

“Jesus is the Lord! – The Deity of Jesus Christ”

This statement was the common confession of the early Christians. The Romans wanted people to say that Caesar (the Emperor) was lord and should be worshipped, but the Christians refused to do this. ***Jesus alone is LORD, because He is equal with God.*** We want to examine how Jesus is God, and what that means to us.

In the Old Testament God’s Name is Jehovah (Yahweh); but when these passages are quoted in the New Testament, the word lord (ruler) is used. This title is applied to the Lord Jesus, showing us that the Almighty Jehovah God of the Old Testament is the Jesus of the New Testament (e.g. Isaiah 45:23 and Philippians 2:9-11):

- Isaiah 44:6 *“Thus says the LORD (Jehovah) ... I am the first, and I am the last.”* Compare Revelation 1:8 *“[Jesus is] the first and the last”*

- Joel 2:32 *“Whosoever calls on the name of the LORD (Jehovah) shall be delivered.”* Compare Romans 10:13.

Christ’s Personality as God

Illustrations of Christ’s Deity

God is a trinity (a tri-unity) because there are 3 and 1 at the same time. There is 1 God, but He exists as 3 persons (the Father, the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit). It is like water, which is always the substance H₂O, but it exists as steam, liquid and ice. God has one substance (deity), but 3 different persons.

Proofs of Christ’s Deity

Jesus is the Son of God, but that does not mean He is less than God. Just like the son of a man is human, in the same way the Son of God is deity. Many Bible passages show us that Jesus is equal to God:

John 1:1 *“the Word was God.”*

Romans 9:5 *“Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever.”*

Colossians 2:9 *“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.”*

John 20:28 *“And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.”*

1John 5:20 *“We are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.”*

2Corinthians 4:4, *“the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God”*

Philippians 2:6, *“[Jesus] being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God”*

Colossians 1:15, *“[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God”*

Hebrews 10:8, *“Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever”*

Expression of Christ’s Deity

During His life, the Lord Jesus did things that only God could do: giving sight to blind people (Mark 8:22-25; John 9:1-41), giving hearing to deaf people (Mark 7:32-37), raising people from death to life (Luke 7:11-16; 8:49-56; John 11:1-45), walking on water and telling storms to stop raging (Mark 6:46-51; Luke 8:22-25; John 6:16-21), multiplying food (Mark 6:35-44; 8:1-9; Luke 9:12-17; John 2:1-11; 6:5-14), casting out demons (Mark 1:23-27; 5:1-20; 9:14-27; Luke 8:26-39; 9:37-43), and all kinds of healings of physical defects (Mark 3:1-5), including paralysis (Matthew 8:6-15; Mark 2:3-12; Luke 5:18-26; John 5:1-9) and leprosy (Matthew 8:1-5). He demonstrated that He had all the power of God. Because of this solid foundation of mighty works, He commands us to believe that He is the Son of God (John 20:31).

Character of Christ’s Deity

Since the Lord Jesus is God, He shows us what God is like – He is powerful, holy (righteous) and full of love!

Christ’s Authority as Judge

Because Christ is equal with God, He is responsible for our judgment. God is the judge:

Ecclesiastes 11:9 *“Know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment”*

We need to fear God because He is our judge, and the Lord Jesus will take this role, “the judge of all the earth”:

John 5:22 *“For the Father judges no man, but has committed all judgment unto the Son”*

Christ's Humility to Become a Man

The great and mighty God has stopped down to become a man – amazing humility. The Lord Jesus Christ has glorified humility forever.

Christ's Ability To Save

Because the Lord Jesus is God, He is certainly “able to save” (Hebrews 7:25). This is why the Lord Jesus has the beautiful titles “Saviour of the world” (John 4:42) and “Lamb of God” (John 1:29).

He is the Lamb of God because He has died at the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. This is why Jesus *had* to die – our sins had to be punished by death (Romans 6:23), but the Lord Jesus was willing to step in as our replacement/substitute. Thus, God has become our Saviour.

Christ's Security To Keep

The Lord Jesus not only promises to save people, but He promises that His salvation will last forever. He can keep a person's soul safe forever.

Jude 1:24 *“Him is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory”*

John 10:27-30 *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and **they shall never perish**, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and **no man is able to pluck them** out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.”*

TRUST HIM TONIGHT AND BE SAVED FOREVER!