

5-3-1 Assignment: Bird, 4.6-4.7.4
Due: February 15, 2023

QUESTIONS

1. Where is our final home?
2. What are 3 of the 7 implications of the significance of Jesus' ascension that Bird lists?
3. What does the acronym HANDS stand for?
4. What are 3 of the 7 points that summarize the significance of Jesus' humanity?
5. What are the three Christological heresies discussed in section 4.7?

ANSWERS

1. Our final home is not heaven but rather it is the renewed creation of a new heaven and a new earth.
2. The implications of Jesus' ascension are (1) so that he can send the Holy Spirit to his followers, (2) he is exalted at the right hand of God, and (3) believers share in the reign of Christ by their union with Christ.
3. The acronym HANDS is about Jesus identifying as God, in (H) honors due to God, (A) attributes of God, (N) names of God, (D) deeds of God, and the (S) seat of God's throne.
4. Three points that summarize the significance of Jesus' humanity are (1) Representative Obedience, (2) Mediator, and (3) He can sympathize as High Priest.
5. The three Christological heresies are Apollinarianism, Nestorianism, and Monophysites, each having to do with differences in Christ's divine and human natures.

TERMS

- Ascension: in Christian belief, the ascent of Jesus Christ into heaven on the 40th day after his Resurrection
- Paráklētos: summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid. one who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate. one who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor
- Hypostatic Union: a technical term in Christian theology to describe the union of Christ's humanity and divinity in one hypostasis, or individual personhood.

SUMMARY

In section 4.6, Bird gives seven implications for the significance of Jesus' ascension starting with Jesus ascending so that He could send the Holy Spirit, and concluding that Jesus will come back in the same way that He left. Bird expresses the importance of Ascension Day yearning for churches to celebrate this momentous day alongside Christmas and Easter. In section 4.7, Bird discusses the doctrine of the preexistence of the Son, Jesus sharing the attributes of God, and ultimately that Jesus was also human. Bird also discusses Sonship and Christological heresies.