

Lesson 1. The Preexistence and Deity of Jesus Christ

The Preexistence of Jesus Christ

➤ Jesus existed before He was born in Bethlehem.

📖 *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being." (John 1:1-3)*

I. What characteristic of Jesus is given in the following verses?

- Micah 5:2; Hebrews 13:8; Isaiah 9:6

II. According to the following verses, what did Jesus do that would indicate He existed before His birth?

- John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:1-2

III. How is the presence of Jesus seen in Old Testament times?

- 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
- "The _____ of the Lord"

IV. How do the following verses indicate the preexistence of Jesus?

- John 3:13, 31; 6:33, 35, 42, 50-51, 62; 8:23

V. Who proclaims the preexistence of Jesus in the following verse?

- John 1:15, 30

Was this person born before or after Jesus?

VI. How did Jesus proclaim His own preexistence in the following verses?

- John 8:58; compare Exodus 3:14
- John 17:5

Jesus is God! The Deity of Jesus Christ

"In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form." Colossians 2:9

I. Jesus Christ is directly identified as God.

Several New Testament passages simply declare that Jesus Christ is God.

John 1:1, 14	Titus 2:13
John 20:28	Hebrews 1:8, 9
Romans 9:5	II Peter 1:1
Philippians 2:6, 9-11	I John 5:20
Colossians 2:9	Hebrews 1:3
Also see Matthew 1:23 and Isaiah 9:6	

II. Jesus Christ claimed to be God.

Those who heard Jesus recognized that he claimed to be God.

<u>The claim of Jesus</u>	<u>The response of the people</u>
John 5:17	John 5:18
John 8:56-58	John 8:59
John 10:25-30	John 10:31-33
Matthew 26:63, 64 (Daniel 7:13, 14)	Matthew 26:65

III. Jesus Christ has the attributes of God.

A. Sovereign	John 5:21; 10:18; Matthew 28:18; Revelation 17:14; 19:16
B. Omnipotent (all-powerful)	Colossians 1:16, 17; Revelation 1:8
C. Omniscient (all-knowing)	John 2:24, 25; 4:29; 18:4; 21:7; Mathew 9:4; Colossians 2:3
D. Omnipresent (present everywhere)	Matthew 28:20; 18:20; Ephesians 1:23; Colossians 3:11
E. Eternal	John 1:1-4; Micah 5:2; John 8:58; Isaiah 9:6
F. Glory	Isaiah 42:8 compared with John 17:5

IV. Jesus is identified by the names and titles of God.

	God	Jesus Christ
A.	Jehovah ("I AM") Exodus 3:14 Isaiah 43:10	John 8:24, 58; 18:4-6 Mark 14:62; John 4:26
B.	God (Elohim / Theos) Genesis 1:1 Deuteronomy 6:4	Isaiah 7:14; 9:6
C.	Immanuel ("God with us")	Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 7:14
D.	Lord (Adonai / Kurios) Isaiah 45:23	Philippians 2:10, 11
E.	Alpha and Omega (First and Last) Isaiah 41:4; 44:6 Revelation 1:8	Isaiah 48:12, 16 Revelation 1:17, 18; 2:8; 22:12-16
F.	Creator Genesis 1:1	John 1:2, 3, 10 Colossians 1:16, 17 Hebrews 1:2-3, 10
G.	Light I John 1:5 Psalm 27:1	John 1:4, 9; 8:12; 9:5
H.	Savior Isaiah 43:11 Titus 1:3	Titus 1:4; 2:13 Matthew 1:21 John 4:42
I.	Rock Deuteronomy 32:3, 4 Psalm 89:26 Isaiah 44:8	I Corinthians 10:1-4
J.	King of Kings Psalm 95:3 I Timothy 6:14-16	Revelation 17:14; 19:16

V. Old Testament passages speaking of God are quoted and applied to Jesus in the New Testament.

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
A.	Creator Psalm 102:24-26	Hebrews 1:10-12, 8
B.	"Prepare the way of the Lord" Isaiah 40:3, 4 (Yahweh, Elohim)	Matthew 3:1-3; Luke 3:3-6 (Lord, Jesus Christ)

VI. Jesus Christ fulfills relationships that God is said to have with His people.

A. He is our redeemer.

GOD	JESUS CHRIST
Psalms 130:7, 8 Isaiah 48:17	Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14 Hebrews 9:12; Acts 20:28

B. He is the Lord our Righteousness.

GOD	JESUS CHRIST
Isaiah 45:22-25	Romans 3:21, 22; I Corinthians 1:30; II Corinthians 5:21; Jeremiah 23:5, 6

C. He is the Husband.

GOD	JESUS CHRIST
Isaiah 54:5 Hosea 2:16	Mark 2:18, 19; Ephesians 5:25-32 Revelation 21:2, 9

D. He is our Shepherd.

GOD	JESUS CHRIST
Psalms 23:1; 80:1	I Peter 2:25; 5:4 John 10:11, 16 Hebrews 13:20, 21

VII. Jesus Christ does things only God can do.

A. He created and sustains the world.

John 1:2, 3, 10; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:2-3

B. He forgives sin.

Mark 2:5-12; Acts 26:18

C. He gives eternal life.

John 14:6; 5:21; 10:28; 11:25

D. He will judge the living and the dead.

John 5:22, 27; Acts 10:42; 17:31; II Timothy 4:1, 8; II Corinthians 5:10

VIII. Jesus Christ accepted worship.

A. No being other than God is to be the object of worship.

Matthew 4:10;

Revelation 19:10; 22:8, 9 (Angels are not to be worshipped.)

B. Jesus Christ received worship!

John 9:35-38; 20:28; Matthew 14:33

Philippians 2:9-11 "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow"

Hebrews 1:6 "Let all the angels of God worship Him."