

The Divinity of Christ

Hebrews, A Book of Better Things

Christ is God:

In the following verse, the Father declares Christ as God.

Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. 9) Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Paul is referring to the prophecy found in the verse below.

Psalms 45:6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. 7) Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

In Hebrews 3:4, we read "He that built all things is God."

Hebrews 3:4 For every house is builded by some man; but He that built all things is God.

The Scriptures reveal that God through Christ created all things and nothing was created that He did not create. Therefore, Christ the Creator is God.

1Corinthians 8:6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him.

Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: 14) In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15) Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16) For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him:

The prophecies regarding the birth of Christ refer to Him as God.

Matthew 1:22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 3) Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

John the Baptist called Christ "the Lord." Isaiah prophesied that John would "make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Therefore Christ the Lord is God.

John 1:23 He [John the Baptist] said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaiás.

Isaiah 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Only God can forgive sins.

Mark 2:3 And they come unto Him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. 4) And when they could not come nigh unto Him for the press, they uncovered the roof where He was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. 5) When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. 6) But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, 7) Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? 8) And immediately when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, He said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? 9) Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? 10) But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (He saith to the sick of the palsy,) 11) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

The disciple John wrote concerning Christ declaring Him to be the Word, and the Word was God.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2) The same was in the beginning with God. ... 14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Paul in his letters, stated that Christ was God "manifest in the flesh."

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Romans 9:5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

In speaking of Christ's coming, Paul again refers to Christ as God.

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

The high priest recognized that Christ claimed to be "the Son of Man" whose kingdom would be the everlasting kingdom as recorded in Daniel 7.

Mark 14:60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? 61) But He held His peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, and said unto Him, Art thou the Christ,

the Son of the Blessed? 62) And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. 63) Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? 64) Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned Him to be guilty of death.

Daniel 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him. 14) And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

John the Revelator tells us that the "Alpha and Omega" would be our God and set up His tabernacle with us in the earth made new.

Revelation 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4) And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5) And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6) And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7) He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Christ, the express image of God:

Not only was Christ declared to be God, He is declared to be "the express image" or character of God, the Father.

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of His [the Father's] glory, [character] and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4) Being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Paul also states that in Christ, "the fulness of the Godhead" dwells.

Colossians 2:9 For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Christ Himself declared that He and His Father were one.

John 10:30 I and my Father are one.

John 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works. 11) Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Even though Christ realized that He was one with His Father, He decided not to hang on to His position as God, but chose to become one with humanity, revealing the glorious character of the Father in hopes of saving those He created who had been separated from Him by their sin.

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 6) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7) But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8) And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Christ returns with the glory which He had before the world began.

John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works.

Christ, the Son of God:

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2) Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds;

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon, apparently from the witness of Daniel, recognized "the Son of God." What we can glean from this early account, is that even before Christ was born a human, He was called the Son of God.

Daniel 3:25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

An angel appeared unto Mary revealing to her that she would bear the Son of God. Mary must have been very spiritual and privileged.

Luke 1:34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35) And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that Holy Thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Christ admitted to being the Son of God:

Matthew records the chief priests, scribes and elders stated that Christ claimed to be the Son of God.

Matthew 27:41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking Him, with the scribes and elders, said, 42) He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. 43) He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him: for He said, I am the Son of God.

In the following verse, Christ admits to saying, "I am the Son of God."

John 10:36 Say ye of Him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

Those who believe in the Son of God have eternal life:

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.

1John 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

1John 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

He that overcometh the world does not love the world.

1John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

If we believe that if Christ is in us, we can overcome the world.

Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

1John 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son.

1John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

13) These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

1John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

If we believe in the Son of God, there will be evidence in our lives.

1John 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

1John 3:23 And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

Those who don't believe that Christ is the Son of God are condemned:

Grace, being the character of God revealed in His Son, is the power to overcome and keep His commandments of love; love to God, and love to our neighbor. To truly believe is to be living in the truth.

Hebrews 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant,

wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

1John 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17) For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. 18) He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23) Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

Life eternal comes from knowing God and His Son:

To know God and His Son is life eternal.

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

That "knowing" is not just believing that Christ is the Son of God, but it involves a personal intimate relationship with Christ as our heavenly Husband. We are to become one with Him, and when we do, we will be changed into His likeness from character to character, for beholding, we become changed.

2Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Paul speaks of this intimate relationship between Christ and His church in the passage below.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; 26) That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27) That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28) So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He) that loveth his wife loveth himself. 29) For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: 30) For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. 31) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32) This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

God has provided every way for us to be changed into His image, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Ephesians 4:11 And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 3) Till we all come in the unity of the faith,

and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

2Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Christ the "I Am:"

Christ referred to Himself as the "I am."

John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

John 13:13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

In the following verse we discover that "I am" is "the Almighty God."

Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

In answering the unbelief of the Sadducees in the resurrection of the dead, Christ referred to Exodus 3:2 where "I am That I Am" refers to the Angel of the Lord as well as to "God."

Exodus 3:2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared unto him [Moses] in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. ... 14) And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Mark 12:26 And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?

Matthew 22:31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, 32) I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

We find Paul declaring that the "God" referred to in the Old Testament Scriptures was Christ.

1Corinthians 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2) And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3) And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4) And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Christ also revealed that it was He the Scriptures referred to. The only Scriptures available at that time was the Old Testament.

John 5:39 Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. ... 45) Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that

accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. 46) For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

Stephen, recounting Israel's history before he was stoned, addressed his brethren calling the "Angel of the Lord," "Lord," as well as "the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." ,

Acts 7:30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an Angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush. 31) When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him, 32) Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.

Christ declared that He was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The following verses reveal that "the Man" Jacob wrested with, was God Almighty.

Genesis 35:10 And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and He called his name Israel. 11) And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

Genesis 32:24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a Man with him until the breaking of the day.

Genesis 32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.