.” John 1:1-2

“the Word”-

“with God”-

“was God”-

II. John’s facts concerning Jesus Christ’s relationship to _____ v. 3

“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” John 1:3

“All things were _____ by him;” –

III. John’s facts concerning Jesus Christ’s relationship to _____ v 4-5

“In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” John 1:4-5

“In him was _____;” –

“the light of men.” –

“the light shineth in _____;” –

IV. John _____ the reader to John the Baptist – “forerunner” of Jesus. v. 6-9

“There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.” John 1:6-9

V. John’s outline of Jesus’ ministry. v. 10-13

“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:10-13

1. Christ the _____ – “the world was made by him.”
2. Christ the _____ - “He was in the world,”
3. Christ the _____ - “received him...become the sons of God,”
 - “his own –
 - “received him not”-
 - “sons of God”-

VI. John describes the _____ of the Word. v. 14-17

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” John 1:14-17

“the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,”-

“we beheld his _____”-

- perfect _____
- perfect _____

➤ perfect _____
“full of grace and _____.”-

VII. John gives to us the _____ of Christ’s coming. v. 18

“No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” John 1:18

“he hath declared him.” –

Believer’s Application:

1. Why did God create the world?

Simply put, God created the world to reveal His glory!

*Then man’s sin broke the fellowship God had intended
and desired to enjoy with us.*

Why did God send Jesus into the world?

Simply put, God sent Jesus to the world to reveal His glory!

**2. Have we come from _____ to light? Do we have a true knowledge of Christ? Have we
_____ Him as deity and Savior?**