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Lecture 3: Christology

Lecture 3: Plan

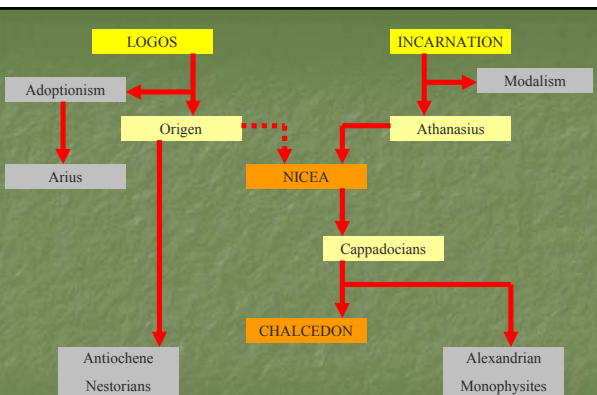
1. Historical Christology
2. Structure
3. Sin
4. The Person of Christ
5. The Work of Christ



Hieronymus Bosch – *Marriage Feast at Cana* – 1475-1480

The Seven Ecumenical Councils

Ecumenical Council	Place and Date	Decision
First	Nicaea, Asia Minor, 325 A.D.	Formulated the First Part of the Creed, defined the divinity of the Son of God
Second	Constantinople I, 381 A.D.	Formulated the Second Part of the Creed, defining the divinity of the Holy Spirit
Third	Ephesus, Asia Minor, 431 A.D. ("Robber")	Defined Christ as the Incarnate Word of God and Mary as Theotokos
Fourth	Chalcedon, Asia Minor, 451 A.D.	Defined Christ as Fully God and Fully Man
Fifth	Constantinople II, 553 A.D.	Reconfirmed the Doctrines of the Trinity and Christ
Sixth	Constantinople III, 680 A.D.	Affirmed the true humanity of Jesus by insisting upon the reality of his human will and action
(Quinisext Council)	Constantinople, 692 A.D.	Tidied up unresolved business from the 5 th and 6 th Councils
Seventh	Nicaea, Asia Minor, 787 A.D.	Affirmed the propriety of icons as genuine expressions of the Christian Faith



Coining a Language

- ousia
- homoousios
- homoiousios
- hypostasis
- perichoresis
- prosopon
- phusisin
- substantia
- subsistentia
- persona
- emanatio

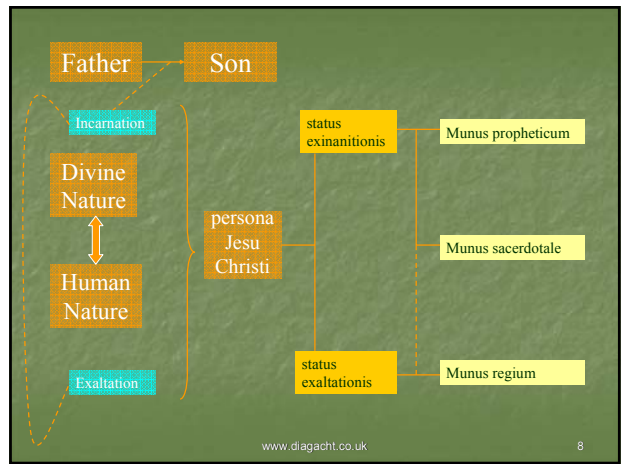
Lost in Translation

GREEK

LATIN

ousia → substantia

hypostasis → persona



Nota Bene!



■ extra calvinisticum



■ communicatio idiomatum

Schleiermacher's *The Christian Faith*

Introduction: §§ 1-31

Part I		Part II		
The Pious Self-Consciousness in itself §§ 32-61		The Pious Self-Consciousness under the opposition of Sin and Grace §§ 62-169		
<i>Humanity</i>	Creation and Sustenance §§ 36-49	<i>Humanity</i>	Sin §§ 65-74	Grace Christology / Soteriology / New Birth / Sanctification §§ 91-112
<i>God</i>	Eternal Omnipresent Omnipotent Omniscient §§ 50-56	<i>World</i>	Evil §§ 75-78	Ecclesiology Eschatology §§ 113-163
<i>World</i>	The Original Perfection of the World and Mankind §§ 57-61	<i>God</i>	Holiness Righteousness §§ 79-85	Love Wisdom §§ 164-169

Conclusion: The Doctrine of the Trinity §§ 170-172

The Structure

§92	Introduction
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§§93-99	The First Doctrine: The Person of Christ
§§100-105	The Second Doctrine: The Work of Christ

The First Doctrine

§93	Christ as Ideal
§94	Christ as Human
§95	The Church Formulae
§96	First Theorem: Divine and Human Natures
§97	Second Theorem: On the Uniting of Natures
§98	Third Theorem: Christ Sinless and Perfect
§99	On the Resurrection, Ascension, Parousia

The Second Doctrine

§100	Christ the Redeemer
§101	Christ the Reconciler
§102	The <i>munus triplex</i>
§103	First Theorem: The Prophetic Office
§104	Second Theorem: The Priestly Office
§105	Third Theorem: The Kingly Office

Definition of Christianity

“In Christianity everything is related to the redemption accomplished by Jesus of Nazareth.” (§11)



Sin Defined

- Sin and Consciousness of Sin coincide
- Unlust
- Antagonism of Flesh against the Spirit

No and Yes

- Does not approve of

The Fall

- Does approve of

Original Sin



Michelangelo – *Original Sin* – 1509-1510

Three Accounts of Sin

1. Developmental
2. Intellectual
3. Social

Doctrine of Original Sin

1. Sinfulness present before any Action
2. An Incapacity for Good

What is Evil?



- "God has ordained that the natural imperfections are regarded by us as evil in proportion as the God-consciousness is not yet dominant within us" (§82.2)

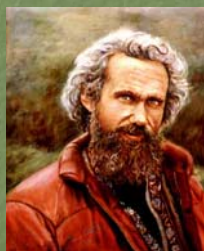
First Doctrine: The Person of Christ



Jörg Breu – *The Crucifixion* - 1524
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Docetism and Nazaraen



What was Chalcedon's Problem?

- Monophysite Alexandrians
- Nestorian Antiochenes
- Eutyches



Dürer – *Christ among the Doctors* - 1506



Michelangelo – A detail from *The Creation of Adam* – c. 1511

Unnecessary Facts (§99)

“The facts of the Resurrection and the Ascension of Christ, and the prediction of His Return to Judgement, cannot be laid down as properly constituent parts of the doctrine of His Person.”

“The verse John 1:14 is the basic text for all dogmatics” (OG)



And the Word became flesh and lived among us ...
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Second Doctrine: The Work of Christ



Fetti – *The Parable of the Lost Coin* – 1618-22



Rembrandt – *The Return of the Prodigal Son* – 1668-9

Christ's Redemptive Activity

“The Redeemer assumes believers into the power of His God-consciousness, and this is His redemptive activity.” §100

SIN

God-
consciousness

Christ's Reconciling Activity

"The Redeemer assumes believers into the fellowship of His unclouded blessedness, and this is His reconciling activity." §101

SIN FORGIVENESS OF SINS VIL

How is it done?

- Redemption – "sinless perfection"
- Reconciliation – "unclouded blessedness"

The *munus triplex*

- The Prophetic Office
- The Priestly Office
- The Kingly Office

Church Dogmatics IV – The Structure

Dogmatic	CD IV/1	CD IV/2	CD IV/3
Christology:			
Person	The Lord as Servant: vere deus	The Servant as Lord: vere homo	The Truthful Witness
Office	The Judge Judged in our place: the obedience of the Son of God = status exinanitionis	The Royal Man: the exaltation of the Son of God = status exaltationis	Jesus is the Victor: the glory of the mediator = status divinitatis
Status	The way of the Son of God into the Fir Country = status exinanitionis	The home-coming of the Son of Man = status exaltationis	The light of life = unity of the twofold status
Hamartology:			
Sin as	Pride and fall	Sloth and misery	Falseness and condemnation
Soteriology:			
Soteriology	God's judgement as the justification of mankind	God's wisdom as the sanctification of mankind	God's promise as the vocation of mankind
Pneumatology:			
Work of the Holy Ghost in the community in the individual	Gathering of the community Faith	Uplifting of the community Love	The sending of the community Hope
Ethics CD IV/4			
The Christian life as God's calling	Baptism – with water – as the grounding of the Christian life in prayer through the Holy Spirit	The Lord's Prayer – as the (instruction) living out of the Christian life	(The Eucharist as the renewal of Christian life in the act of thanksgiving)