

God has given us a Blueprint for Life within His Word; Ten Great Bible Doctrines. For familiarity and consistency's sake each doctrine will be presented in a format used in Max Anders book. “30 Days to Understand the Bible.”ⁱ

The Four Major Subdivisions of the Doctrine of Christ Are:

Deity Jesus of Nazareth was God Incarnate.

- Jesus, Like God and the Holy Spirit, Pre-existed and Was There At Creation.
John 1:1 / Genesis 1:26 / Revelation 22:13 / Colossians 1:15-20
- Not Only is Jesus The Image of God, but Jesus is also God. *1 John 5:20 (NLT) / John 20:28-29*
 - Jesus Gives Life. *John 1:4 / John 4:13-14*
 - Jesus is Immutable – He doesn't change. *Hebrews 13:8*

Humanity Christ was a man, Jesus of Nazareth, born in Bethlehem. *John 1:14*

- Jesus Was Born of a Woman: *Luke 2:5-7*
- As a Man, Jesus needed Food and Water. *Matthew 4:2 / John 19:28*
- Jesus Became a Man, Yet He Did Not Stop Being God. *Philippians 2:6-7*
- Enabled By The Holy Spirit We Can Do the Works Jesus Did. *John 14:12 / Acts 2:22*
- Jesus Understands Our Weaknesses and Temptations. *Hebrews 4:15-16*

Next Step – Knowing that Jesus understands me completely, I will approach God's throne of grace with confidence, ask for forgiveness, and receive mercy and grace.

Resurrection After being killed, Jesus was raised to life again.

- The Work Jesus Did On The Cross Saved Us From Sin and Death. *1 Peter 2:24-25*
 - Not Only Are We Forgiven, But We Have Been Redeemed. *Galatians 3:13-14*
 - Jesus Rose From The Dead! *Acts 1:3*
 - Jesus' Resurrection Provides Resurrection Life and Eternal Life For Us.
John 11:25-26 / 1 Corinthians 15:20-22
- If There Was No Resurrection We Would Have No Hope. *1 Corinthians 15:17-19*

Return Jesus will return at some point in the future.

- The Pending Return of Jesus Gives Us Hope! *Titus 2:11-14*
- The Rapture of the Church - The Dead in Christ. *1 Thessalonians 4:14-16 (1 Corinthians 15:22-24)*
 - The Rapture of The Living in Christ. *1 Thessalonians 4:17*
 - The Second Coming of Christ. *Revelation 19:11-16*

The doctrine of the rapture and eternal life with Jesus and His second coming should encourage us all.
1 Thessalonians 4:18 Therefore encourage each other with these words.

Next Step – This week I will encourage myself and others with the 'blessed hope' of Jesus' return.

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. Why do you think so many false religions declare that Jesus is not God? Why is it important to us?
(John 1:4)
2. What's the problem with the thought that Jesus is not God, only a good teacher? (see C.S. Lewis quote.)
3. Seeing that Jesus operated as a man, filled with the Holy Spirit, rather than as God in on this earth, teaches us what? (John 14:12; Acts 2:22)
4. Does Jesus understand our weaknesses and temptations? (Hebrews 4:15-16)
5. Why is Jesus resurrection from the dead so important to our faith and belief? (1 Corinthians 15:17-22_
6. The return of Christ Jesus should give you and I daily _____. (Titus 2:11-14; 1 Thessalonians 4:18)

ⁱ Max Anders. “30 Days To Understanding The Bible” (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2011), p.210-214