

## The Deity of Jesus Christ

- I. The goal of this study
  1. Cults and all other false religions deny the deity of Christ.
  2. As Christians, you will be challenged to defend your believe that Jesus is God.
  3. The aim of this study is to give overwhelming scriptural proof that Jesus Christ is God.
- II. Old Testament prophesied that the Messiah would be God.
  1. Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah, Jesus would be called *the mighty God* (**Isa 9:6 c/w Luk 2:11**).
    - A. *The mighty God* is Jehovah (The LORD) (**Jer 32:18; Psa 50:1**).
    - B. Therefore, Jesus Christ is Jehovah God.
    - C. Jesus, the son of David would be called THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jehovah our righteousness) (**Jer 23:5-6**).
  2. The Messiah was prophesied to be God (**Psa 45:2-7 c/w Heb 1:8-9**).
  3. The Messiah was also prophesied to be eternal.
    - A. His goings forth have been from *everlasting* (**Mic 5:2 c/w Mat 2:6**).
    - B. He would be called the *everlasting Father* (**Isa 9:6**).
  4. Jesus would be called Emanuel which means "God with us" (**Isa 7:14 c/w Mat 1:23**).
  5. God said that "they shall look upon *me* whom they have pierced" (**Zec 12:10**).
    - A. They looked on Jesus whom they pierced (**Joh 19:33-37**).
    - B. The shepherd who was pierced was Jesus Christ the *fellow* of the LORD (**Zec 13:6-7 c/w Mat 26:31**).
    - C. Fellow - 1. a. One who shares with another in a possession, official dignity, or in the performance of any work; a partner, colleague, co-worker. Also, one united with another in a covenant for common ends; an ally.
    - D. Jesus is the Word who is God (**Joh 1:1**), the second person of the Trinity (**1Jo 5:7**), and is therefore the *fellow* of the LORD.
    - E. Therefore, Jesus is God.
  6. God said, "Cast in unto the potter: a goodly price that *I* was prized at of them...", prophesying of when He would be prized for thirty pieces of silver (**Zec 11:13**).
    - A. This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus who was prized at thirty pieces of silver (**Mat 26:14-15; Mat 27:9-10**).
    - B. Therefore, Jesus is God.
- III. Jesus claimed to be God.
  1. Jesus plainly claimed to be God.
    - A. Jesus claimed to be Jehovah.
      - i. Jesus told the Jews, "before Abraham was, I am." (**Joh 8:58**)
      - ii. "I AM" is Jehovah God's name (**Exo 3:14**).
      - iii. Therefore, Jesus was claiming to be Jehovah God.
    - B. Jesus claimed to be the Son of God, making Himself equal with God (**Joh 5:17-18; Joh 10:36; Mat 26:63-64; Mar 14:61-62; Joh 9:35-37**).
    - C. Jesus claimed to be the Messiah, the Christ (**Joh 4:25-26**).
      - i. The OT declared that the Messiah was God (**Isa 9:6; Mic 5:2**).
      - ii. Therefore, Jesus claimed to be God.
    - D. Jesus said that He and God the Father were one, declaring Himself to be God (**Joh 10:30-33; Joh 17:11**).

2. Jehovah God used the phrase "I am he" a total of five times in the OT to declare that He was God (**Isa 41:4; Isa 43:10; Isa 43:13; Isa 46:4; Isa 48:12**).
  - A. Jesus used the phrase "I am he" a total of five times in the NT to identify Himself (**Joh 8:24; Joh 8:28; Joh 13:19; Joh 18:5-6; Joh 18:8**).
  - B. Therefore, Jesus claimed to be Jehovah God.
3. The things that Jesus said and did would have been blasphemy for anyone but God to say or do.
  - A. "Never man spake like this man." (**Joh 7:46**)
  - B. Jesus exhorted His disciples to believe in Him just as they believed in God (**Joh 14:1**).
    - i. Jesus would have been inviting a curse on His disciples to put their faith in Him if He were merely a man (**Jer 17:5**).
    - ii. Therefore, Jesus was clearly showing that He is God.
  - C. Jesus said that all men should honour Him as they honour the Father (**Joh 5:23**).
  - D. Jesus said He is the way, the truth, and the life (**Joh 14:6**).
  - E. Jesus said that He gives His sheep eternal life (**Joh 10:27-28**).
  - F. Jesus said that all power in heaven and in earth was given to Him (**Mat 28:18**).
  - G. Jesus said that He had power to lay down his life and to take it up again (**Joh 10:18**).
  - H. Jesus said that he that hath seen Him hath seen the Father (**Joh 14:9**).
  - I. Jesus said, while standing on earth, that He was in heaven (**Joh 3:13**).
  - J. Jesus said that He had glory with God the Father before the world was (**Joh 17:5**).
  - K. All these statements would have been pure blasphemy for Jesus to say, were He not God.
  - L. Jesus accepted worship from people (**Mat 14:33; Mat 8:2; Mat 9:18; Mat 28:9; Joh 9:38**).
    - i. Only God is to be worshipped (**Mat 4:10**).
    - ii. Therefore, Jesus is God.
  - M. Jesus forgave sins (**Mar 2:5,10**).
    - i. Only God can forgive sins (**Mar 2:7; Isa 43:25; Dan 9:9; Mic 7:18**).
    - ii. Therefore, Jesus is God.

#### IV. The New Testament declares that Jesus is God.

1. Jesus is the Word who is God (**Joh 1:1-3 c/w Joh 1:14**).
2. Jesus is God manifest in the flesh (**1Ti 3:16**).
3. Jesus is one with the Father and the Holy Ghost (**1Jo 5:7**).
4. Jesus, the Son of God, is God (**Heb 1:8**).
5. Jesus thought it not robbery to be equal with God (**Phi 2:6**).
6. Jesus is the true God and eternal life (**1Jo 5:20 c/w 1Jo 1:2 c/w 1Jo 5:11**).
7. Jesus is God blessed forever (**Rom 9:5**).
8. Jesus is the Almighty God (**Rev 1:7-8 c/w Gen 17:1 c/w Job 8:3**).
9. Jesus is the great God and our Saviour (**Tit 2:13**), for whose *appearing* we wait (**1Ti 6:14; 1Pe 1:7**).
10. Jesus is the first and the last (**Rev 1:17-18; Rev 21:6; Rev 22:13**).
  - A. Jehovah God is the first and the last (**Isa 44:6-8; Isa 48:12**).
  - B. Therefore, Jesus is God.
11. Jesus is the Savior (**Tit 1:4**).

- A. There is no savior beside God (**Isa 43:11**).
  - B. Therefore, Jesus is God.
12. Thomas called Jesus his Lord and his God (**Joh 20:28**).
13. The things the apostles said about Jesus would be absurd and blasphemous to say about any other being (man or angel).
- A. All things were made by Christ (**Joh 1:1-3; 14; Eph 3:9; Heb 1:2; 1Co 8:6; Col 1:16**).
    - i. God created the heaven and the earth (**Gen 1:1**).
    - ii. Therefore, Jesus is God.
  - B. All things consist by Christ (**Col 1:17**).
    - i. Consist *v.* - 1. *intr.* To have a settled existence, subsist, hold together, exist, be. *Obs.* (or *arch.*, after Col. i. 17).
    - ii. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
    - iii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
  - C. In all things He has the preeminence (**Col 1:18**).
    - i. Preeminence - 1. Higher rank or distinction; priority of place, precedence; superiority.
    - ii. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
    - iii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
  - D. In Him all fulness dwells (**Col 1:19**).
    - i. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
    - ii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
  - E. In Him dwelleth the all the fulness of the Godhead bodily (**Col 2:9**).
    - i. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
    - ii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
  - F. Jesus is the express image of God's person (**Heb 1:3**).
    - i. Express *adj.* - 1. a. Of an image or likeness: Truly depicted, exactly resembling, exact. Now chiefly with reminiscence of Heb. i. 3.
    - ii. Image *n.* - 1. An artificial imitation or representation of the external form of any object, esp. of a person, or of the bust of a person. a. Such an imitation in the solid form; a statue, effigy, sculptured figure.
    - iii. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
    - iv. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
  - G. He is made so much better than the angels (**Heb 1:4**).
    - i. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
    - ii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
  - H. He is the blessed and only Potentate, King of kings, and Lord of lords, who only hath immortality (**1Ti 6:15-16**).
    - i. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
    - ii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
  - I. He is the head of all things and all things are under His feet (**Eph 1:22**).
    - i. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
    - ii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
  - J. Every knee shall bow to Jesus Christ and confess that He is Lord (**Phi 2:9-11; Rev 5:13**).
    - i. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?

- ii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
- K. We shall all stand at the judgment seat of Christ and give an account of ourselves to Christ who is God (**Rom 14:10-12**).
  - i. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
  - ii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
- L. God hath chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world that we should be holy (**Eph 1:4**).
  - i. What man or angel could this be said of without blaspheming?
  - ii. It's not blasphemy to be said of Jesus because He is God.
- M. Jesus abolished the old covenant in His flesh (**Eph 2:15**).
  - i. Only God can abolish his own law.
  - ii. Therefore, Jesus is God.
- V. The works that Jesus did demand that He is God (**Luk 8:39**).
  1. Only God can do wondrous things (**Psa 72:18**).
    - A. The apostles did miraculous works, but they did it through the power that Christ gave them (**Mar 16:17-20; Act 3:6-7**).
    - B. Jesus did miraculous works by His own power and by His own word, proving He was God, such as the following.
  2. Jesus knew men's thoughts (**Luk 6:8; Luk 9:47; Joh 2:24-25**).
    - A. Jesus is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (**Heb 4:12-13**).
    - B. Only God knows the hearts of the children of men (**1Ki 8:39**).
    - C. Therefore, Jesus is God.
  3. Jesus walked on water (**Mar 6:48-51**).
  4. Jesus controlled the weather (**Mar 4:39-41**).
    - A. God controls the weather (**Job 37:9-14; Psa 148:8**).
    - B. Therefore, Jesus is God.
  5. Jesus created wine from water (**Joh 2:7-11**), and bread and fish from nothing (**Mar 6:35-44**).
    - A. God is the Creator (**Isa 40:28**).
    - B. Therefore, Jesus is God.
  6. Jesus raised the dead (**Mar 5:41-42; Joh 11:43-44**).
  7. Jesus gave sight to the blind (**Mar 8:22-25**).
  8. Jesus cast out devils, and they feared Him, knowing that he was the Holy One (**Mar 1:23-26**).
    - A. God is the Holy One (**Isa 43:15**).
    - B. This is just one more proof that Jesus is God.
  9. Jesus said that even if you don't believe Him, believe the works which prove that He is God (**Joh 10:36-38**).