IS JESUS CHRIST GOD?

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

<u>1John 5.7</u>

Many cults and sects like the Jehovah's Witnesses, Christadelphians and Mormons, claim Jesus Christ is not God, but He was a created being but not the Creator. These

cults won't have the King James Version as their final authority but insist on their own

traditions and other writings.

"Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition..

"Mark7:13

Now Buddha is not essential to Buddhism or Mohammed to Islam but the person of Jesus Christ, as God, is essential to Christianity.

Jesus is Christianity!

God had to satisfy the breaking of His laws with His own righteousness.

He couldn't have done it with a created

the form of Jesus Christ.

being, it had to be Himself - in

We'll look at all the Scriptures that prove beyond all doubt, that Jesus Christ is God

"In the beginning was the Word, and the

Word was with God, and the Word was

God ...And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..." John1:1,14

"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne,

O God, is for ever and ever..." Hebrews 1:8

THESE POINTS SHOULD HELP YOU DISPROVE THE THEORY THAT JESUS ISN'T GOD

- 1. If Christ isn't God He shouldn't have accepted the worship of Thomas (John 20:28). Jesus would have been lying by pretending to be God.
- 2. The Jews killed Jesus said he was God. John 5:18 "God was His Father... equal with God."
- 3. If Jesus isn't God why does Scripture give him equal status in the creation of the universe? (Genesis 1:1 and Col 1:16)
- 4. If Jesus isn't God, how come He can forgive sins God forgives sins. Matt 9:6.
- 5. Why did He teach that all men should worship Him as they do the Father?

John 5:20-23 - this would be blasphemy.

THE THREE PERSONS OF THE TRINITY

The following chart shows some of the names and attributes used by the Scriptures to describe the three members of the Trinity.

To ascribe any of these names to anyone but God would be blasphemous.

The Scriptures clearly show that the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy

Spirit to be all one and the same - one God yet three distinct Persons.

	Father	Jesus Christ	Holy Spirit
Omnipresent	Matt 19:26	Matt 28:18	Ps 139:7
Called God	1Peter 1:2	John 20:28	Acts 5:3,4

Almighty	Gen 17:1	Rev 1:8	Rom 15:19
Eternal	Ps 90:2	Micah 5:2	Heb 9:14
Omniscient	Rom11:33	Matt 9:4	1Cor2:10
Truth	<u>John 7:28</u>	Rev 3:7	<u>1John 5:6</u>
omnipotent	<u>1Peter 1:5</u>	Matt 28:18	Rom 15:19
Holy	Rev 15:4	Acts 3:14	John16:7-14
Lord	Rom 10:12		2Cor 3:17
		LUKE2:11	
Powerful	<u>Jer 32:17</u>	Heb 1:3	
			<u>Luke1:35</u>

A COMPARISON OF JEHOVAH and JESUS

The Jehovah's Witnesses deny that Jehovah or God of the Old Testament is Jesus Christ of the New Testament. The following chart shows some names and attributes of Jehovah or God that the Bible also uses to describe Jesus Christ. To ascribe these names or powers to anyone but God would be blasphemous, yet the Bible clearly ascribes all of them to Jesus Christ.

These Scriptures point to Jesus and Jehovah as being one and the same the great "I AM"

Used of God	Description	Used of Jesus
Exodus 3:14	"I AM"	<u>John 8:58</u>
Genesis 1:1	God	<u>Titus 2:13</u>
<u>lsaiah 48:12</u>	Alpha & Omega	Rev 1:17-18
<u>lsaiah 45:23</u>	Lord	Philip 2:10,11
<u>lsaiah 43:11</u>	Saviour	<u>John 4:42</u>
<u>lsaiah 43:15</u>	King	Rev 19:16
Genesis 18:25	Judge	<u>2 Cor 5:10</u>
Psalm 27:1	Light	<u>John 8:12</u>
Deut 32:3,4	Rock	1 Cor 10:3,4
<u>Isaiah 48:17</u>	Redeemer	Ephesians 1:7
<u>Isaiah 45:24</u>	Our Righteousness	Romans 3:21,22
<u>Isaiah 54:5</u>	Husband	2 Cor 11: 2
Psalm 23:1	Shepherd	John 10:11-16
<u>Isaiah 44:24</u>	Creator	Colossians 1:16
Deut 32:39	Giver of Life	<u>John 5:21</u>
Daniel 9:9	Forgiver of Sin	Mark 2:1-12
Exodus 15:26	Lord our Healer	Acts 9:34
Psalm139:7-12	Omnipresent	Matt 28:19-20

1 Kings 8:39	Omniscient	<u>John 16:30</u>
<u>Isaiah 40:10-31</u>	Omnipotent	Mark 1:29-34
Genesis 1:1	Pre-existent	<u>John 17:5</u>
Psalm102:26-27	Eternal	Isaiah 9:6
Malachi 3:6	Immutable	Hebrews 13:8
<u>John 4:24</u>	Receiver of worship	Matthew 28:9

ANCIENT HERESIES REVIVED

<u>JW's, Mormons</u> and <u>Christadelphians</u> are nothing but the revived heresies of the first few centuries: <u>Arianism</u> (denied the full deity of Christ;) <u>Apollinarianism</u> (denied the full humanity of Christ); <u>Nestorianism</u> (denied the union of the two natures); <u>Eutycheanism</u> (denied the distinction of the two natures). <u>THE ATHANASIAN CREED</u>, compiled by the church fathers in the early centuries settled the Deity issues, is as follows:

"We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity In unity; Neither confounding the Persons: nor dividing the substance.

For there is one Person of the Father: another of the Son: and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one: the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is: such is the Son: and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father uncreated: the Son uncreated: and the Holy Ghost uncreated. The Father Incomprehensible: the Son Incomprehensible: and the Holy Ghost Incomprehensible. The Father eternal: the Son eternal: and the Holy Ghost eternal. And yet they are not three eternals: but one eternal. As also there are not three uncreated: nor three incomprehnsibles, but one uncreated and one incomprehensible. So likewise the Father is Almighty: the Son Almighty: and the Holy Ghost Almighty. And yet they are not three Almighties: but one Almighty. So the Father is God: the Son is God: and the Holy Ghost Is God. And yet they are not three Gods: but one God. So likewise the Father is Lord: the Son Lord: and the Holy Ghost Lord. And yet not three Lords: but one Lord. For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity (truth): to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord: So we are forbidden to say, There are three Gods, or three Lords. The Father is made of none: neither created, nor begotten. The Son Is of the Father alone: not made, not created: but begotten. The Holy Ghost Is of the Father and of the Son: neither made, nor created, nor begotten: but proceeding. So there is one Father, not three Fathers: one Son, not three Sons: one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts. And in this Trinity none is afore, or after another, none is greater, or less than the another. But the whole three Persons are coeternal and coequal. So that in all things as aforesaid: the unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshipped. He therefore that will be saved, must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore it is necessary to everlasting salvation: that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man; God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds: and Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world. Perfect God: and perfect man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting. Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead: and inferior to the Father as touching his Manhood. Who although he be God and Man; yet he is not two, but one Christ. One, not by the conversion of the Godhead into flesh: but by taking of the Manhood into God. One altogether, not by confusion of Substance: but by unity of person. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man: so God and Man is one Christ."

A VERY THOROUGH STATEMENT OF THE DEITY OF CHRIST, GOD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

JESUS CHRIST IS GOD. 1. Both are referred to as the: "FIRST AND THE LAST" GOD: "...I am the first, I also am the last." **Isaiah 48:12** "I am the first, and I am the last... " Isaiah 44:6 JESUS: "...the first and the last..." Revelation 2:8 "...I am the first and the last..." Rev 1:17 2. "ALPHA AND OMEGA" and "THE BEGINNING AND THE END" GOD: "...I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end..." Revelation 21:6 **JESUS:** "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end...." Revelation "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending..." **Revelation 1:8**

MORE PROOF?

For example take the verse in <u>Titus 2:13</u>: "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ"

This of course refers to the Rapture when Jesus will come back for those who believe

in Him by faith alone. The critics argue that this refers to two people coming "the great God" and "our Saviour Jesus Christ". They say that these are not one and the same person.

When this argument was put forward, a certain rule of Greek grammar was still undiscovered. An expert in Greek grammar, <u>Mr Granville-Sharpe</u>, discovered the following Greek grammatical rule in the late 18th century:

"When there are two nouns in the same case connected by "and", with the first noun having the definite article "the" and the second noun not having the article, the second noun refers to the same thing the first noun does and is a further description of it." Case proven! "the great God" is the same person as "our Saviour Jesus Christ" God's word is always true. "...Professing themselves to be wise they became fools..."Romans 1:22

WANT MORE?

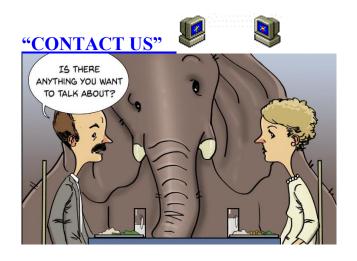
"But <u>unto the Son</u> he saith, Thy Throne, O <u>God</u>, is for ever and ever ..." <u>Hebrews 1:8</u> (God is talking to Jesus Christ)

Could you imagine that God would call anyone God if they weren't? Was God lying? Here we have God talking to God, this is God the Father addressing God the Son. One God but three Persons (including the Holy Spirit).

Anyone who refuses to see that Jesus Christ is God and that the Holy Spirit is God is either:

- 1. Willingly ignorantor
- 2. A cunning deceiver.

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