

Jesus Christ is God

**“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.”**

(John 1:1, NKJV)

Christians throughout the ages have held fast to the doctrine of the Deity of Jesus Christ. It is an essential teaching of the Christian faith. Since nobody can come to the Father except through the Son, it is an essential truth you must believe to be saved (John 14:6). The Bible consistently teaches that Jesus Christ is in fact God, and not just a man or an angel. Let us look at some of the proofs found in Scripture.

- 1) Jesus is the Creator. Genesis 1:1 teaches that God is the Creator. Colossians 1:16 teaches that “all things were created through Him and for Him”. The writer of Hebrews tells us that God the Father affirms that Jesus “in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth” (Hebrews 1:10).
- 2) Jesus is eternal. By definition only God can be eternal (Psalm 90:2; 1 Timothy 1:17). John 1:1-18 speaks of the eternal Son of God who was there in the beginning. He will be there forever too. The Bible also says that His “years will not fail” (Hebrews 1:12).
3. Jesus has the essential nature of divinity. “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily” (Colossians 2:9). This means that the divine nature exists in Christ, and He is therefore God. Jesus Christ is a partaker of the same nature as God the Father in the most complete sense, equal with God, and possessing all of the divine attributes (John 10:30; Philippians 2:6). It was necessary for Him to lay aside certain attributes such as omnipresence (being all places at all times) during His Incarnation, but Jesus never ceased being God at any time. He was always God, became the ‘God-Man’, and ascended to the Father to resume His work as the Second Person of the Godhead forevermore (Ephesians 4:8-10).

4. Jesus Christ has the authority to forgive sins. Only God can forgive sins (Luke 5:20-24; Psalm 103:12). Therefore, Jesus must be God.

5. Jesus Christ is sinless (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22). Since only God is without sin, Jesus must be God. This also qualifies Him to redeem and justify sinners (Romans 3:23-24).

6. Jesus accepted worship (Matthew 28:9; John 20:28-29). No man or angel would ever accept worship.

7. Jesus had the power to raise Himself up from the dead. He claimed this for Himself and He did indeed prove all of His claims by His Resurrection from the dead (John 2:18-22; Romans 1:4; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7).

The question remains for you. What do you believe about Jesus Christ? Consider these things seriously. Look up these Scriptures in your Bible. May God bless your precious soul.