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(Right #3) - Jesus Christ has the right to give life. John 1:4; 5:21, 26; 11:25-26; 14:6

Since we have already established that Jesus Christ holds the office of creator, we know that He certainly has the right and power to give physical life. It also may be observed that Jesus Christ has the right and power to grant spiritual life to any He desires. This prerogative of being the source of life and being able to give life, both physical and spiritual, is a prerogative that only belongs to God. Therefore, this proves Jesus Christ is God.

Proof #5 - Jesus Christ has a unique association with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

There are multiple passages that put Jesus Christ at the same level as God the Father.

- 1) Matthew 28:19 - Carefully observe the noun “name” is singular, not plural, indicating a coequality and a singularity in identity and in relationship.
- 2) John 10:30 - This statement clearly asserts that Jesus Christ is of the same character and essence as God the Father. The Jews clearly understood this point (John 10:31, 33). Jesus Christ is One with Jehovah. As Dr. Ryrie said they are “perfect unity in natures and actions” (*Basic Theology*, p. 249).
- 3) II Corinthians 13:14 - This text clearly demonstrates that all three members of the Trinity have a very special and very unique and coequal responsibility in regard to the believer and the church.
- 4) I Peter 1:2 - All three members of the Godhead are involved in salvation—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- 5) Revelation 1:4-5 - In this text, Jesus Christ is connected to the highest descriptive language ascribed to the Father and Spirit. In this context, the majority of verses discuss the work of Jesus Christ. When we remember that Revelation is a prophetic book, it is clear that both the Father and the Spirit want Christ’s work described in great and graphic detail. This alone establishes His deity.

Every one of these passages and many others put Jesus Christ on the same level with God the Father and God the Spirit. Truth is, there are passages of Scripture that put them on such a same level, that it is not certain which member of the Godhead is under discussion (Rev. 21:3-7: 22:3-4). One must conclude from texts like this that Jesus Christ is God.

Proof #6 - Jesus Christ has Divine Relationship and Reaction to worship.

When we examine the Biblical evidence, what we clearly see is that Jesus Christ receives the same worship, honor and glory that only God receives. This is clear evidence that Jesus Christ is God.

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(Fact #1) - Only God is to be worshipped, according to the Scriptures.

- 1) Exodus 34:14 - No other god is to be worshipped.
- 2) Isaiah 42:8 - God will not give His glory to another. Only He is God.
- 3) Revelation 22:9 - Heavenly beings testify that only God is to be worshipped.

(Fact #2) - Jesus Christ believed and taught only God was to be worshipped.

- 1) Matthew 4:10 - Jesus, Himself, told Satan only God is to be worshipped.

(Fact #3) - God the Father said Jesus Christ was to be worshipped.

- 1) Hebrews 1:6 - This is a statement about Jesus Christ made by God the Father. He demands that angels worship His Son.

(Fact #4) - Jesus Christ received and accepted worship.

- 1) Luke 24:52 - One of the things the disciples did after the resurrection was worship Jesus with great joy.
- 2) John 5:23 - Jesus Christ is to be honored and worshipped at the same level as God the Father and any who refuse to do this cannot honor and worship God.
- 3) John 20:28 - Jesus accepted the worship of Thomas who identified Jesus as his Lord and God.

(Fact #5) - Godly men in Scripture reject worship when they were worshipped.

- 1) Acts 10:25-26 - The Apostle Peter refused to allow anyone to worship him.
- 2) Acts 14:8-18 - Barnabas and Paul refused to permit anyone to view them as deity.

(Fact #6) - Godly angels in Scripture reject worship when they were worshipped.

- 1) Revelation 22:8-9 - This is one of the most important heavenly angels and he set the record straight about angels. Angels are servants of God and only God is to be worshipped.

All of these proofs taken individually and corporately absolutely prove beyond any shadow of doubt that Jesus Christ is God.