



Basic Christianity “Character of Christ”

by John Stott



Claims of Christ

“Truly truly I say to you, Before Abraham was I am.”

John 8:58

“I and the Father are one.” John 10:30

Jesus Spoke with Authority and Power as the Son of
God



What is Character

Mark, distinctive quality

Mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual



Uniqueness of Jesus

Contrast to all other “greats”

Namely that Jesus was **Sinless**

“Supernatural”



Fall of Man

Genesis 3 we see man fall through Adam into state of sin- “congenital state”

“non-posse non-peccare”

Unable not to sin



Separateness from Sinners is
“**Presupposition of Redemption**”

Sinlessness is virtue that qualifies Christ to be our
Savior



4 Evidences of Christ's Sinlessness

1. What Christ Himself Thought

2. What the Apostles Recorded

3. What Christ's enemies Said

4. What we can see for Ourselves-namely in reviewing the Four Gospels



What Christ Thought

John 6:35

John 8:23

John 8:58



What the Apostles Thought

1. Personal Relationship with Jesus for 3 years-yet no sin

2. Old Testament knowledge as apostles were Jews

“They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.” Psalm 14:3



Apostles Testimony

1 Peter 1: 17-19

1 John 3:4-5

Hebrews 7:26-28

2 Corinthians 5:21



Enemies of Christ

Four Criticisms in Mark 2

1. Blasphemy (Mark 2:7)

2. Evil Associations (Mark 2:16-18)

3. Frivolous Religion (Mark 2:18)

4. Sabbath Breaker (Mark 2:24)



Testimony of Judas, Thief on the Cross and Centurion

Matthew 27:4

Luke 23:41

Luke 23:47



Contained in the Four Gospels

Jesus is consistent, unchanging, selfless, humble


Matthew 11:28-30

John 5:30



“The essence of love is self sacrifice”,
says Stott.

“Jesus was sinless because he was
selfless. Such selflessness is love. And
God is love.”



Uniqueness of Christ as MEDIATOR

First, it was **necessary** that the **mediator** should be a **divine** person.

God Initiated- “rescue religion”

Jehovah Jireh

Isaiah 45:25



Uniqueness of Christ as MEDIATOR

Second, it is **necessary** that the **mediator** should be
a **human** person



Uniqueness of Christ as MEDIATOR

Third, it was necessary that the Mediator should be **God** and **Man** in **One** person.



Chief Characteristic of Christ

Compassion of our LORD Jesus

John 15:13

John 11:35

Matthew 9:36



Chief Characteristic of Christ

Humility of our Lord Jesus

Philippians 2:7

Matthew 11:28-30



Chief Characteristic of Christ

Obedience of our Lord Jesus

1 Samuel 15:22

John 8:29

Matthew 3:15



Fullness of Christ

John 1:14-16

Ephesians 1:22

Colossians 2:3

Isaiah 11:1-5