

BS7-The Deity of Jesus Christ

JESUS IS GOD

THE DOCTRINE DEFINED

1. (John 20:28 KJV) And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. What think ye of Christ? That is the great central question, the is the vital question. And the most fundamental question concerning the person of Christ is, is Jesus Christ really God? Not merely is He Divine, but is He actually God? When I was a boy, to say you believed in the Divinity of Christ, meant that you believed in the real Deity of Christ, that you believed that Jesus was actually a Divine Person, that He was God. It no longer means that. (R. A. Torrey, THE FUNDAMENTALS OF DOCTRINES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, 1918 George H. Doran Company, P. 74)

WHAT ABOUT THE CLAIMS THAT JESUS MADE ABOUT HIMSELF?

2. (John 14:6 KJV) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

3. (Acts 4:12 KJV) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

The Church is being eroded by spiritual AIDS, and no one seems to notice or care. "Christians should just respect other religions and not try to convert them to accept Jesus" is a lie that will bring certain damnation for unsaved millions. (Rod Parsley, HOLINESS, LIVING LEAVEN FREE, Results Publishing, P. 24)

HEAVEN OR HELL

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DOCTRINE

4. (John 8:24 KJV) I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

5. (Exodus 3:14 KJV) And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

The I AM statement in John 8:24 is a most urgent warning to those who knowingly deny who Jesus claimed to be. Just as Yahweh confronted the rebellious people Israel in the Old Testament to believe "that I AM", Jesus confronts the rebellious leaders of Israel in John 8:24. ...Jesus is Yahweh the Son...He then warns of the consequence of denying who He claimed to be... A defective view of Christ, a denial of the Biblical view of Christ, makes it impossible for one to be a follower of the Biblical Christ. (Stephen Tsoukalas, KNOWING CHRIST IN THE CHALLENGE OF HERESY, 1999 University Press of America, Pgs. 21-22)

TAUGHT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

6. (Isaiah 7:14 KJV) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

7. (Matthew 1:23 KJV) Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

8. (Micah 5:2 KJV) But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

9. (Isaiah 40:3 KJV) The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

10. (Matthew 3:3 KJV) For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

TAUGHT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

11. (John 10:30-33 KJV) I and my Father are one. {31} Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. {32} Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? {33} The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

12. (Hebrews 1:8 KJV) But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

13. (Acts 20:28 KJV) Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

14. (1 Timothy 3:16 KJV) And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

15. (Jude 1:25 KJV) To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen.

16. (Colossians 2:9 KJV) For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

17. (Philippians 2:6 KJV) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

THE SCRIPTURE THAT IS MOST OFTEN PERVERTED BY CULTS

18. (John 1:1 KJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The translation "the Word was God" has been challenged by the Jehovah's Witnesses, who translate it, "the Word was a God," implying that the Word was simply a heavenly being but not fully divine...However, their interpretation has been followed by no recognized Greek scholar anywhere, for it is commonly known that the sentence follows regular rule of Greek grammar, and the absence of the definite article merely indicates that "God" is the predicate rather than the subject of the sentence....of course, if John had wanted to say, "The Word was a god", it would have been written that way. (Wayne Gruden, SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY, 1994 Inter-Varsity Press, P. 234)THE TITLE "SON OF GOD" SHOWS THAT JESUS WAS DIVINE19. (Isaiah 9:6 KJV) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

20. (John 3:16 KJV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

21. (John 5:17-18 KJV) But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. {18} Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

22. (1 John 5:20 KJV) And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

JESUS DOES WHAT ONLY GOD CAN DO

JESUS THE CREATOR

23. (John 1:3 KJV) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

24. (Colossians 1:16 KJV) For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

25. (Hebrews 1:2 KJV) Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

PRESERVES AND SUSTAINS ALL THINGS

26. (Colossians 1:17 KJV) And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

FORGIVES SIN

27. (Mark 2:4-12 KJV) And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein

the sick of the palsy lay. {5} When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. {6} But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, {7} Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? {8} And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? {9} Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? {10} But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) {11} I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. {12} And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

JUDGES THE WORLD

28. (John 5:22-23 KJV) For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: {23} That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

HE ACCEPTS WORSHIP

29. (Luke 24:52 KJV) And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

30. (Matthew 28:9 KJV) And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

HE IS THE MEDIATOR

A MEDIATOR MUST BE THE EQUAL OF EITHER OF THE TWO PARTIES BETWEEN WHOM HE MEDIATES

31. (Job 9:32-33 NASB) "For He is not a man as I am that I may answer Him, That we may go to court together. {33} "There is no umpire between us, Who may lay his hand upon us both.

32. (1 Timothy 2:5 KJV) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

THE GREATEST PROOF OF THE DEITY OF CHRIST

33. (John 10:10 KJV) The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

The supreme proof to every Christian of the deity of his Lord is then his own inner experience of the transforming power of his Lord upon the heart and life. Not more surely does he who feels the present warmth of the sun know that the sun exists, than he who has experienced the re-creative power of the Lord know Him to be his Lord and his God. Here is, perhaps we may say the most convincing proof to every Christian of the deity of Christ; (Benjamin B. Warfield, THE FUNDAMENTALS, 1993 Baker Books, Pgs. 245-246, Volume II, Chapter 10 - The Deity of Christ)

(Genesis 1:26-27 KJV) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let

them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. {27} So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Notes:

On Scripture #4. Notice he is in italics. That was not in the original text. Jesus was actually saying he was the "I AM" as in Scripture # 5.

Scripture # 10, when LORD is all in caps it means it is a Tetragramation or it means YAWEH.

(John 1:1-14 KJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. {2} The same was in the beginning with God. {3} All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. {4} In him was life; and the life was the light of men. {5} And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. {6} There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. {7} The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. {8} He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. {9} That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. {10} He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. {11} He came unto his own, and his own received him not. {12} But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: {13} Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. {14} And the Word was made 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.