

Week 5 5-3-1 Assignment 4.6 - 4.7.4

QUESTIONS

1. What does Immanuel mean?
2. What is the second significance of Jesus' preexistence?
3. Why did redemption require incarnation?
4. What does "eternally begotten" in the Creeds mean?
5. Will Jesus return in a different manner than when He ascended?

ANSWERS

1. It means "God with us".
2. The incarnation was a voluntary act of the Son.
3. Only a mediator who shares the characteristics of both parties - human and divine - can reconcile the two parties together.
4. There was no time when He was not.
5. No, He will return in the same manner that he left.

TERMS

Paraklētōs: advocate.

Homoousia: Jesus is of the same substance with the father.

Hypostatic Union: the personal union of Jesus' two natures

SUMMARY

This week's reading covered the importance of the Ascension. Bird explained that it has much more importance for us than simply one celebrated day on the liturgical calendar. The second section of Bird this week covered the various heresies that arose over hundreds of years of working out the nature of Jesus as both human and divine within the Trinity. What was landed on is what we now refer to as the *hypostatic union* in which the one man Jesus has two natures (ousia) in one person (hypostasis).