

The Divinity of Christ

-Is Jesus Truly and Fully God?-

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** Remember to Pray for Wisdom Before You Begin*

- 1.) What is Jesus being called in this verse? Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name _____, which being interpreted is, _____ with us. **NOTE: This is probably one of the plainer texts revealing the Divinity of Christ. God would dwell with us in the person of His Son.**

- 2.) What is Jesus being called in this passage? John 1:1 In the beginning was the _____, and the _____ was with God, and the _____ was _____. **NOTE: All down through the ages God communicated His will and His moral law through statutes and commandments through His prophets and other messengers. Again and again His people Israel and Judah turned away or back-slid from the LORD. He finally sent His Son Jesus to be a living demonstration of how His "word" should be lived out. Jesus became that living "Word." And it says in this verse that the "Word" was God.**

- 3.) Did God the Father share His glory with Jesus before the world began? John 17:5,24 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the _____ which I had with thee before the world _____. **V.24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the _____ of the world. NOTE: Actually Jesus not only was with the Father before our world came into existence, but He is from all eternity as we shall see from the scriptures.**

- 4.) What does Jesus say is His relation to the Father? John 10:30 I and my Father are _____. **NOTE: How could Jesus be "one" with the heavenly Father if He weren't God or if He had a beginning sometime in the past? They are equal in Divinity as we will see from upcoming scriptures.**

- 5.) What did Jesus refer Himself as in this particular scripture? John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, _____ Abraham was, _____. **NOTE: This statement of Jesus was bold and decided in regards to His Divinity. The term "I Am" is direct inference to the Almighty God and Creator of the universe. It brings out the eternal existence of the Source of all things. Christ also stated "I Am the Bread of Life," "I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life," "I Am the Light of the World," "I Am the good Shepherd," etc. He is the Prominent One of all ages.**

6.) Whom did Moses see at the burning bush, and how did God proclaim Himself? Exodus

3:14 And _____ said unto Moses, _____ THAT _____: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, _____ hath sent me unto you.

7.) What was implied when Jesus boldly forgave sins? Luke 5:20-24 *And when He saw their*

*faith, He said unto Him, man, thy _____ are _____ thee. 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can _____ sins, but _____ alone? 22 But when Jesus _____ their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? 23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be _____ thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? 24 But that ye may _____ that the _____ of man hath power upon earth to _____ sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house. **NOTE: Jesus did two things that were considered blasphemy. He forgave people's sins and He Himself claimed to be God. For any human being to do this certainly would be blasphemy. But for Jesus as the Son of God it wasn't.***

8.) What did the disciple Thomas have to say when he saw Jesus after His resurrection?

John 20:28,29 *And Thomas answered and said unto him, My _____ and my _____. 29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast _____: blessed are they that have _____ seen, and yet have believed. **NOTE: If Jesus had not been God, this would have been the perfect opportunity for Jesus to have corrected Thomas. But instead He commended him for finally believing Him to be raised from the dead and calling Him God.***

9.) What title did the Father give to His Son in this passage? Hebrews 1:5-8 *For unto*

*_____ of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my _____, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? 6 And again, when He bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God _____ Him. 7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. 8 But _____ the Son he saith, Thy throne, O _____, is forever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. **NOTE: Here the Father is telling all the angels to worship Christ Jesus and in verse 8 is calling Him God. Can't get much plainer than that! Worship is the prerogative of God only. No created being is ever to be worshiped. Nowhere in holy writ does it say we can worship any created being or substance.***

10.) What titles does the prophet Isaiah give to the prophesied Messiah who was to come?

Isaiah 9:6 *For unto us a _____ is born, unto us a _____ is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his _____ shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The*

mighty _____, the _____ Father, The Prince of Peace. **NOTE: No created being would ever be given these titles. It would be blasphemous!**

11.) What statement do we see in this next prophetic utterance that makes it undisputable that Jesus is the all-powerful, everlasting God? Micah 5:2 *But thou, _____*

Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet _____ of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of _____, _____ everlasting. Proverbs 8:22 The LORD possessed me in the _____ of his way, before his works of old. 23 I was set up _____, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. NOTE: It's one thing to ascribe to a being everlasting or eternal life for the future. After all, good angels and all the saved of God's children will have unending life. But to state that Someone has an eternal existence in the past automatically qualifies Him to be God Himself. Only God has an eternal past with no beginning whatsoever. Of course to our finite minds this is unfathomable! God is greater than time itself!! And Jesus is the One described here. Praise be to His name!

12.) In this passage of scripture we see Jesus named with titles that only the King of the universe could have plus the only One who hath immortality. 1 Timothy 6:14-16 *That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our _____: 15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only _____, the _____ of kings, and _____ of lords; 16 Who only hath _____, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power _____.* Amen.

13.) What other plain statement does the book of 1 Timothy say about the incarnation of Jesus calling Him God? 1 Timothy 3:16 *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: _____ was manifest in the _____, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*

14.) What does 1 John say who is the true God? 1 John 5:20 *And we know that the _____ 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 _____.* This is the true _____, and eternal life. **NOTE: Since the Bible is so sensitive about the issues of idolatry, why would it put such a dominate emphasis on Jesus if He weren't in fact God. But as these scriptures so plainly state in this study –He is indeed God in the fullest sense!**

15.) In the book of Colossians -what fullness dwells in Christ? Colossians 2:8 *Beware lest any man spoil you through _____ and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after _____.* 9 *For in _____ dwelleth all the*

_____ of the _____ bodily. **NOTE: There is no halfway or partway point on this issue. Jesus is either fully and completely God or He is not at all. He is from all eternity in the past or He was merely another "brought forth" (created) being from the distant past. This verse above says unequivocally -that in Christ dwelt "all the FULLNESS of the Godhead bodily. It is nothing short of that!**

16.) What plain statement does John the Revelator make in Revelation 1:6 *And hath made us kings and priests unto _____ and his _____ ; to _____ be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. **NOTE: This text is directly calling Jesus God and then adds, "and His Father;"**. It is very evident that when the Bible writers were under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that they were to make very prominent of the fact that Jesus Christ was indeed -the mighty God! This issue is vital for our actual salvation! If Jesus is God, which scripture is plain about this, then God (the Father) indeed made an infinite sacrifice when He gave up His Son because He sacrificed One whom He had been intimately close to from all eternity past. The Father didn't just loan Jesus to the human race, He gave Him and it was for all eternity! Jesus will forever retain His humanity throughout eternity.*

17.) Who only has the keys of the grave and death? Revelation 1:18 *I am he that _____, and was _____; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the _____ of hell and of death. **NOTE: It is the prerogative of God to give life. He only can ultimately create life and recreate it after it has been dead. Jesus Himself said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."** Another scripture says, "He that hath the Son hath life."*

18.) What two main areas of the following passage reveal that Jesus Christ is indeed God – the Son of God? Philippians 2:5-11 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the _____ of God, thought it not _____ to be _____ with God: 7 But made himself of no _____, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became _____ unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is _____ every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every _____ should _____, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is _____, to the glory of God the Father. **NOTE: The first point is that Jesus didn't consider it robbery to be equal with God because He already was. The second point toward the end of this passage is "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow."** **Worship is due only to God. If you search the Bible, there are a number of places where Jesus accepted worship. Let's look at some of these, all from the book of Matthew: Matthew 9:18** *While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and _____ him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. 8:2 And, behold, there came a leper and _____ him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.15:25 Then came she and _____ him, saying,**

Lord, help me. **14:33** Then they that were in the ship came and _____ him, saying, Of a _____ thou art the Son of God. **NOTE: There are two places in the book of Revelation (19:10; 22:8,9) where John fell down to worship the angel and he was promptly rebuked and told to worship God. When these different ones (in Matthew) worshipped Jesus there was no problem and no correction given.**

Why is it important for our salvation that Jesus be Divine, that He is God? Since God's great moral law, the Ten Commandments were broken and God's law is a transcript of

His character and the foundation of His throne, a created being (angel or man) could not atone for sin which is the transgression of that law. Not only that, how could one "perfect" human being atone for the sins of millions or even billions of other human beings –maybe one for one?? -And that would be all if that were possible, but there is no human being without sin "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." There is one man however who did accomplish this, but; He is also Divine (God) and He became the KEY to OUR salvation. A Divine Being was necessary to provide atonement for the whole human race so that all who choose could have unending life! The humanity of Christ is equally important [see study on Human Nature of Christ] and that is why both points are distinctly and clearly pointed out in scripture. Hence we see both terms "Son of man" and "Son of God" in the Bible especially in the four gospels. Depending on the context under the inspiration of the Bible writer, it used one or the other according to the needed emphasis -Christ's Divinity or His humanity. It took both to secure our salvation. And no small reason why both of these attributes of Christ's nature have been viciously attacked by the adversary of souls which is Satan. He has brought confusion and deception on these topics all through Christian churches today. Thus, the GREAT IMPORTANCE that we study diligently the Bible, God's Word to know what is truth.

Brief Quiz

CIRCLE ONE

- 1.) **True/False** – The Son of God was brought forth(or created) from God the Father many eons ago and became part of the Godhead or Trinity.
- 2.) **True/False** - Jesus shared in His Father's glory before our world existed.
- 3.) **True/False** - Before Jesus came down to this world as a man, He had no beginning.
- 4.) **True/False** - God the Father referred to Jesus as an inferior created being.
- 5.) **True/False** - Worship is due to God alone.
- 6.) **True/False** - If any earthly priest claims to forgive sins he is committing blasphemy.
- 7.) **True/False** – Jesus wasn't "one" with the heavenly Father.
- 8.) **True/False** – Jesus was God in the fullest sense.

My Response

It is comforting to understand that Jesus the Son of God is in reality God Himself and that He is all powerful, that nothing is beyond His ability to help us in any way and

knowing He was willing to set aside all His power and glory and step down into this world and save me. It is my desire to declare Him as my Savior and my God.

Signed _____