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The Great Reconciliation of God

Having no righteousness of our own we are united to God through Christ, by the Spirit;
to live life in absolute surrender to Christ who freed us by his own faithfulness.

- I. John 14:7, 10 *If you know me, you will know my Father also. From this moment you know him and have seen him . . . Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.*
 - a. Galatians 2:20-21; Romans 8:1-8; II Corinthians 5:17-21
 - b. We seek to know the God who reveals himself in Christ
- II. The Scriptures are the God inspired record of God's revelation of his Godself
 - a. Biblical truth has a unitary truth
 - b. The knowledge of the God who began with Abraham creates a people
 - c. It is systematic, but it is not a system
- III. The Deity of Jesus of Nazareth is central to this reality
 - a. A new knowledge of God revealed in Jesus deeds and teachings
 - b. All we can know of God is what he reveals - The Revelation is Christ Jesus
 - c. God "from the bosom" of God alone is grace and truth
- IV. Incarnation
 - a. Jesus full humanity
 - i. The Word assumes sinful fallen flesh in Jesus
 - ii. He who has "no knowledge of sin" becomes Sin
 - iii. He sanctifies life in the flesh in conception - into forever
Gregory of Nazianzus, "The unsummed is the unredeemed."
 - b. The full divinity
 - i. The only guarantee of reconciliation
 - ii. Divinity assures communion
 - iii. Jesus s Lord! There is no "God behind him"
 - c. Hypostatic union - ὑπόστασις
 - i. One essence - nature - source
 - ii. This is the heart of faith - the reason for gospel
 1. Anhypostasis - Jesus is the LOGOS in-fleshed
 2. Enhypostasis - full and actual reality
- V. Incarnation - the full life from conception to ascension - is sanctifying
- VI. Jesus the eternal Son
 - a. The original man - before creation
 - b. To know God a person must know Christ
 - c. To know Christ is to know the Word - The Word is God
 - d. The God in eternity is the Christ in time
- VII. God created all that is through Christ - Christ is God the creator and sustainer - all creation
- VIII. All this is of faith - God is faithful - he creates faith in human reason - faith is that part of reason activated by God - faith is personal - faith responds as obedience to the living Christ