

Jesus is God



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The divinity of Christ is clearly established Colossians 2:9 *"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."* This is proof that Jesus is God who can forgive sins, heal our body, and give eternal life to anyone who will trust in believing faith on His atonement for sin.

God appeared to Moses, who asked Exodus 3:13-14 *"Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"*

Jesus said from heaven Revelation 1:8 *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."* Only God knows the beginning and the end of everything. Colossians 1:19 *"It pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell."* The Trinity is God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

There are only two categories in the universe—God who is eternal, and His creation that is temporal. Since Jesus is not part of creation, so He would have to be God. We pray to God Matthew 6:6 *"who is unseen;"* so the apostle said 2 Corinthians 4:18 *"things seen are temporary, but things unseen are eternal."*

Thomas made a profound statement when he said to Jesus John 20:28, *"My Lord and my God."* Jesus then added John 20:29 *"Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."*

True believers in Christ are Titus 2:13-14 *"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."* Jesus' ability to offer salvation is because He is fully God and fully man. If He was not human He could not have died for our sins, and if He was not God He could not forgive them.

Jesus is the Word and the Word is God John 1:1, so the Father speaks through His Word to inform us of the One on whom we must place our trust. Hebrews 1:8 *"To the Son He says: 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.'" We must overcome in the faith, to have our name in the Book of Life. 1 John 5:4 "For whatever is born of the God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."*

Jesus is God who told us to John 15:4 *"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."* When we pray to the Father, we pray to the Son. It was Jesus who took our place on the cross to disable the sin nature in us, and to enable the divine nature to control—a new nature that wants to trust God in believing faith for everything—health, healing, protection, provisions, guidance, justice, and freedom from sinful desires.

Scripture confirms Mark 12:32 *"There is one God; and there is none other but he."* Then Jesus assures Revelation 1:17-18 *"Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was*

dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

Only God could say what Jesus said; and only He could offer what He offered. Jesus, as God, will be taken seriously. Galatians 6:7 *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."*

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit have our best spiritual interest at heart. The Father loves us, the Son forgives us, and the Holy Spirit inspires us to believe in faith on the atonement for sin. Many deny that Jesus is God, but we know that He is God, and that we must put a trusting faith on His atonement for our sins.

That blood sacrifice enables us to claim healing without our trust on medicine; to claim protection without our trust on devices; to claim needed finances without our trust on bank loans, and to claim in faith everything else where trust on God is required. In our hearts, we are to *"set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect"* 1 Peter 3:15.

Jesus is God, but not the person of the Father. Hebrews 2:14 *"Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—Jesus also became flesh and blood by being born in human form. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death."*

The apostle said Philippians 2:5-7 *"Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave [no reputation] and appeared in human form."*

When Jesus said John 14:28 *"my Father is greater than I,"* He is referring only to His Fa-

ther's *position*. God is God because of His *nature*—the same nature of Jesus Philippians 2:6. Pharaoh had a greater *position* as king than Joseph as governor, and says to him Genesis 41:40, "You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you." Pharaoh was over Joseph only by *office* because they had the same *nature*.

The president of a company has a higher *position* than the employee, but he is not greater in *nature*. A husband is the head of the home, but he and his wife both have the same nature. 1 Corinthians 11:3 "I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." Jesus was submissive to the Father's position, but He is not less in *nature*.

During the growing years of Jesus, Scripture says Luke 2:51 "He went down with [Joseph and Mary], and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart." Jesus was submissive to His parents as a son, and was obedient to God because of His position as the heavenly Father.

1 John 5:20 "We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life." Jesus was both human and divine, so He could die as man to pay for our sins as God.

We must understand the incarnation of Christ to know that God is with us in Person. There are millions of false teachers giving millions of false messages that could jeopardize one's eternal life, because they omit Jesus' teaching on believing faith and trust for healing, finances, justice, forgiveness, and all other faith issues that cannot be omitted. John 3:18 "He who trusts in Him does not come up for judgement.

He who does not trust has already received sentence, because he has not his trust resting on the name of God's only Son."

Jesus told us John 14:14 "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." If a believer in the United States, Africa, or the Philippines all prayed to Jesus at the same time, He would have to be God to answer each individual request. David said Psalms 139:7 "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?"

Jesus said to the young man Luke 18:19 "Why do you call me good? No one is good—except God alone," to see if he knew that it was God who was speaking to him in Person. Jesus told him to obey the Commandments, and then gave a lesson on financial trust. He said Luke 18:22 "There is still one thing wanting in you. Sell everything you possess and give the money to the poor, and you shall have wealth in Heaven; and then come, follow me."

Jesus said John 3:36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." Also John 5:24 "He who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." The unbelieving Jews rejected Jesus because He referred to Himself as *Yahweh* or *I AM* Almighty God, but that is who He is. John 8:24 "If you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins." Only the Father can forgive our sins, and only the Son could atone for them.

Every prayer made in Jesus' Name—for protection, peace, provisions, deliverance, healing, divine wisdom, and victory over Satan's power—is based on the fact that Jesus is God who has promised these things to anyone who will trust Him in faith—not trusting something else. Trusting God means getting on our knees,

confessing our sins to Him, and then acting in faith on what He has promised.

Most professing believers do not give God anything to do—with a million substitutes ahead of God, or they seriously limit His power; nevertheless, He is present on earth to do great things for His children. Matthew 28:20 "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," so anything we could need spiritually, physically, or materially is available from Him.

We pray to Jesus as God because Matthew 28:18 "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." He who created the world, parted the sea, and healed the sick is standing by to do whatever we need done. Our part—John 15:7 "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."



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