

# Christ's Nature

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But Caesar and they've had no one to reign over them but the Caesars of this world ever since. To thee, to thee he's of Israel as to the flesh but he comes to them from the Father. He had two natures, not two personalities, one person. But two natures. He has a Divine nature and a human nature. You have to watch your language and be precise when you talk about the Trinity. You have three persons in the Godhead. And you go to those who don't believe in the Trinity, to an unsaved Jew and some others and they'll say, even a Muslim, say you believe in a God the father and God the son and God the- you believe in three Gods? No. No. we believe in three persons in the one God. They all have the one substance of Deity. They all have that quality. Let's be careful. You say well that's, that's rough to- yes you have to be careful. Of course. If you are an oculist you don't go in with a crowbar do you? Between the two eyes or east of the eye or the nose and west of the nose, you got to be careful. And scripture truth is a marvelous balance. So don't let anybody say oh well you worship three Gods. No, you are wrong.

There's one God and one mediator between God and man the man Christ Jesus. Right. And he is not two persons, he's not two personalities. He's one person of blessed power and characteristics and qualities. He is one person but with two distinct natures. Divine nature and human nature. And of course both of them, the Divine goes without saying the human as well without sin. So he's of Israel as of the flesh, he comes to them from the father, Romans 1:3-4 not

only to them but for them. The preposition there to and for is the same in Hebrew. He comes for their good, Isaiah 9:6\ . Not for his own profit, not for his own self-advancement or aggrandizement as with earthly rule. Well you say I am waiting with baited breath give it to me right now slowly. What are the qualifications, Just, my dear friends that is the primary prerequisite in a true ruler is the foundation principle for true and lasting peace and that's why we have not had it yet and we'll never have it on the human level by any man. But Christ is just. God is just. Heaven help us if God isn't just, he's righteous. He's holy. He is altogether righteous. Isaiah 32:17 Isaiah 11:3-5 Jeremiah 23:5 and his name shall be called of the [inaudible] The Lord Our Righteousness. How could he do anything unrighteous when his very name indicates that he is the epitome, he's the [inaudible] he is the high point of all righteousness, Psalm 45:6 and 7.

Oh and that's the thing that we need so badly you look at some of the decisions of Europe and acts of Europe and your own government and you say thank the Lord that's good, that's according to the word of God and then maybe a day or two later on they do something so diametrically opposite you wonder well what in the world is this? They are not as adamant as our Lord Jesus is. In every act, it's not a percentage, 96% you see, it's 100\ . How odious, how hateful is an unjust, unrighteous ruler and some day when you have a little time a real rainy day and you want to find something in the word just look through and see what God says about unjust rulers. He has some very stern strong unqualified statements about, why? Because every last mother's son of them is a takeoff on God, it's a takeoff on God who's the righteous ruler of the world. And God allows man who can, he can never by a stretch of the imagination said to be capable of ruling himself. God even allows him to be over others. Then how much more are they to lay up on God for help. I say again how odious, how unbecoming how hateful is an unjust and

unrighteous ruler. And what, what do I say? I'm saying peace has got to be grounded and cemented in justice. And this, the Lord Jesus Christ is gonna do to the very last letter.

So he's just in himself because often uh well we say somebody that's boasting or bragging or putting on airs, who are you to talk who are you? Physician heal thyself. you couldn't say that of the Lord Jesus. He's not only just, but that doesn't give you the peace. That's not God's plan for lasting peace. That's only part of it. Having salvation. He wants to make creatures who were sinful, seeped in sin and departure from God and rebellious, and antagonistic. He wants to make them just as Just as he is. We are seen by God in Christ Jesus. Think of it. Think of it. You say well I'll have to dress a little different, a little better. No, you're already clothed in his righteousness, even if you're in rags, yes. I'm sure the apostle Paul didn't go to Hart, Shaffer and Max, the three Hebrew tailors. He didn't go to them for clothing, no no no. But having salvation, the world's peace never forget it beloved, depends on a savior and his salvation. He is endowed. He is entrusted in salvation. I have laid help on one that is mighty, Psalm 89:19\ . That's a beautiful Messianic Psalm. 89\ . And then he's lowly, ha!. you ever get any descent qualifications on a human level and oh they brag so it hurts your eardrums.

But in [inaudible] in absolute contrast to the haughty, foul rulers of the earth what do you have? You have this lowly one. His lowliness, his meekness, is brought out by the way he travels. He comes not compared, not riding on a lofty war steed. He comes without pomp. Without earthly splendor. He says lowly, lowly. Do you know my dear friends read in scripture. You are students in of the word. After the time of Solomon there isn't one single example hear me, of a king or a distinguished personage that ever rode on a donkey. Yeah. Before that yes. David yes. And early Solomon but never after Solomon's time that this blessed one who had not were to lay his head in order that you and I and all believing ones might rest our heads on the

bosom of the father. He didn't conceal his poverty. He didn't conceal his lowliness. Pride. You know what is wrong with the word pride? The middle letter. It's the same letter as the middle letter of sin. I, I. Everybody in the world has I trouble. I I I, yes. I. That perpendicular pronoun it sure gets in the way. It needs to be twisted around back onto itself until, as with Paul he wanted to be nothing that Christ may be all. Pride was as foreign to the Lord Jesus Christ as it is common to the world. And do you know those who were around him these uh I would call them ner-do-wells but these high and uh mighty ones said look at him. He eats with these sinners and so on. They were right about that. They'd have been wrong if they'd said he sins with sinner. Oh yes. He companies with them, he gave them comfort, he helped them at all but never, never sinned with them, no. He never concealed his power. He never concealed his lawlessness.

There was a painter who called on a fellow artist and when he found out he was out, he asked for a pencil and paper for me to one who was keeping the place, watching over it and he left a picture. When the friend returned he says there's somebody been here wanted to see you and when he found you weren't here he left you this. And he opened the paper and said Rubens has been here!. No one but he could've drawn this picture. And that's what we say about this picture that the spirit of God has given us through Zechariah. No one but our Lord Jesus Christ can be meant by it. I challenge and I'll do it as long as I live I'll challenge any Rabbi in the world or any group of Theologians or religious ones to show us anybody that can fit this picture. No none but Christ can be meant by it. He always did everything right at the right time. And he refrained from being caught in the meshes of airs as every human being would. Showed not only that he was human but that he was more than human. He never thought about, but somebody says he never brought it up, lasting world peace. Yes. But in that first lowly coming he laid the

basis, thank God, by his death and resurrection for that peace that we're gonna read of in the next verse.

Here it is. We read here the method of peace, the method of peace, verse 10 this picture of the Lord Jesus, of the Messiah with the one in the preceding verse was so puzzling. This picture was so puzzling to Jewish commentators that they resorted to an evasive theory that they have to this hour. Did you know they believe not in one Messiah but two Messiahs? And that isn't, if that isn't an admission that they don't know the score. Where did they get the picture of two messiahs? Messiah the son of Joseph, that picture in verse 9 and the one who comes in power and glory the son of David, in verse 9. You have in coming the lowliness and in verse ten the son of David who comes in power and glory. Verse ten of chapter 12 if you'll just put your finger in chapter 9 and turn with me to the 12th chapter and the 10th verse and I'm gonna show you dear friends that there's only one Messiah. I'll pour upon the house of David, we've already read it this morning from the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace, supplication. They shall look upon me whom they appears. He's been here before! The Messiah or no Godly person has ever been pierced in heaven, believe me. He must have been pierced here on earth. Look at me whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him as one who mourns for his only son being in bitterness for him as he who mourns his firstborn.

The one who has come will come! And scriptures says beautifully and he shall not tarry. Verses 9 and 10 of our chapter have come all the centuries to the Christian Europe. He laid the foundation for peace, and the blood of his cross and now he puts in in effect for all the world. What does he do in verse ten, he destroys all instruments of war from his people and by so much from all the nations. Isn't it more than ludicrous, it's pitiful, pitiful heartbreaking that people can be talking in the same breath about such great efforts that are making for peace and doing

nothing, I'm talking about all nations, doing nothing but enlarging there, and their budgets for armaments. You want peace so much and you're preparing it so much that you have to do the other. Oh I know we're living in a , a world that's wacky and contrary to God and all but he isn't going to have to do what they do. He isn't gonna say well I'd better take care of this eventuality and this that might come out. He destroys all instruments of war from his people and from all nations, yes. No defenses for our reliance are gonna be left not done by the meek lamb but he wrath of the lamb the lion roaring out of Zion, Joel 3:16\ . There's a constructive phase he not only [cough] excuse me, he not only does a cutting off but he shall speak peace. Think of it. HE is the prince of peace, Isaiah 9:6-7\ . And that, my dear friends, that doesn't mean that he's gonna speak peaceably or teach peace, oh more than that. HE is by authoritative word going to command peace. And then is going to be accomplished by that blessed word just as he said to that tumultuous, peace! be still. And they were like a sea of glass so he's gonna say a word and no just to the individual now as he does now and speaks peace, he is our peace Ephesians 2:17\ . And that day he's gonna speak peace to all of them therefore he's the desire of all nations, all nations. Though they may not know it.

Well you say we're living on earth and our Lord Jesus in his first coming lived on earth, true. So you'd like to know where this is gonna take place. He says the kingdom of peace is this one. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, the river to the ends of the earth. Alexander the Great thought he'd conquered all the world. No. One glance at a map will show how wrong he was. He has God the Father has preserved universal dominion for one and for one alone. He died for the whole world and he's gonna have the whole world. He's not gonna settle for some kind of a sale, you now they have these bargain sales and these uh oh um fast, pick up something for half the price and go on. Then you look and find out it wasn't worth a fourth of the price well at any rate

oh and it isn't restricted to eh and of promise. The ends of the earth. you are not able, correctly, biblically, interpretative, you're not allowed to restrict that, it's always, everywhere as in Psalm 72 verses 8-11, the absence of all definite articles in this text makes the universal sense of this passage plain. No matter how alluring a plan of an isolated peace sounds, would you if you had the opportunity and the ability and the authority to say you know I'm going to think of a place in the world that I would like to make exemplary, make it a showcase for peace, just one. Would you like to have that kind of a thrust on you, no. Would you say well of course it's understood United States. No. England. No. None of those places. They are all filled with sinners saved by grace and some that don't want that salvation. no. God says I am not going to have peace everlasting made sure on one continent and not allow it to be absent, I'm not gonna allow it to be absent on another. And the nations of the earth and their leaders who can't give permanent peace to their own land of course can't give it to all lands.

You know these folk who get up and have oh my such pretentious. And they're gonna do this and they're gonna do that. Just open up your geography book and see whence they've come and what they've do for them. Remember what our Lord said to ones. Three words, physician heal thyself. If you have such a wonderful plan how about trying it on yourself. Yes. My dear friends, the one who could give it to all the earth is all gonna be given- able to give to every land it's not peace at any price, it's peace at an infinite price, the life of the Son of God, not peace for one costs so much, it's peace for all. There was a missionary from India. I've had a number of friends and colleagues even in teaching, numbers of students in seminaries. In the great country, a missionary from India. I haven't been very far in India I was in New Delhi on my way to Tokyo to do uh translation work for the lock men on the new Japanese Bible which God has wonderfully used [inaudible]. A missionary from India told how he visited the Taj Mahal, you've

heard of it a temple of such unusual beauty made all of white marble, I've seen it [inaudible]. One of the peculiar features of that building is the number of arches, the number of arches that it contains. When you get near the [clears throat] excuse me, when you get near the entrance, the attendants there, those that are taking care for the place will tell you that if you whisper a word inside that building, the acoustics are such that it would be re-echoed from every arch. So preceding in that building, a missionary once couldn't help but breath a word which is the anointment in a believes ear. He breathed the word Jesus. And instantly the echoes sounded and resounded from every part of the building, the effect was so inspiring. When our Lord Jesus speaks that word peace in that coming day believe it friend it's in the book. IT's gonna resound throughout the vault of heave, the corners of earth and this earth that God not only created but redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. This earth with its teeming billions now is gonna thrill at the sound of it. They're even talking about trillions. We only use those words billions and trillions when we're little fellas playing marbles. I'll be you a trillion marbles. The earth with its teeming billions is gonna thrill. Its gonna thrill with the sound. And then the earth will know peace and not before then. Oh may that hour be hastened, bless God.

Now til then somebody says well what are we to do. Easily enough, up and at it, up and at it. And we have a picture and I'm gonna take the last few moments and we may even have time for some questions. Malachi 2\ . Now this isn't, somebody has said already, dear Rosemary said this is not some dear Italian worthy one, Malachi, this is Malachi and you know in four verses, Malachi 2, here it is, verse 4-7 we have God's ideal teacher. That doesn't mean you want to capture the world for yourself and all but you want to be top notch for God. Here's the picture. Malachi 2:4-7\ . God's ideal teacher, servant, historical situation was that after captivity the services of the temple were starved but the zeal of the people, of the priest all was as cold as an

iceberg. And they were slovenly, they were formal in the services. The law was evaded without shame. Chapter one verse 14\). The priests were derelict of duty. They were more of a heartache than anything else. They're service they considered a burden, failed to instruct eh people in the Law of God. Chapter 2 verse 8 justice was descended with partiality. Chapter 2 verse 9 The laity had intermarried with the pagans. Shame on them. Divorced their Hebrew wives. Chapter 2, verses 11-16\). Yes. Tithes, offerings were neglected. Many were turning to skepticism. Chapter 2:17 chapter 3:15 but bless God as always God doesn't leave himself without a witness. in 3:16 as a remnant. Then they that fear the Lord spoke often one to another don't be afraid to seek out fellowship. Don't say oh I don't think I'm gonna go to sister so an so and brother so and so and have fellowship, they'll think I'm weak spiritually well we're all weak spiritually. We need each other, that's why God put us together. Don't be afraid that one learns that you are not all sufficient in yourself. I only know of one in the world who is all sufficient and that's God. Here's a remnant, 3:16\). I, what are, if I may say so the three elements of the ideal teacher, give three elements.

I'll give you the outline and then we'll fill in. First the teacher's preparation. Come to that in a moment, then the teacher's practice. And then the teacher's goal or objective. Now this is true not only of a teacher it's true of a missionary, of a minister, God has us all in the same category although not always on the same job but to glorify Christ. now first of all the teacher's preparation. The prophet Malachi is rebuking the priest. He began to do it 1:6 son long as his father serves in ministry but as a father was an honor for my master where's my fear,, my reverence. The curse that he pronounces here is that of Deuteronomy 27:15-26\). What are the elements go into the teacher's preparation. Verse 6\). Number 1 now, the law of truth is in his mouth. Oh my dear friends. That has got to be paramount. God will not honor you or your work

unless you're honoring his word. The law of truth in the mouth, not motivated by partiality or self-interest. That's what just killed Job. He says you're trying to patronize God. Job 33 and 34. That's why God said to them you ought be ashamed of yourself talking to Job that way. You're just a bunch of partial ones, trying to say nice thing, you think you get an inning with God. You'd better have him praying for you, and this amazes you. He says you have not spoken that right thing concerning me as he has. Well you read through, he isn't downgrading God, Job isn't. But he says you can't understand it you can't understand- and they are all trying to make Job to be a nothing. And you know what they're wrong and he's wright because Job was saying the right thing of himself just as God had how do you know because in god's conversation with Satan he was boasting on Job and if they'd had been right God would been wrong about job, you see it. that's why in the 42nd chapter of job God says listen here you'd better go and have them pray for you, yes. The law of truth in the mouth not motivated by partiality and here the priest were, they were supposed to be the constant expounders of the law. The prophets were supposed to do so occupation but he priests were all the time they were they were to be teachers. The law of truth in the mouth, verse 6, then still verse 6 unrighteousness not found in his lips.

The positive Truth in the mouth second unrighteousness not found no injustices perpetrated characterized by uprightness in speak you have to watch your lips. Yes. The lips are terrific thing uh what goes out from the tongue is so important the Lord has put barriers, the teeth. The tongue is behind the teeth. IT needs a bridle oh yes. Lord keep my mouth keep my tongues . Tongue could get you into more trouble than your feet ever can. Three. Here is a teacher's preparation. Love, truth in his mouth uprightness. Unrighteousness not found in his lips. And 27 his lips to keep knowledge to be a lifelong student of the word of God. I always feel a little downhearted when I hear somebody say I've finished by course. If finished this, I finished

this degree, my dear friend a degree a diploma is only is only the privilege of carrying on from there, yes. God teachers are to be men and when of knowledge steady as Ezra was as Daniel was as Timothy was uh when a professor at a theological seminary was asked to have a little time for a student he allowed it and this student not overly modest about his abilities sought the advice of the professor and he asked him what they'd like some the on well he said frankly I'd like to shorten my course. One teacher said a lot of students are like rivers they want to lie in their bed and finish their course. This fellow wanted to shorten his course. In a minute he could a year without disadvantage. Oh my. So by this time the professor was impatient he says young man how much ignorance do you think it takes to make a minister of the gospel. No. Robert Merrimont That dear saint of God once spoke of his preparation of the minister, beautiful expression beaten oil for the sanctuary, exodus 20:20 Robert merry McCain. So it's the teachers what, teacher's preparation. Secondly the teachers' practice, the teachers' practice. Yes. the teachers' practice. Oh is this beautiful. He fears the Lord, verse 5. He stand in awe of God's name and character. He's out not to support himself but the Lord, lets brag in the Lord. One fella didn't know much but he said he loved his pastor the fellas says why he said well he couldn't say theology he said I love the way he brags on the Lord Jesus.

That's it. Yes. Yes. Stands in awe of God's name yes. showed is fear officially and in private life kept the covenant Deuteronomy 33:8-89. Number one then the teacher's practice he fears the Lord, reverence he walks in peace, secondly and uprightness in the Lord, verse 6 that was verse 5 now verse 6 he's to have a consistent walk and sent' the Christian life called a walk your feet always have to come in contact with the earth and tit need and the head is above looking up onto the Lord. Fellowship confidential fellowship with God. Enoch walked with God Gen. 5:2 Noah did to 6:9. Now Lord Jesus always did. Thirdly this sit he teacher's practice turns

many away from iniquity thank God. Turns many away from iniquity verse 6\ . Excuse me. E.V. pews when I was at Oxford at the Boolean while my daughter was uh taking courses at either one summer 64 ev pews they have a square named after E.V. Pewsky. A great scholar, old testament scholar. He said what a history of zeal for the glory of God and for the conversion of sinners in the end those of whom the world knows nothing, of those working but for three words, hear me, in the closing book of the old testament we should have known nothing, think of it. I it were f for them we would have known nothing. What is that. Shadrach Meshach and Abednego, Daniel 12:3 oh my dear friend turn many away from iniquity again a plane woman said of Robert merriment chain of Dundee he seemed as though he were almost dying to have you converted. Beautiful. He seemed almost to be dying, he was almost dying to have you converted. Turns many away from iniquity that's veers 6\ . number four. This is the teacher's practice, the people should seek the law at his or her mouth, verse 7 get the law's proper interpretation from him.

Don't say well I think it says, uh probably it's alright its either this or that or whatever. Don't do that, God doesn't appreciate that. Number of people gave their live to get this word to us at a tremendous price. People should come to their them for spiritual counsel as men do to physician and lawyer and mentors that relate to their health or prosperity and if you have a physician or a lawyer who can work in both realms blessed be God for that and there are many of them, yes. yes. Now what is the teacher's goal or objective. Oh beautiful, two aspects. You probably have already surmised what they are. Godward, Godward, verse 4, the second part part b verse 4b. Godward this was in Malachi and manward, verse 5 a and b, yes. Godward, covenant may continue to be as it was, in the days of the ancestors of the time be. Malachi warns them against making void the covenant originally made with Levi. Go and perpetuate it to Levi's descendants. Godward. Manward God has in mind for his servants, verse 5 a and b life

permanence perpetuity promised them life manward peace oh peace only can be known by the people of God, state of wellbeing, satisfaction, yes. You see Shalom comes from a verb shalom, the complete right of proportions, yes. State of wellbeing. Satisfaction. Being in the service and will of God. Someone said you mean you see time out to go to San Antonio Texas it took all yes but it was worth it oh you haven't seen anything yet. Peace, then reverence. Reverence. God reverence a sense of awe before God and the rabbis always said when you come before God remember though art on earth and god is in heaven. Give him the proper reverence. Reverence. That's the life of the true teacher of God. and then verse 7, messenger of the Lord of hosts interpreter of the will of God to men, to men. Teachers are mouthpieces for God. I have got to close now, I've one more minute.

A young man had just come to be pastor of a large church and a reception given to him by his people one of the gossips bless her heart but is one with a dangerous uh gift of speech an somebody said I wouldn't mind if she'd lost that gift she came up to this young fella. You know you should, you and I should encourage the young well she came up and said young man I don't understand how you ever dared to attempt the task of pleasing 700 people. Well he was a humble servant of God even though he was young and God gave him an answer clear as a flash the Lord gave him an answer. He said my dear lady I didn't come to this city to please 700 people I have to please only one and if I please him all will be well. He was so right. Isn't this a beautiful picture before us of the teacher and the teacher that God counsels us to teach us and to be what qualification sin other words God's ideal teacher, Malachi 2:4-7\ . And you don't have to be called to a ministry in the pulpit you can preach wherever you are. You know one dentist said I love to be a dentist because I can when I have them in my chair they [inaudible] cuz he had the instrument.

Father we give thee thanks for thy mercy for thy goodness for thy everlasting glory itself. What a book is this book in all of its parts. We can't do away with any of them even those that are just one chapter were to be just a bereft if we had a part of a lobe of the ear gone so we thank thee not only for this twelve books but for every one of the 66\). How we praise thee for that how glorious it is. Thank you for the privilege of being able to come here always when so many doubtless would like to be where they could get away and study thy word untrammelled and unhindered uninterrupted thank thee for this little colony of heaven here and bible study fellowship those that has put on the work how beautifully equipped from different areas and filtered places and though that put thy seal of approval or those who come here form not just deprived areas physically and mentally and other way they come with wonderful equipment from thee lord bless today and the remainder of the time. Bless those who remain here and carry on the work bless the message or Rosemary gens ion and pearl Hamilton thank thee for them and for their life desire not to promote self but to prompt the work of God. Thank thee for the memory of dear miss weather Johnson. How she's rejoicing in the glory going around greeting all those friends she lost for a while and then dear miss. Hershel Lord give there the strength give her the joy of the salvation bless these dear ones their homes as they go back may they be a joy to renewed fellowship. and use them mightily and those that are going to go the farther distance to the isles the British isles thank thee for the joys they had recently may it be to the joy and praise and glory help us then and guide us those that will begin by their own cars keep them every step of the way. We give thee thank in the wonderful glorious name of our lord Jesus whom we love amen. Alright dear ones you have almost about...