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(Attribute #4) - Jesus Christ has the attribute of Omnipotence.

Omnipotence is the attribute of God that means God is unlimited in power. God has all power to do whatever He desires to do. This is an attribute that only God has and when we search the Scriptures, we learn that this is an attribute specifically found in Jesus Christ.

- 1) Isaiah 9:6 - A child would be born who would be called the “Mighty God.”
- 2) Matthew 28:18 - Jesus Christ said He had all the authority of God in heaven and on earth.
- 3) Luke 4:36 - Jesus Christ had all authority even over unclean demons.
- 4) Luke 7:7 - Even a non-Jew Gentile realized the Omnipotent power of Jesus Christ.
- 5) John 11:37-44 - Jesus displayed His Omnipotence so they would believe He was God.
- 6) Philippians 3:21 - Paul specifically says Jesus Christ is Omnipotent.
- 7) Hebrews 1:3 - Jesus Christ upholds all things by the word of His Omnipotent power.
- 8) Revelation 1:8 - Jesus Christ specifically identifies Himself as the Almighty Lord God.

Jesus Christ is God and His Omnipotence proves it.

(Attribute #5) - Jesus Christ has the attribute of immutability.

Immutability is the attribute of God that means God is not capable of change. This does not mean God does not move; it means God does not change. He cannot ever be more or less God at any time. Immutability is one of the great attributes of God (Malachi 3:6). One of the wonderful things that this attribute means is that God cannot ever change from being the God of His people, even if His people are not faithful (Malachi 3:6; II Timothy 2:13).

No created being has this attribute. We are in a constant state of change and flux. We may be more or less spiritual at any moment; God could not ever be like that. He is always the unchangeable God. Jesus Christ clearly has this attribute:

- 1) Hebrews 1:8-12 - This is a majestic statement that God the Father makes about Jesus Christ and He concludes it by saying the Son will in no way be changed, but will be the same.
- 2) Hebrews 13:8 - Here is a specific statement concerning Christ’s immutability. Carefully observe the amazing context of this in verses 5-6 and 10-12. Jesus Christ cannot ever change and desert His people and will always help His people, and His blood redeems His people so that they always have an eternal relationship with God that cannot be changed.

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When we analyze these attributes of God and realize that Jesus Christ did have these attributes, we must conclude that Jesus Christ is God. As Dr. Chafer said, "Each divine attribute belonging to Christ is an indisputable evidence that Christ is God..." (*Systematic Theology*, Vol. 5, p. 19).

Proof #3 - Jesus Christ holds the offices that are only held by God.

In the Scriptures, there are certain Divine offices that only God holds. No other being can be or will ever be elevated to these offices. These are Divine offices held by a Sovereign God. When we examine these offices we discover that these offices are held by Jesus Christ. This again is indisputable proof that Jesus Christ is God.

(Office #1) - Jesus Christ holds the Divine office of creator. John 1:3, 10; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2, 10

The first verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:1, gives the creator office to God. When we examine Genesis 1, it is clear that God created everything. When we look at verses pertaining to Jesus Christ, we discover that He is the creator. The only conclusion we may draw from this is that He is God. Dr. Chafer said that these verses pertaining to Jesus Christ prove, beyond any doubt, that "Christ is the Creator of all things" (*Ibid.*, p. 21).

(Office #2) - Jesus Christ holds the Divine office of preserver. Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3

There are many passages of Scripture that declare that God is the one who is the reason things exist. He is the One who gives life and sustains life (Acts 17:28; I Cor. 8:6; Job 33:4; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 135:6-7). When we look at passages pertaining to Jesus Christ that deal with this theme, what we discover is that Jesus Christ is the preserver. The entire universe is upheld, maintained and preserved by Jesus Christ. This again leads us to the conclusion that Jesus Christ is God.

Proof #4 - Jesus Christ has rights that are only afforded to Deity.

There are certain things in Scripture that only God has the right to do. If the Person has those rights, He is God.

(Right #1) - Jesus Christ has the right to forgive sin. Matt. 9:2, 6; Luke 5:24; 7:47-49; Col. 3:13

Dr. Chafer's remarks on this subject are valuable: "None on earth has either authority or right to forgive sin. None could forgive save the One against whom all have sinned. Since none but God can forgive sins, it is conclusively demonstrated that Christ, since He forgave sins, is God, and being God, is from everlasting" (*Ibid.*, p. 21).

(Right #2) - Jesus Christ has the right to execute all judgment. John 5:2, 27; Acts 17:31; II Cor. 5:10

Jesus Christ will judge all people. He will sit on the Throne of God and carry out this judgment for every single individual. To do this, He must be God and He is God.