

JESUS, DIVINE AND ETERNAL

John 1:14; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 2:14-17

Introduction: Jesus was born, lived, suffered and died. Yet, unlike man, Jesus was eternally pre-existent. He was entirely sinless. His death was a sacrifice for the sins of the world and His divine power was seen in His resurrection and ascension. On His human side He had a human beginning, with Mary as His mother but caused by the Holy Spirit. On His divine side, He had no beginning for He existed from all eternity: (*Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." Galatians 4:4: "But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law."*) If Jesus Christ is God, He is eternal. If Jesus Christ is eternal, He is God! Somehow we tend to think of Jesus Christ as being more human than He is God.

I. THE SCRIPTURES STATE CLEARLY, JESUS CHRIST IS GOD AND ETERNAL

1. *John 1:1,2: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God."*
2. *Micah 5:2: "But thou, Bethlehem, Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."*
3. *Isaiah 7:14* affirms His virgin birth and gives Him the name "Immanuel" which means "God with us."
4. *Isaiah 9:6-7* reveals that Jesus was born a child yet was given as a Son and was called "the mighty God."
5. *John 8:48: "Jesus said, verily, verily I say unto you, before Abraham was, I am..."*
6. *John 17:5:* Jesus prayed "...and now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was..."
7. *Philippians 2:6-7* states that Christ was "in the form of God" before His incarnation.
8. *Colossians 1:15* declares that Jesus Christ was before all creation and was the creator, Himself and the express image of the invisible God.
9. *1 Timothy 3:16* declares Jesus Christ to be "God manifest in the flesh."
10. *Hebrews 1:2-3* also declares Jesus Christ, the Son of God to be creator and the image of God.
11. No one can deny that the scriptures declare Jesus Christ to be eternal and God.

II. THE SCRIPTURES ALSO IMPLY THAT JESUS CHRIST IS GOD AND ETERNAL

1. *John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:10* imply that the works of creation are attributed to Jesus Christ.
2. The Angel of Jehovah proves to be Jesus Christ as he appeared to Hagar, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua and to Manoah.
3. His titles indicate His eternalness: **"The Son of God, The Only Begotten Son, The First and the Last, The Alpha and Omega, The Lord, Lord of All, Lord of Glory, The Christ, Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Father of Eternity, God, God with Us, Our Great God and God Blessed Forever."**
4. Jesus Christ has the attributes of God: *John 1:4* - Life; *John 5:26* - self-existent; *Hebrews 13:8* - unchangeable (immutability); *John 14:6* - Truth; *1 John 3:16* - Love; *Hebrews 7:26* - Holiness; *Colossians 1:17* - Eternity; *Matthew 28:20* - omnipresence; *1 Corinthians 4:5* - omniscience; *Matthew 28:18* - omnipotence.
5. Jesus Christ is to be worshipped as God; *John 20:28; Acts 7:59-60; Hebrews 1:6*.

CONCLUSION:

1. Since Jesus Christ is God, He is eternal. If He is eternal, then He is God.
2. Jesus is not just a good man who has saved you (if you are saved), but He is also God.
3. If you deny Jesus Christ, you are denying God. If you reject Jesus Christ, you are rejecting God.
4. Jesus Christ is the Son of God and is Divine and Eternal.