

lost condition. This is the central feature of orthodox Christian theology. It is a redemptive religion, a religion which teaches a means of escape, a means that is provided by a personal Savior.

e. The God-Man.

This is the very, following on from the last point we find the most distinctive feature of Christianity in its teaching, that a redemption has been provided, by a Savior who is Himself both God and man. Orthodox theology holds strongly to the oneness of the Godhead. There is only one God and yet it holds that in a way that cannot be understood but only recognized by mankind. This Godhead includes three persons, although only one God, originally one God, and one of these persons historically incarnated Himself in human flesh in such a way as to be united with human nature, so that He is both ^{God} fully God, and man, fully man. This which is sometimes called the Nicene theology, because it reached its first ~~clear statement~~ precise statement at the ~~N~~ Council of Nicea, is a view which Christians from the very beginning have maintained to be clearly taught in the Scripture. It is a basic point of orthodox Christian theology, the belief in the deity of Christ, the belief in the God-Man.

As we mentioned above this list is not at all complete. It is merely a summary of the basic matters involved in the case of orthodox theology. If others feel that some other point is equally basic, let them say so. We have no objection, we merely maintain that all will agree that these are included, that nothing is more basic than these, to orthodox Christian theology.

Chapter 3, the Source of Knowledge. As a matter of the source of knowledge, in other words, the question of the verbal inspiration of the Bible, ~~is~~ is a question on which there is much discussion. So much so that to some it quite overshadows everything else. It is indeed a vital point in relation to orthodox theology. Yet its importance can be over-emphasized, not that it should in any way be minimized, but that it should be recognized that other matters are also of great importance.