

Who is Christ? Lesson 3 – Jesus is Fully Divine

Introduction:

- Faith in the deity of Christ is _____ for being a Christian.
- In every century, the church has been forced to deal with people who claim to be Christians while _____ or _____ the deity of Christ.

1. Scripture directly _____ that Jesus is fully God.

A. The word “God” is used of Christ.

John 1.1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was **with** God, and the Word was God.*

John 20.28 *Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”*

Rom 9.5 *To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is **the Christ, who is God over all**, blessed forever. Amen.*

Titus 2.13 *waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of **our great God and Savior Jesus Christ***

2 Pet 1.1 *Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of **our God and Savior Jesus Christ***

Isa 9.6 *For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God**,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

B. The word “Lord” is used of Christ.

Matt 3.1–3 *In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,
“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”*

Isa 40.3 A voice cries:

*“In the wilderness prepare the way of the **LORD**;
make straight in the desert a highway for **our God**.”*

Matt 22.42–44 *“What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” 43 He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,*

44 *“**The Lord said to my Lord,**
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet””?*

Luke 2.11 *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who **is Christ the Lord**.*

1 Cor 8.6 *yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and **one Lord**, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.*

1 Cor 12.3 *Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “**Jesus is Lord**” except in the Holy Spirit.*

C. Jesus’ divine _____ are strong claims to His deity.

John 8.57–58 *So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I am.**”*

Ex 3.13–14 *Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” 14 God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.**” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘**I AM** has sent me to you.’”*

- **When the Jews heard Jesus use the name “I am” for Himself, they knew He was _____ to be God.**

John 8.59 *So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.*

Rev 22.13 *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.*

- Jesus' claim to be the Son of _____ is further evidence of His deity.

Matt 16.13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Dan 7.13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, **with the clouds of heaven** there came one like **a son of man**, and **he came to the Ancient of Days** and was presented before him.

Dan 7.14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

- Jesus was claiming to be of _____ origin.
- Jesus was claiming to be the eternal _____ of Israel.
- Jesus was claiming to be _____.

Matt 26.65–66 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. 66 What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death."

- Jesus' claim to be the Son of _____ is further evidence of His deity.
 - That title refers to Jesus as the heavenly, eternal Son who is _____ to God Himself.

Matt 17.5 "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Heb 1.1–3 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us **by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.** 3 **He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature,** and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

John 14.9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? **Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.** How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

John 5.22–23 The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 23 **that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father.** Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

2. Scripture provides clear _____ that Jesus is fully God.

A. Jesus possessed divine _____.

- Jesus made a storm to cease by only speaking to it in Matthew 8.26-27.
- Jesus multiplied a few loaves and fish to feed over 5,000 people in Matthew 14.19.
- Jesus changed water into wine in John 2.1-11.

B. Jesus possessed eternal _____.

- Jesus declared that He has always existed when He said, “I am” in John 8.58.
- Jesus declared that He was the “Alpha and the Omega” in Revelation 22.13.

C. Jesus possessed divine _____.

- Jesus knew people’s thoughts:

Mark 2.8 *And immediately Jesus, **perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves**, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts?”*

John 2.25 *and needed no one to bear witness about man, **for he himself knew what was in man.***

John 16.30 *Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”*

- Jesus knew beforehand who would and would not believe on Him:

John 6.64 *But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.)*

D. Jesus possessed divine _____.

Matt 18.20 *For where two or three are gathered in my name, **there am I among them.***

Matt 28.20b *And behold, **I am with you always**, to the end of the age.”*

E. Jesus possessed divine _____.

Jesus possessed the kind of authority that only God possesses.

- Jesus could forgive sins as in Mark 2.5-7.
- Jesus didn’t need to say, “Thus says the Lord”, He could say, “But I say to you” as in Matthew 5.22, 28, 32, 34, 39, 44.

F. Jesus is worthy to be _____.

Phil 2.9–11 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Heb 1.6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

3. Did Jesus give up some of His divine attributes when He became a man?

Phil 2.6–7 though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but **emptied himself**, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

- Jesus did not empty Himself of any of His divine _____.
- Jesus emptied Himself of _____ and _____ that were His in Heaven.

Phil 2.8 And being found in human form, **he humbled himself** by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

2 Cor 8.9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor**, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

4. Why was Jesus’ deity necessary?

A. Only an infinite Person could bear the infinite _____ of our sin.

B. Salvation is from _____.

Jonah 2.9b Salvation belongs to the LORD!

C. Only someone who was fully God could be the one _____ between God and man.

1 Tim 2.5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

Conclusion:

- The Bible affirms again and again that Jesus Christ is _____ divine.

Col 1.19 *For in him **all the fullness of God** was pleased to dwell,*

Col 2.9 *For in him **the whole fullness of deity** dwells bodily,*

Matt 1.23 *“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name **Immanuel**”
(which means, **God with us**).*

- If Jesus is not fully God, then we have no _____ and ultimately no Christianity.

1 John 2.23 *No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.*