PAULINE CHRISTOLOGY I

JESUS CHRIST OUR GOD

Christ is Creator and Preserver of the World

"He who created all things in the heavens and on earth, things visible and invisible" (Col. 1:16).

"All things have been created through and unto Him" (Col. 1:16).

Christ is to be adored as God

Gifts are asked of Him which only God can grant: glory, power, wisdom (Rom. 1:7).

Before Him every knee shall bend (Phil. 2:10).

He has all the divine attributes: eternal, immutable, omnipotent, omnipresent, infinite (Phil. 2:6, Col. 1).

Christ is the Fullness (Pleroma) of God

All that belongs to God belongs to Christ.

All that God can do, Christ can do.

All that we need from God, we can receive from Christ (Col. 2:9).

The Gospel of God is the Gospel of Christ (Rom 1, 15).

- Christ is God revealed to mankind.
- Christ worked the miracles which make the Gospel credible.
- Christ gives the grace to enable us to live the Gospel.

The Church of God is the Church of Christ (1 Cor. 1, Rom 16).

- Christ is God's truth which the faithful must believe.
- Christ is God's will which the faithful must fulfill.
- Christ is God's power which enables the faithful to be saved.

The Spirit of God is the Spirit of Christ (Rom 8).

"You are not controlled by spirit flesh, but by the Spirit of God, who dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to us." (Rom 8)

Christ is the One Lord (Kyrios) (1 Cor 8).

- He is Lord as the world's Maker.
- He is Lord as the world's Master.
- He is Lord as the world's Destiny.