

IS JESUS CHRIST GOD?¹

1) Jesus Christ claimed to be God.

- **John 8:58**-“*I AM*”
- **John 10:30**-“*I & the Father are ONE*”
- **John 14:9**-“*He that hath seen me hath seen the Father*”
- **John 5:17-18**; etc.

In all these verses Christ was unquestionably claiming to be God, equal with God the Father. In 8:58 & 10:30 it's especially clear, as indicated by the reaction of his listeners!

2) Christ possessed attributes that only God possesses. For example:

- *Pre-existence*-John 1:15
- *Omnipotence*-both in creation-John 1:3, 10 & in preservation-Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3
- *Omniscience*-John 2:24-25; 16:30; 21:17; Colossians 2:3
- *Omnipresence*-Acts 1:9-11; 7:56; I Thessalonians 1:10; 4:16
- *Immutability* (i.e. unchangeable)-James 1:17 cf. Hebrews 13:8; I Peter 1:24 cf. Hebrews 1:10-11
- *Eternality*-Hebrews 1:8 & Micah 5:2 cf. Psalm 90:2; 93:2; “*Eternal Father*”-Isaiah 9:6 cf. John 8:58.

3) Jesus repeatedly granted people forgiveness of their sins, something only God can do. (e.g. “*Take courage, My son, your sins are forgiven*” – Matthew 9:2 (cf. Mark 2:1-12, esp. v.5; Luke 5:17-26 [synoptic account] & Luke 7:36-50, esp. v. 48. The reason Christ's declaration was so significant was due to the fact that everyone including the scribes knew that only God could forgive sins (Isaiah 43:25). Thus their statement “*only God can forgive sins.*” (Mark 2:7). The obvious conclusion is that whenever Jesus forgave sins, He was tacitly claiming that He was God!

4) Jesus Christ was called God by the apostles & New Testament writers.

- John 1:1-“...*the Word* (i.e. Jesus) *was God*”
- John 20:28-“*My Lord and my God*”
- Romans 9:5-Christ called God
- Philippians 2:6-where it states that Christ was the essence (Greek. *morphe*) of God. cf. Hebrews 1:3 where He is called “...*the exact representation of His* (i.e. God's) *nature.*” (NASV)

5) Christ was given many of the same names and titles as God the Father. The only reason that could be done, is if He actually is equal with God the Father. Some examples:

- “*Mighty God*” & “*Eternal Father*”-Isaiah 9:6 cf. Isaiah 10:21.
- “*I Am*”-John 8:58 cf. Exodus 3:14-15 (note that in all the other places where “*ego eimi*” occurs [Jn. 6:35, 41; 8:24; 13:19; 15:5], it is similarly translated as “*I Am*”)
- “*God*”-Hebrews 1:8; II Peter 1:1; Acts 2:36, 39; 16:31, 34; 18:25-26; Revelation 7:10-12, 17; Matthew 1:21-23 cf. Isaiah 7:14.
- “*The Alpha & Omega*”-Isaiah 41:4; 48:12; Revelation 1:8; 21:6-7 cf. Rev. 22:13 (cf. “*I come quickly*” in vv. 12, 16, 20, & the statement “*I, Jesus*” in v. 16 which clearly identifies the “*Alpha & Omega*” as Christ).
- “*The First and the Last*”-Revelation 1:17-18.
- “*Lord*”-Numerous times; “*Lord of All*”-Acts 10:36; Romans 10:12; “*the Lord of Glory*” I Corinthians 2:8 cf. Psalms 24:10 & 96:7-8; “*Every knee shall bow... to God/Jesus*” Romans 14:10-12; Philippians 2:9-11 cf. Isaiah 45:22-24; “*Lord of the Sabbath*”-Matthew 12:8 cf. Exodus 31:13,17. Prayer was even made to Jesus as “*Lord*”-Acts 7:59-60; 8:24; I Corinthians 1:2; II Corinthians 12:8-9; I John 5:13-15, etc.
- “*Saviour*”-Isaiah 43:11 & 45:22; I Timothy 4:10; Luke 1:47 cf. Matthew 1:21; John 1:29; 4:42; Hebrews 5:9; Luke 2:11; etc. In Titus we repeatedly find God the Father called “*our Saviour*” then almost immediately Jesus repeatedly called “*our Saviour*” (Titus 1:3 cf. v. 4; 2:10 cf. v.13 & 3:4 cf. v. 6) in interchangeable fashion. There is no way to reconcile this except to conclude that Jesus IS God!

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- “*Creator*”-Isaiah 40:28 cf. John 1:3; Colossians 1:16.
- “*Light*”-Isaiah 42:6 & 60:19-20 cf. Revelation 21:23.
- “*A voice of many waters*”-Ezekiel 43:2 cf. Revelation 1:15.
- “*Righteousness*”-as with all the titles listed above, both the Father & the Son are given this title: Jeremiah 23:6 cf. I Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 1:6.
- “*Jehovah (God) pierced*” -In Zechariah 12:10 we read of the Lord who will one day be “pierced.” When the body of Jesus was pierced on the cross, John claimed that that was the fulfillment of Zechariah’s prophecy (John 19:31-37; Revelation 1:7). That would be impossible to explain unless Jesus is God.
- “*King*”-Both the Father & the Son are called this (Psalm 95:3 cf. Isaiah 43:15). In addition Jesus is called “*King of Kings*” (Revelation 17:14; 19:16), while in the OT Jehovah is referred to as the “*God of gods and Lord of lords*” (Deuteronomy 10:17). In 1 Timothy 6:14-16 the word “*He*” has special importance since it is modified by “*King of kings and Lord of lords*”. It can refer either to Christ or God...either way it argues for Christ’s divinity.” Cf. Revelation 1:12-18. Note also Jeremiah 10:10 cf. Daniel 7:13-14.
- “*The Judge*”-Though we are told that God the Father is the one who will judge mankind (Psalm 50:4, 6; 96:13; Hebrews 12:23-24; I Peter 1:17), yet in the New Testament we are told that the Jesus Christ will do all the judging (John 5:17-30, esp. v. 22; II Timothy 4:1; II Corinthians 5:10 cf. Romans 14:10; Revelation 2:23 cf. Jeremiah 17:10; etc). Clearly Jehovah (God the Father) & Jesus Christ (God the Son) are equal!
- “*The Rock*”-Both the Father and the Son are called the “*Rock*” (e.g. Psalm 18:2; I Samuel 2:2 cf. I Peter 2:6-8; I Corinthians 10:4. Note particularly this latter passage in comparison to Exodus 17:6).
- “*The Redeemer*”-“Both Jehovah and Jesus are given this attribution (Isaiah 43:14; Hosea 13:14 cf. Luke 1:68; 2:38; Galatians 3:13; Ephesians 1:17; I Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 5:9. No mere man or angel can redeem man. Only God can do that!)
- “*Giver of Life*”-“In Deuteronomy 32:39, after saying, ‘...there is no God besides me,’ God said He is the one to ‘*give life*’ (cf. Psalm 36:9). Jesus said, ‘*For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life...*’ (John 5:21). Furthermore, just prior to raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus made the amazing statement, ‘*I am the resurrection and the life...*’ (John 11:25). He even went so far as to say that He was the giver of eternal life...’ (John 10:28-29).”
- “*The Lord’s Return*”-Deuteronomy 30:3 says that the Lord (Jehovah) will return at the end when His people re-gather from all the nations. However scripture elsewhere states that the fulfillment will be realized in Jesus Christ! (Matthew 24:27-31) Such statements are only explainable if Christ is God and co-equal with the Father.
- “*The Son of Man*”-This title does not deemphasize Christ’s deity at all. In fact, just the opposite! “Through this title Jesus most clearly expressed His messianic consciousness...the generally accepted source of this title is one of the dream visions of Daniel (Daniel 7:13-14)...some students would trace it to the Book of Ezekiel... (but) Jesus’ use of the title proves conclusively that He is giving it the meaning that it had in the vision of Daniel.” This title is strictly messianic, showing Christ to be the God who will judge this world in the end.

6) Christ accepted worship and possessed glory that only God has and possesses! In the Old Testament Jehovah (God the Father) declares that no one else possesses His glory (Isaiah 42:8; 48:11). Yet Christ, in His high priestly prayer, asked to have the glory restored to Him which He had shared with God the Father from all eternity! (John 17:5) Note also John 5:23 where Christ said “...*that all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father.*” In Hebrews 1:6 it states, “*Let all the angels of God worship Him.*” If Christ was not God, such a command and such worship would have been blasphemous! (cf. Exodus 20:1-6) Whenever people attempted to worship either the apostles or angels, they were strongly rebuked and the action was immediately terminated (e.g. Acts 10:25-26; 14:13-15; Revelation 19:10). Yet Christ throughout the Gospels accepted such worship without any hesitation whatsoever. Why? **The obvious answer it seems to me is because Jesus Christ is God!**