Lecture 19 – The Person of Christ: A Systematic Summary of Christology (cont.)

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross." Colossians 1:15-20

Key Terms
Pre-existence, incarnation, virgin birth, deity, humanity, unity, two states

Objectives
*Identify the traditional categories with which we study the doctrine of Christ.
*Gain an appreciation for the implication of each for our worship and service.

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III. The Person of Christ
- A. The christology of Psalm 110
- B. Christological heresies
- C. Systematic summary of christology
  - 1. Introduction
  - 2. Systematic categories of christology
    - a. Pre-existence of Christ
    - b. Incarnation
    - c. The virgin birth/conception
    - d. The deity of Christ
      - 1) Overview
        - a) Categories
        - b) Colossians 1:15-20
          - (1) Christ's supremacy
            - (a) Over creation: verses 15-17
            - (b) Over the church: verses 18-20
      - 2) Jesus has the nature of God
        - a) Colossians 1:15
        - b) Hebrews 1-2
          - (1) Superiority of Christ
            - (a) To the prophets: 1:1-2
            - (b) To the angels: 1:2-2:4
          - (2) Christ's kingship
            - (a) Heir of all things
            - (b) Radiance of God's glory
              - (i) Manifestation/revelation
                - -Equality of the Son and Father: same substance
                - -Incarnation: the Son made visible
            - (c) Exact representation of His being/essence

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