

STUDY NUMBER EIGHT FOR NEW CHRISTIANS - THE DIETY OF CHRIST

1 Timothy 3:16

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: This study is basically for new Christians, however every Christian can benefit from studying about the diety of the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor, please use your own introduction as you feel led.

I. THE DIETY OF JESUS CHRIST IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

1. 1 Timothy 3:16 - God manifest in the flesh.
 - "Manifest" means to make visible, to uncover, to reveal.
2. Colossians 2:8-9 - In Jesus dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
 - "Fulness" means abundance, completion.

- Almost every false religion or belief stumbles on this basic truth. They will deny outright or diminish in some way the teaching that Jesus Christ is fully God in human flesh. The Scripture proves beyond doubt that the claims of Jesus Christ are true.

II. JESUS CLAIMED TO BE GOD

1. John 10:30-33 - "...I and my Father are one..."
2. John 14:6-9 - "...He that hath seen me hath seen the Father..."
3. John 8:56-59 - "...I AM..." (Exodus 3:13-14)

III. JESUS ACCEPTED WORSHIP DUE TO GOD ONLY

1. John 5:22-23 - equal honor to the Father and Son.
2. Matthew 4:9-10 - Jesus says God only to be worshiped.

IV. DIVINE ATTRIBUTES ASCRIBED TO JESUS

1. Omnipotence (all powerful)
 - Matthew 28:18 - All power given to Jesus.
 - Luke 4:33-36 - Power over demons
 - Luke 4:38-39 - Power over disease
 - Luke 7:11-16 - Power over death
 - Luke 8:22-25 - Power over nature
2. Immutability (unchanging)
 - Hebrews 13:8 - "...Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever..."
3. Eternally existent
 - Micah 5:2 - from everlasting
 - Isaiah 9:6 - called Everlasting Father
 - John 17:5 - shared glory with the Father before the world.

4. Omnipresence

- Matthew 18:20 - where two or three are gathered together.
- John 3:13 - Son of Man in heaven at the same time He is on earth.

V. DIVINE ACTIONS ASCRIBED TO JESUS

1. Creation

- John 1:1-3, 10
- Ephesians 3:9
- Colossians 1:13-17
- Hebrews 1:1-3

2. Judgment

- 2 Timothy 4:1

3. Forgiveness of sin

- Mark 2:5-12
- Ephesians 1:7

4. Gives eternal life

- John 10:27-28

VI. JESUS MUST BE GOD FOR SALVATION TO BE SURE

- Hosea 13:4 - there is no savior but God.

VII. JESUS IS THE ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE FIRST AND THE LAST

1. God the Father is given the same designation.

- Isaiah 44:6
- Revelation 1:7-8
- Revelation 22:12-13, 20
- There can be only ONE Alpha, ONE Omega.
 - There can be only ONE First, ONE Last.

2. If God the Father and Jesus Christ are both given the same titles, the only explanation has to be that they are the SAME person.

CONCLUSION:

1. Pastor, use your own concluding remarks, thoughts.