

The Deity of Christ



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THIS WE SURELY BELIEVE

1. The Bible is verbally inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
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4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. The justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word and by the Holy Ghost.
7. The present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose cleansing and indwelling the Christian is able to live a life of Holiness, which is to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart for the purpose of witnessing for Christ with power.
9. speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, is scriptural. The gifts of the Spirit, should be sought for by all believers in prayer and should manifest in a Christians life as the Holy Spirit distributes them at His will.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper
13. In the pre-millennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous, and eternal punishment for the wicked.

THE DIETY OF JESUS CHRIST

John 1:1-3, 14

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.... "

I. Jesus Christ was more than a "good man." He is God.

- Philippians 2:6
- Hebrews 1:8

A. He Himself claimed to be God.

- John 4:26; 8:23; 10:30; 13:13; 14:7-10
- He put himself side by side with the Divine activity of God when he said, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work."
- He claimed a Divine knowledge and fellowship. Matthew 11:27; John 17:25.
- He claimed to unveil the Father's being in Himself. John 14:9-11.
- He proclaimed Himself to be Judge and Arbiter of man's destiny. Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:22
- He demanded a surrender and allegiance that only God can claim.
- He insisted on absolute self-surrender on the part of His followers.
- He insisted His followers be ready to sever the dearest and closest of all ties. He declared that anyone who loved their father or mother more than Him were not worthy of Him.
- He didn't say, "I think this"...or "In my opinion one should do this." He spoke with divine authority...49 times in the Sermon on the Mount Jesus says "Verily I say unto thee."
- On one occasion Jesus asked, "Which of you convinceth me of sin? John 8:46
- As a boy of twelve years Jesus said, "I must be about my father's business."

B. He accepted worship.

- Matthew 8:2; 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 18:26; 28:9, 17
- Mark 5:6; Luke 24:52; John 5:22, 23; John 9:38

C. He claimed the power and authority to forgive sin.

- Matthew 9:6; Mark 2:7

D. "He was God manifest in the flesh"

- I Timothy 3:16
- "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9).

E. "God was in Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:19)

- Who is "the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person...." (Hebrews 1:3).

F. Jesus is therefore throughout scripture referred to as the "image of God."

- John 1:18;
- 2 Corinthians 4:4;
- Colossians 1:15
- Philippians 2:6

G. His Disciples testified that He was God

- No Jew ever dared to say Moses was Divine.
- Yet the disciples of Jesus instructed to baptize in the name of the Father , the SON, the Holy Ghost. They never thought of saying baptize in the name of the Father, Moses and the Holy Spirit....Moses was not God...yet they believed Jesus was.
- The disciples walked with Jesus ...saw His humanity, yet later worshiped Him as Divine, Preached Him as the only power unto salvation, and called on His name in prayer.
- John leaned upon His bosom yet wrote that He was the eternal Son of God who created the universe. John1:1, 3
- Thomas worshiped Jesus saying, "My Lord and my God" and not one disciple rebuked Thomas...in fact recorded the saying unashamed in the Gospel record.
- Peter who was rebuked by Jesus, misunderstood Jesus often, proclaimed Jesus as the only way of salvation, Acts 4:12. In acts 5:31 He states Jesus pardons sin. In Acts 10:42 Peter proclaims Him as Judge of the dead.
- In His second epistle Peter ascribes glory to Jesus saying, "glory both now and forever."

II. By the names attributed to him in scripture it can be seen that Jesus Christ was truly God as well as man.

A. "Mighty God."

- Isaiah 9:6

B. The Word of God.

- John 1:1;
- Revelation 19:13, 16

C. "Emmanuel," meaning "God with us."

- Isaiah 7:14;
- Matthew 1:23

D. The Almighty.

- Revelation 1:8

E. The "I Am."

- John 8:58 with Exodus 3:14

E. "My Lord and my God!"

- John 20:28

F. The "Alpha and Omega" (first and last).

- Isaiah 41:4; Isaiah 44:6; 48:12;
- Revelation 1:8, 11, 17; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13

G. Son of God.

- Matthew 17:5;
- Mark 1:1;
- Luke 1:35;
- 1 John 4:15

H. The only begotten Son

- John 1:18

I. The Holy One

- Acts 3:14; Hosea 11:9

J. The Lord

- Acts 4:26; Matthew 22:43-45
- Phil 2:11; Acts 10:36

K. The Lord of Glory

- 1 Cor 2:8; Psalms 24:8-10

L. God with us

- Matthew 1:23

M. Our Great God

- Titus 2:13

N. God blessed forever

- Romans 9:5

III. Jesus Christ possessed all the attributes of God.

A. He was (is) omniscient (all-knowing).

1. Jesus knew the secret history of individual lives.

- John 4:16-19

2. Jesus knew the secret thoughts of men.

- Mark 2:8; 12:15
- Luke 5:22; 6:8; 9:47; 11:17
- Acts 1:24 5:42; 6:6; 16:19, 30;
- John 2:24,25;

3. Jesus knew what was in man's heart.

- 2 Chronicles 6:30
- Jer. 17:9,10

4. Jesus foretold his own death by crucifixion.

- Matthew 16:21; 17:22, 23; 20:18, 19

- John 2:19, 21, 22; 12:23, 24, 32-33

5. Jesus Knew Judas would betray Him.

- John 6:64;

6 Jesus knew what men were doing at a distance.

- John 1:48

7. Jesus knew the future and minute details of events.

- Luke 22:10-12
- John 13:1
- Luke 5:4-6

8. Jesus knew ALL THINGS.

- Col. 2:3

B. He is omnipresent (everywhere).

a. Where two or three are gathered in His name.

- Matthew 18:20; 28:20

b. He is with those obey his commands.

- Matthew 28:20

c. Jesus was in heaven while here on earth.

John 3:13

d. Christ is in every believer.

- John 14:20; 1 Cor 13:5; Eph.1:23

C. He is omnipotent (all-powerful).

a. Jesus has power over disease

- Luke 4:39

b. Jesus has power over death.

- Luke 7:14,15; Luke 8:54,55; Jn. 5:22

c. Jesus has power over the wind and waves.

- Matthew 8:26,27

d. Jesus has power over demons; they are subject to His word.

- Matthew 8:16; Luke 4:35,36,41-

e. Jesus is far above all principality, power and might, dominion, and every name named in this world and above, and which is to come; all things are subject to and under His feet.

- Ephesians 1:20-23

f. The Son of God upholds all things by the Word of His Power.

- Hebrews 1:3

D. He is eternal.

- 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:16;
- Revelation 1:4, 5

1. Scripture claims that Christ was pre-existent to the creation of the world, that He was present with the Father from the beginning of time.

- Genesis 1:26; 3:22; 11:7 ("... us ... our ... our ...")
- Proverbs 8:22-36;
- Isaiah 48:12, 16;
- Micah 5:2
- John 1:1-3, 10; 3:13; 6:62; 17:5, 24; 8:35, 58
- 1 Corinthians 8:6;
- Ephesians 3:9;
- Philippians 2:5
- Colossians 1:15-19
- Romans 11:36;
- Hebrews 1:2;
- Revelation 3:14

2. Jesus is "the first and the last" .

- Isaiah 44:6; 48:12
- Revelation 1:11, 17 the "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end"
- Revelation 1:8, 11; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13).

E. He is unchanging.

- Hebrews 13:8
- John 8:58; 18:6 with Exodus 3:14 ("I AM")
Revelation 1:17, 18 ("the Living One")

IV. Some claim that the death of Jesus Christ on the cross is proof that He could not have been God.

What evidence is given in scripture to refute this argument?

A. Jesus' death on the cross was not due to failure or weakness on His part. It was entirely voluntary.

- Matthew 26:39, 42;
- Luke 22:42;
- John 10:17, 18
- Philippians 2:5-9

B. It was the will of God that He suffer and die.

- Isaiah 53:10 "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him..."

C. He even foretold His own death by crucifixion.

- Matthew 20:18, 19; 16:21;
- Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:32-34
- John 2:19, 21, 22; 12:23, 24, 32, 33

D. He said that He had the power to lay down His life and had power to take it back again.

- John 10:17, 18

E. It was not necessary for Him to be defended, He said, for He could have called upon the Father to send 10,000 legions of angels for His protection.

- Matthew 26:50-54

F. He overcame death by rising again. The resurrection alone should be sufficient evidence of His divinity.

V. Why was it necessary that He should become a man and die?

A. "... that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."

- Hebrews 2:14

B. To "deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

- Hebrews 2:15

C. "... that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God ... in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted."

- Hebrews 2:17, 18; 4:14-16

D. "... to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

- Hebrews 2:17

VI. The specific details of His birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection, all in fulfillment of Old Testament Messianic prophecy, prove the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A. His birth.

1. The virgin birth.

- Old Testament prophecy: Isaiah 7:14
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 1:23, 24
Luke 1:27, 31, 34, 35

2. Birthplace: Bethlehem.

- Old Testament prophecy: Micah 5:2
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 2:1, 6

3. Date of birth.

- Old Testament prophecy: Daniel 9:24

4. The genealogy of Jesus Christ.

a. Of Abraham's seed.

- Old Testament prophecy: Genesis 12:2, 3; 22:18
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 1:1;
Galatians 3:16; Hebrews 2:16

b. Descendant of Isaac.

- Old Testament prophecy: Genesis 21:12
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 1:2; Luke 3:23, 24

c. Descendant of Jacob.

- **Old Testament prophecy: Genesis 35:10-12 Numbers 24:17**
- **New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 1:2;**
Luke 1:33; 3:23, 24

d. Of the tribe of Judah.

- Old Testament prophecy: Genesis 49:10
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 1:3;
Luke 3:33; Revelation 5:5

e. Descendant of Jesse.

- Old Testament prophecy: Isaiah 11:1, 10
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 1:6; Luke 3:23, 32

f. Davidic lineage.

- Old Testament prophecy: 2 Samuel 7:12-14 Jeremiah 23:5
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 1:1; 9:27; 15:22; etc.
- Acts 13:22, 23 Revelation 5:5; 22:16

5. The flight into Egypt.

- Old Testament prophecy: Hosea 11:1
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 2:14, 15

B. His life.

Jesus alone lived a sinless, perfect life, fully surrendered to the Father.

- John 8:29; 14:30;
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Hebrews 4:15; 7:26; 9:14; 10:7
- 1 Peter 2:22; 1:19; 1 John 3:5

C. His ministry.

1. His manner of teaching was simplistic. He spoke in parables.

- Old Testament prophecy: Psalms 49:1-4; 78:1, 2
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 13:34, 35; John 16:25

2. He spoke with authority.

- Matthew 7:28, 29; Luke 4:32; John 7:46

3. His works, the miracles He performed while here on earth, prove that Jesus Christ was more than a man.

- Matthew 4:23, 24; 11:3-5;
- Mark 1:34
- John 9:32, 33; 10:37, 38; 21:25

D. His death.

1. Betrayal of a friend.

- Old Testament prophecy: Psalms 41:9
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 26:21-23; Mark 14:10

2. Forsaken by disciples.

- Old Testament prophecy: Zechariah 13:7
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 26:31, 32

3. Betrayed for thirty pieces of silver.

- Old Testament prophecy: Zechariah 11:12
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 26:15

4. Potter's field bought with money.

- Old Testament prophecy: Zechariah 11:13

- New Testament fulfillment. Matthew 27:1-8

5. Falsely accused by testimonies of many witnesses.

- Old Testament prophecy: Psalms 35:11
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 26:59, 60

6. Dumb before His captors.

- Old Testament prophecy: Isaiah 53:7
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 26:62, 63; 27:12, 14

7. Scourged.

- Old Testament prophecy: Isaiah 50:6
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 26:67; 27:26

8. Crucified.

- Old Testament prophecy: Psalms 22:16
- New Testament fulfillment: Mark 15:24

9. With evildoers.

- Old Testament prophecy: Isaiah 53:12
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 27:38; John 19:18

10. His words while dying.

- Old Testament prophecy: Psalms 22:1
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 27:46

11. Vinegar and gall.

- Old Testament prophecy: Psalms 22:15; 69:21
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 27:34, 48; John 19:28

12. Scorned by men.

- Old Testament prophecy: Psalms 22:6-8
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 27:39-44

13. Wounded in hands and side.

- Old Testament prophecy: Zechariah 12:10; 13:6
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 27:35; John 19:34

14. None of His bones would be broken.

- Old Testament prophecy: Psalms 34:20
- New Testament fulfillment: John 19:32, 33, 36

15. Lots cast for His clothes.

- Old Testament prophecy: Psalms 22:18
- New Testament fulfillment: Matthew 27:57-60; Mark 15:24

E. His resurrection.

1. Prophesied:

- Psalms 16:10
- Acts 2:27; 13:35-37
- Matthew 16:21 (Mark 8:31)
- Matthew 12:38-40; 17:9, 22, 23; 20:18-19; 26:32; 27:63
- Mark 9:10, 31; 10:32-34; 14:28, 58; Luke 9:22
John 2:19, 21, 22

2. Fulfilled:

- Matthew 28:6, etc.; Acts 13:30-37

3. Proof that He bodily resurrected:

- Acts 1:1-4 "He showed Himself alive!"
- Luke 24:36, 39 ".... Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them ..."
- John 2:19, 21 "...He spake of the temple of His body!"

a. He appeared visibly to many people. Acts 13:30-31

1. First to Mary Magdalene. John 20:14, 18
2. Then to the other women. Matthew 28:9
3. To Peter. Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5
4. To the Emmaus Road disciples. Luke 24:15
5. In the closed room, to ten disciples. Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19, 20
6. To the eleven. John 20:26, 29
7. In the mountains, to the eleven. Matthew 28:10, 17
8. At the sea, to Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. John 21:1, 14, etc.
9. To 500 brethren at once. 1 Corinthians 15:6
10. To James, and to all the apostles. Acts 1:1-4; 1 Corinthians 15:7
11. To Paul. Acts 9:3-6; 22:17-21; 23:11; 1 Corinthians 15:8

b. He talked with them.

- Matthew 28:10, 18
- Luke 24:15-17, 25-27, 36-49
- John 20:15-18, 22, 23, 26-29; 21:5, 6, 10-22
- Acts 1:3

c. He ate with them.

- Luke 24:30, 35, 41-43
- John 21:12, 15
- Acts 1:3, 4

d. They touched Him.

- The women. Matthew 28:9
- The disciples. Luke 24:39
- Thomas. John 20:27

The doctrine of the deity of Jesus, is one of the most basic of all doctrines. It must not and can not be perverted. Yet many cults who go by the name "Christian" (ie. Jehovah's Witnesses or the Watchtower Society; Mormonism, etc.), do just that...

They "twist the scriptures to their own destruction." It is essential, therefore, that true believers have a firm foundation in Scripture relating to this teaching.

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