

CHRISTOLOGY – The Doctrine of Jesus Christ

Part 3 The Deity of Jesus Christ

Key Passages

- His Nature

Philippians 2:6

who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

- Who being in very nature God NIV
- Though he was God NLT

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- He is the Revealer of God

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

- Jn1.18 declared = Greek – *exēgeomai* = *exegete or exegesis* = “an explanation or critical interpretation of a text” ^{Websters}

1 Timothy 3:16

...God was manifested in the flesh...

2 Corinthians 4:4

...Christ, who is the image of God...

Colossians 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God...

Hebrews 1:3

who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person...

John 14:9

Jesus said...He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

John 15:24

...but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

His Names Show That He is God!

- He is Called God

John 1:1

...the Word was God.

John 20:28

And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

Romans 9:5

of whom [Israel] are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 1:8

But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever...”

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- **He is Called the Son of God**

John 5:17-18

But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.” Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

John 10:30-33

I and My Father are one.” Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, “Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?” The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.”

John 19:7

The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.”

- **He is Called LORD**

- (Greek – kurios) – Used in the Septuagint for the Hebrew YAHWEH (Jehovah)
 - **Every knee shall bow**

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Isaiah 45:22-23

“Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath.

- **Whoever calls on the name of the LORD**

Joel 2:32

And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved...

Romans 10:9-13

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ...For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

- **Peter’s message to those at Pentecost**

Acts 2:21

And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.

Acts 2:36

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

- Here is the conclusion of Peter’s argument. The noun **Lord**, referring to **Christ**, probably is a reference to Yahweh. The same word *kyrios* is used of **God** in verses 21, 34, and 39 (cf. Phil. 2:9). This is a strong affirmation of Christ’s deity. Bible Knowledge Commentary

- **He is Called the Holy One**

Isaiah 48:17

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: “I *am* the LORD your God...

Acts 3:14

But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer...

- **He is Called the First and the Last**

Isaiah 44:6

“Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.’

Isaiah 48:12

“Listen to Me, O Jacob, And Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.

Revelation 1:17-18

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Revelation 2:8

“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, ‘These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:

Revelation 22:12-13

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End*, the First and the Last.”

He is Worshiped

- **By Old Testament Saints**

Joshua 5:13-15

And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, “*Are You* for us or for our adversaries?” So He said, “No, but *as* Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, “What does *my Lord* say to His servant?” Then the Commander of the LORD’s army said to Joshua, “Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand *is* holy.” And Joshua did so.

- **By Demons**
Mark 5:2, 6
 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him.
- **By the Man Born Blind**
John 9:37, 38
 And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.” Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.
- **By Angels**
Hebrews 1:6
 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: “Let all the angels of God worship Him.”
- **By His Disciples After the Ascension**
Luke 24:52
 And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
- **By Saints in Heaven**
Revelation 7:9-10
 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude... crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
- **By All**
Philippians 2:10-11
 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

His Attributes Show That He is God!

- **He is Eternal**
Isaiah 9:6
 ...His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
1 John 5:11
 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.
John 1:1-2
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.
John 1:15
 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ”
- **He is Unchangeable**
Hebrews 1:8-12
 But to the Son He says: “*Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; ...the heavens are the work of Your hands. ...they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.*”

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

- **He is Omnipresent**

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

Matthew 28:20

... lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Ephesians 4:10

He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.

- **He is Omniscient**

Colossians 2:2-3

... Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

John 2:24-25

... Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

Matthew 9:4

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts?”

- **He is Omnipotent**

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Revelation 1:8

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

- **He is Perfect**

Colossians 1:19

For it pleased *the Father* that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

Colossians 2:9-10

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

His Abilities Show That He Is God!

- **He Created All Things**

John 1:3

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

John 1:10

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

Colossians 1:16

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

- **He Controls All Things**
Colossians 1:17
 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.
Hebrews 1:3
 who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
- **He Cures All Diseases**
Matthew 4:23
 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.
Matthew 8:16
 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,
- **His Power Over Nature**
Matthew 14:25
 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.
Luke 8:24
 And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.
- **He Conquers Death**
John 11:25-26
 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”
- **He Claims to Forgive Sins**
Mark 2:5-7
 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”
- **He Gives Eternal Life**
John 10:27-28
 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.
John 17:1-2
 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.