

## 98 THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST

**INTRODUCTION:** The purpose of this paper is to thoroughly document the deity of Jesus. This is the central teaching of the Bible that is most often under attack in various cults. Having an extensive and easily accessible document may be a welcome resource for study, meditation and sharing. These 87 texts are not exhaustive, but are provided to offer comprehensive Biblical proof regarding Jesus' deity. Nor do we deny that many other passages focus attention on Jesus' humanity.

**CONFUSION OF ROLE AND ESSENCE:** The deity of Jesus is often denied due to the confusion of, on the one hand, role or function with, on the other hand, essence. In His incarnation, Jesus was functionally subordinate to the Father, by choice, for the sake of mankind's salvation. However, this does not detract from His essence—His divine nature. Most fathers would rightly agree that they are not superior to their sons in essence even though the son may have a transitory subordinate role. We must distinguish clearly between the role Jesus played in the incarnation from His essential nature.

**LIMITATION OF SUBJECT/OBJECT CONSCIOUSNESS:** Human perception is based on subject/object consciousness and the apparent separation of objects in space. We tend to believe that “the father is not the son” and “the son is not the father,” but we need not be limited in this way. We can attain a non-dual awareness which Jesus desired for His disciples. Jesus prayed, “Not for these [disciples] only do I pray, but for those also who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you.” (John 17:20-21)

### SCRIPTURES THAT REVEAL JESUS' DEITY

#### A. MATTHEW

- 1. His name is “God with us”:** “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall give birth to a son. They shall call His name ‘Immanuel’, which is, being interpreted, ‘God with us.’” Mt 1:23
- 2. Healed paralyzed man and forgave sins:** “Behold, they brought to Him a man who was paralyzed, lying on a bed. Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, ‘Son, cheer up! Your sins are forgiven you.’ Behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, ‘This man blasphemes.’ Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, ‘Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven;’ or to say, ‘Get up, and walk?’” But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins— then He said to the paralytic), ‘Get up, and take up your mat, and go to your house.’ He arose and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.” Mt 9:2-7
- 3. Possesses all authority in heaven and on earth:** “Jesus came to them and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.’” Mt 28:18
- 4. Was spiritually with his disciples even though absent physically:** “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Mt 28:19-20

#### B. MARK

- 1. Forgives sins:** “Why does this man speak blasphemies like that? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” Mk 2:7
- 2. To receive the Son is to receive the Father:** “Whoever receives one such little child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, doesn’t receive me, but Him who sent me.” Mk 9:37

#### C. LUKE

- 1. Forgives sins:** ““Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.’ He said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ Those who sat at the table with him began to say to themselves, ‘Who is this who even forgives sins?’” Lk 7:47-49
- 2. The Father gives all things to the Son:** “Turning to the disciples, he said, ‘All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is, except the Father, and who the Father is, except the Son, and he to whomever the Son desires to reveal him.’” Lk 10:22

#### D. GOSPEL OF JOHN

- 1. The Word is God:** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” Jn 1:1
- 2. Was in the beginning:** “The same [Jesus] was in the beginning with God...” Jn 1:2
- 3. Made all things:** “All things were made through Him. Without Him, nothing was made that has been made.” Jn 1:3
- 4. Is life and light:** “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness hasn’t overcome it.” Jn 1:4-5
- 5. The true light:** “The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world.” Jn 1:9
- 6. World made through Him:** “He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world didn’t recognize Him.” Jn 1:10

7. **Intuitively knew the nature of man:** “But Jesus didn’t entrust Himself to them, because He knew everyone, and because He didn’t need for anyone to testify concerning man; for He Himself knew what was in man.” Jn 2:24-25
8. **Descended from and ascended to heaven:** “No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended out of heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.” Jn 3:13
9. **Possesses all things:** “The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.” Jn 3:35
10. **Works like His Father:** “But Jesus answered them, ‘My Father is still working, so I am working, too.’” Jn 5:17
11. **Dishonoring the Son is dishonoring the Father:** “That all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who doesn’t honor the Son doesn’t honor the Father who sent Him.” Jn 5:23
12. **Gives eternal life:** “Most certainly I tell you, he who hears my word and believes Him who sent me, has eternal life and doesn’t come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.” Jn 5:24
13. **Gives life to the dead:** “Most certainly I tell you, the hour comes, and now is, when the dead will hear the Son of God’s voice; and those who hear will live.” Jn 5:25
14. **Calls forth the dead:** “Don’t marvel at this, for the hour comes in which all who are in the tombs will hear His [Son of Man’s] voice and will come out; those who have done good, to the resurrection of life; and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.” Jn 5:28-29
15. **Gives eternal life:** “This is the will of my Father who sent me, that of all He has given to me I should lose nothing, but should raise him [believer] up at the last day.” Jn 6:39
16. **Gives eternal life:** “This is the will of the one who sent me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life; and I will raise Him up at the last day.” Jn 6:40
17. **Gives eternal life:** “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” Jn 6:54
18. **Attested by Himself and the Father:** “I am one who testifies about myself, and the Father who sent me testifies about me.” Jn 8:18
19. **Existed before Abraham and is the divine “I Am”:** “Jesus said to them, ‘Most certainly, I tell you, before Abraham came into existence, I AM.’” Jn 8:58
20. **Gives eternal life:** “I give eternal life to them [disciples]. They will never perish...” Jn 10:28
21. **Is one with the Father:** “I and the Father are one.” Jn 10:30
22. **Sanctified and sent by the Father as His Son:** “Do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You blaspheme,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God?’” Jn 10:36
23. **Gives eternal life:** “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die.’” Jn 11:25-26
24. **Seeing Jesus is seeing Yahweh:** “Jesus cried out and said, ‘Whoever believes in me, believes not in me, but in Him who sent me. He who sees me sees Him who sent me.’” Jn 12:44-45
25. **Knew the outcome, came from God, going to God:** “Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He came from God and was going to God...” Jn 13:3
26. **Believe in Him as you believe in God:** “Believe in God. Believe also in me.” Jn 14:1
27. **The Father and Son are the same:** “If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on, you know Him and have seen Him.” Jn 14:7
28. **Jesus was the embodiment of the Father:** “Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you such a long time, and do you not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father. How do you say, ‘Show us the Father?’” Jn 14:9
29. **Father gives what is asked in Jesus’ name:** “In that day you will ask me no questions. Most certainly I tell you, whatever you may ask of the Father in my name, He will give it to you. Until now, you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full.” Jn 16:23-24
30. **Knows all things:** “His disciples said to him, ‘Behold, now you are speaking plainly, and using no figures of speech. Now we know that you know all things, and don’t need for anyone to question you. By this we believe that you came from God.’” Jn 16:30
31. **Gives eternal life:** “Even as you [Father] gave Him [Son] authority over all flesh, so He will give eternal life to all whom you have given Him.” Jn 17:2
32. **Glorified the Father and accomplished God’s work:** “I glorified you on the earth. I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do.” Jn 17:4
33. **Had glory before the world existed:** “Now, Father, glorify me with your own self with the glory which I had with you before the world existed.” Jn 17:5
34. **Going to Father to be reunited:** “I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them through your name which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are.” Jn 17:11
35. **Had glory and love before the world existed:** “Father, I desire that they also whom you have given me be with me where I am, that they may see my glory which you have given me, for you loved me before the foundation of the world.” Jn 17:24
36. **Is Lord and God:** “Thomas answered Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’” Jn 20:28

### E. ACTS, ROMANS

1. **Forgives sins and gives the Holy Spirit:** “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” Acts 2:37-38
2. **The author of life:** “You killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead, to which we are witnesses.” Acts 3:15
3. **Received Stephen’s spirit:** “They stoned Stephen as he called out, saying, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!’” Acts 7:59
4. **Over all things:** “From them [Israel] is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised!” Rom 9:5

### F. CORINTHIANS

1. **Giver of grace:** “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” I Cor 1:3
2. **Giver of grace:** “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, God’s love, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.” 2 Cor 13:14

### G. EPHESIANS

1. **Giver of grace and peace:** “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Eph 1:2
2. **Fills all in all:** “He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things for the assembly, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.” Eph 1:22-23

### H. PHILLIPIANS

1. **Existed in the form of God before the incarnation:** “Have this in your mind, which was also in Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, didn’t consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men.” Phil 2:6
2. **Changes our humiliation to His glory:** “Who [Christ] will change the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working by which he is able even to subject all things to himself.” Phil 3:21

### I. COLOSSIANS

1. **Creator of all things visible and invisible:** “By him all things were created in the heavens and on the earth, visible things and invisible things, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things have been created through Him and for Him.” Col 1:16
2. **Holds everything together:** “He is before all things, and in Him all things are held together.” Col 1:17
3. **Preeminent:** “He is the head of the body, the assembly, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He might have the preeminence.” Col 1:18
4. **Reconciled everything in heaven and earth with His blood:** “For all the fullness was pleased to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself by Him, whether things on the earth or things in the heavens, having made peace through the blood of His cross.” Col 1:19-20
5. **Forgives sinners:** “Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, if any man has a complaint against any; even as Christ forgave you, so you also do.” Col 3:13

### J. TIMOTHY/TITUS

1. **God in the flesh, received to heaven:** “God was revealed in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, and received up in glory.” I Tim 3:16
2. **God and savior:** “Looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for Himself a people for his own possession, zealous for good works.” Titus 2:13-14

### K. HEBREWS

1. **God speaks through His Son, replacing prophets:** “God, having in the past spoken to the fathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, has at the end of these days spoken to us by his Son.” Heb 1:1-2
2. **Heir and maker of the world:** “Son, whom He [God] appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.” Heb 1:2
3. **Image and radiance of God. Upholds all things by His Word:** “His Son is the radiance of His glory, the very image of His substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power.” Heb 1:3
4. **Purified us from sin and is equal to God’s majesty:** “When he had by himself purified us of our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much better than the angels as the more excellent name he has inherited is better than theirs.” Heb 1:3-4
5. **Angels worship Him:** “When He again brings in the firstborn into the world He says, ‘Let all the angels of God worship Him.’” Heb 1:6

- 6. Is God and is enthroned forever:** “Of the angels He says, ‘He makes His angels winds, and his servants a flame of fire.’ But of the Son He says, ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your Kingdom.’” Heb 1:7-8
- 7. Creator, eternal:** “You, Lord, in the beginning, laid the foundation of the earth. The heavens are the works of your hands. They will perish, but you continue. They all will grow old like a garment does. You will roll them up like a mantle, and they will be changed; but you are the same. Your years won’t fail.” Heb 1:10-12
- 8. Outside of time:** “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Heb 13:8

#### L. 1 JOHN

**The true eternal God:** “We know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.” 1 Jn 5:20

#### M. REVELATION

- 1. The first and the last:** “When I [John] saw him [Jesus], I fell at His feet like a dead man. He laid His right hand on me, saying, ‘Don’t be afraid. I am the first and the last.’” Rev 1:17
- 2. King of kings, Lord of lords:** “He has on his garment and on his thigh a name written, ‘King of kings and Lord of lords.’” Rev 19:16
- 3. Alpha and Omega:** “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” Rev 22:13.
- 4. Searches minds and hearts and metes out judgment:** “I am He who searches the minds and hearts. I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.” Rev 2:23

#### N. OLD TESTAMENT

- 1. Wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace:** “For a child is born to us. A son is given to us; and the government will be on His shoulders. His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isa 9:6
- 2. Messenger (John the Baptist) prepared the way for Israel’s God:** “The voice of one who calls out, ‘Prepare the way of Yahweh in the wilderness! Make a level highway in the desert for our God.’” Isa 40:3
- 3. Messiah’s name is Yahweh:** “In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely. This is His name by which He will be called: Yahweh our righteousness.” Jer 23:6
- 4. The coming Messiah is from ancient times:** “But you, Bethlehem...being small among the clans of Judah, out of you one will come out to me who is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings out are from of old, from ancient times.” Mic 5:2

#### O. “I AM” PASSAGES—Ex 3:14

- 1. Bread:** “Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will not be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” Jn 6:35
- 2. Light:** “Again, therefore, Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life.’” Jn 8:12
- 3. Door:** “Jesus therefore said to them again, ‘Most certainly, I tell you, I am the sheep’s door...If anyone enters in by me, he will be saved, and will go in and go out and will find pasture.’” Jn 10:7,9
- 4. Good Shepherd:** “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” Jn 10:11.  
“I am the good shepherd. I know My sheep and My sheep know Me.” Jn 10:14
- 5. Way, Truth, Life:** “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.’” Jn 14:6
- 6. Resurrection and Life:** “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies.’” Jn 11:25
- 7. True Vine:** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer.... I am the vine. You are the branches. He who remains in me and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” Jn 15:1,5
- 8. Living water:** Jesus is also the living water, although not stated in an “I Am” declaration. “Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst again.... but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” Jn 4:10,14

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