

Foundations - The Deity of Christ

Statement of Faith: We believe in One God who reveals Himself in Three persons. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

This is the central doctrine of the true church. Every cult rejects this doctrine.

I) The Deity of Jesus Christ

A) This is the doctrine that Jesus Christ is very much God. He was more than just man, though he was all man. He is higher than the angels as declared in Hebrews. He is called God in scripture, which He doesn't deny. He is worshipped in scripture as God, which He doesn't reject. His birth name is "Emmanuel" which means God with us. He is 100% God. He is 100% man.

B) Old Testament Proof

1) 3 main names of God in the Old Testament.

- a) Elohim – "God"
- b) Jehovah – "LORD" all capitals
- c) Adonai – "Lord"

2) If Jesus Christ can be proven to be all of these names, and more, then He can be declared as no less than God.

a) **Elohim – God** - Genesis 1:1 In the beginning **God** (Elohim) created the heaven and the earth.

i) John 1:1-2 (Creator) In the beginning was the **Word (Jesus)**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word was God.** The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by Him,** and without Him was not anything made that was made. John 1:14 **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.

ii) Col. 1:15-18 Who (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 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:** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

iii) I 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.

iv) IF the Old Testament declares God to be the Creator and the New Testament declares Christ to be the Creator, what must we conclude concerning Christ?

v) Dt. 6:4-5 (Worship)

vi) Mt. 28:9

What is Mary's response to Jesus?

What is Jesus declaring by accepting worship?

vii) John 12:39-45 “when Isaiah saw Him in the temple.”

viii) If Jesus were anything less than God, would the scriptures be dishonest in the declarations that it makes concerning Him?

In your own words, what do you think that the scriptures are saying concerning Christ?

b) **LORD-Jehovah** – Isa. 40:3-5 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. ⁴ Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: ⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

i) Luke 1:17 ¹⁷ And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

ii) Mt. 3:3 ³ For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

iii) Who does the Old Testament declare that a way would be prepared for? Who does John the Baptist prepare the way for in the New Testament? What must we conclude from these scriptures?

c) **Lord – Adonai** – Isaiah 6:1-8 In the year that King Uziah died, I saw the Lord high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. ² Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered His feet, and with twain he did fly. ³ And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory. ⁴ And the posts of the door moved at the voice of Him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. ⁶ Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: ⁷ And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. ⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

i) John 12:39-45 Jesus refers to Himself as the One who Isaiah saw. In the passage, Isaiah refers to the One he is seeing as both Adonai and Jehovah.

ii) Based upon this, who do we have to conclude that Jesus is?

d) **Almighty** – Gen 17:1, Ruth 1:20-21, Ps 91:1 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.

i) Rev. 1:7-8, 17-18 ⁷ Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail

- because of Him. Even so, Amen. 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. ¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: ¹⁸ I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.
- ii) Rev 15:3 ³ And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints.
- iii) Rev. 16:5-7 ⁵ And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because Thou hast judged thus. ⁶ For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. ⁷ And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Thy judgments.
- iv) Jesus is clearly called **the Almighty, and not just the Almighty, but THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY**, in the passages you have just read. If God is declared to be **the** Almighty, not an Almighty, and Jesus is declared to be **the** Almighty, what must we again conclude concerning Christ?
- e) **Holy One** – Isa. 1:4 ⁴ Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Isa. 5:19 ¹⁹ That say, Let Him make speed, and hasten His work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it! cf.) Mark 1:24 ²⁴ “Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with Thee, Thou Jesus of Nazareth? art Thou come to destroy us? I know thee who Thou art, the Holy One of God.” - Can there be **two Holy ones**?
- f) **The Mighty God** – Isa 9:6 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.” - Who was the “Son given”. What does the Scripture call Him in this passage in Isaiah?
- g) **The Everlasting Father** – Isa. 9:6 (look above) This is an irrefutable statement. The child born, the son given, is declared to be the Everlasting Father. How can we conclude anything less than the deity of Jesus Christ?

C) New Testament Proof

1) Jesus is called God

- a) Mt. 1:23
- b) John 20:27-29 ²⁷ Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. ²⁸ And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God. ²⁹ Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.
- c) 1 Tim 3:16 Great is the mystery of godliness. God was manifest in the flesh.

d) Heb 1:8 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.

2) Jesus is called "The Lord"

a) John 20:27-29

b) John 1:23

c) John 9:38 ³⁸ And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. (Formerly blind man)

d) John 12:37-41

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

f) John 20:2,13,18,25

g) John 21:7,12 ¹² Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

h) Acts 2:36 ³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

3) Worship is attributed to Christ

a) Mt 2:11 (Wise men)

b) Mt. 8:2 (Leper)

c) Mt 9:18 (Ruler)

d) Mt 14:33 (Disciples)

e) Mt 15:25 (Syrophenician woman)

f) Mt 28:9 (Mary Magdalene, other Mary)

g) Mt 28:17 (11 disciples except Thomas)

h) John 20:28 (Thomas)

i) Mark 5:6 (Demons)

j) John 9:38 (blind man)

k) Acts 10:25-26 (Look how Peter responded to Worship)

l) Rev 19:10 (Look how Angel responds to Worship)

m) Rev 5:14 (the 24 elders of Revelations)

n) Rev 3:9 (God vowing that every person will worship Christ) cf. Phil. 2:10 - 11

o) Rev 4:10 - 11 (the 24 elders again worship Him)

4) Jesus attributes to Himself Deity

a) John 14:8-9 ⁸ Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

⁹ Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?

5) God calls Jesus God

a) Hebrews 1:8 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.

After reading these scriptures, who do you say that Jesus is?

D) Jesus has the qualities of God.

1) He is the Healer – Jehovah Jireh

2) He is ever present – Jehovah Shamah

3) He is our Righteousness – Jehovah Tsidkenu

4) He is our Shepherd – Jehovah Raah

- 5) He is our Defender – Jehovah Nissi
- 6) He is our Peace – Jehovah Shalom
- 7) He is our Leader and brings angels with Him – Jehovah Sabaoth (LORD of hosts)
- 8) He is our Sanctifier – Jehovah Mekoddishkem
- 9) He is the One who sees us – El Roi
- 10) Etc....

E) He has all the attributes of God.

- 1) Omnipresent
- 2) Omnipotent
- 3) Omniscient
- 4) Immutable
- 5) Eternal

F) Why is this important to the believer?

- 1) Understanding who lives inside.
 - a) God – The Powerful One. The Creator. The Sovereign One. Nothing and no one is outside His control. Daniel 4:[34](#)“But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom *endures* from generation to generation. [35](#)“All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And *among* the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’”
 - b) Yahweh/Jehovah – Personal Name through which He shows Himself strong on the behalf of those who follow Him and look to Him. (II Chronicles 16:9) As Jehovah Rohi, He is our Shepherd (cf. John 10). As Jehovah Shalom, He is our Peace (cf. Ephesians 2:14). As Jehovah Tsidkenu, He is our Righteousness (cf. Romans 10:1-3). As Jehovah Jireh, He is our Provider (cf. Matthew 28:17 – 20). As Jehovah Rapha, He is our Healer (cf. the life and ministry of Christ). As Jehovah Nissi, He is our Banner or Shield (cf. Ephesians 6:10 ff, Christ Himself is our armor). As Jehovah Shamanh, He is always present (Hebrews 13:5-6). These are but a few of God’s compound names. This is but an inkling of all He is in us, through us, and for us.
 - c) In times of trouble, discouragement, and doubt – Romans 8:31-39. “If God be for us, who can be against us?... Who can lay any charge against God’s children? ... Who can separate us from God?”
 - d) Understand the Deity of the Holy Spirit and the reason He resides within us and the power that can potentially work through us as we learn to yield ourselves to Him and live through His workings and not our own. (John 13 – 15)

- e) The coming King of kings and LORD of lords (Revelation 20) and why that is important to the believer.
 - f) Understand His role in your life today.
- 2) Understanding that He has no power to forgive unless He is God.
 - a) Only the One who is violated has the power to forgive the violation, and since all sin is against God (Read Psalms 51), the only way Jesus can forgive sins is if He is God.
 - 3) He has no power to redeem us if He is less than God. God is declared to be the redeemer in multiple places in the Old Testament, but only as a man can He redeem, for it is He who has set forth the law of the Kinsman Redeemer, simply stating that only a kinsman can pay the ransom debt owed by another. Unless God were human, He has no ability to be a kinsman and no ability to pay the debt required, death.
 - 4) He has no ability to understand us unless He took upon Himself the weaknesses and frailties of humanity, making Himself fully subject to the curse of the law. In such a state, He can fully relate, as our Great High Priest, to everything we face and endure.
 - 5) Only in becoming man can He show us the fulness of the potential that lies within each of us who have His Spirit residing within. Being Godlike is no longer a myth and impossibility. It is now real and attainable through His Spirit who dwells in us.

II) The Humanity of Christ

- A) We must not neglect that Jesus Christ was humanity – 100% Man – some have said he was 50% God – 50% man. This is incorrect. He is 100% God, 100% Man.
- B) As man – 1 Tim 2:5-6
 - 1) He can be touched by man's struggles (Heb 4:15-16)
 - 2) He suffered as man and consequently understood suffering (Isa. 53:1-6)
 - 3) He alone can stand in the gap
 - a) Son of God (as the Son of God, he can touch God).
 - b) Son of Man (as the Son of Man he can touch man).
 - 4) He had all the natural weaknesses of humanity
 - 5) Phil 2:1-11. He became the lowest of men.
 - a) He rode another's ass at another's house. There he was betrayed because of another's jealousy and stood in another's palace. He then was chosen to bear another's cross and was temporarily clothed with another's garment. He died for another, was buried in another's grave – and yet he owned it all.

Why is it important that Jesus Christ became man?
- C) Attributes of Christ
 - 1) Sustainer
 - a) John 6:35 I am the bread of life.
 - b) John 6:48 I am the bread of life.
 - c) John 6:51 I am the living bread
 - 2) Illuminator

- a) John 8:12 I am the light of the world.
 - b) John 9:5 I am the light of the world.
 - 3) Access
 - a) John 10:7 I am the door of the sheep.
 - b) John 10:9 I am the door.
 - 4) Protector, provider, guide
 - a) John 10:11 I am the good shepherd.
 - b) John 10:14 I am the good shepherd.
 - 5) Son of God
 - a) John 10:36 I am the Son of God.
 - 6) Hope
 - a) John 11:25 I am the resurrection and the life.
 - b) John 13:13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.
 - 7) Direction
 - a) John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life
 - 8) Source
 - a) John 15:1 I am the true vine
 - b) John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches
- How can these attributes of Jesus relate to you today?

II) (John 14:6) Way: a road, a progress (the route, act, distance) Figuratively it means a mode or a means, consequently denoting the vehicle.

- a) Mt 7:13-14 Broad and narrow
- b) Mt 22:16 The way of God
- c) Mk 1:3 The way of the LORD
- d) 1 Cor 12:31 and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way
- e) Heb 9:8 that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest
- f) Heb 10:20 A new and living way
- g) 2 Pet 2:2 the way of truth shall be evil spoken of
- h) 2 Pet 2:15 Which have forsaken the right way

III) Truth

- a) Mt 22:16 And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.
- b) John 1:14, 17 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. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ
- c) John 4:23-24 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
- d) John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
- e) John 8:44 Contrast with Satan “no truth in him” Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and

abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

- f) John 15:16 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:
- g) John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
- h) John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
- i) John 18:37 Comprehension of truth is spiritual. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

IV) Life- Mentioned 1.5 times more by John than other Gospels combined

- a) John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- b) John 3:36 He that believeth...hath everlasting life
- c) John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life
- d) John 5:24-29 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.
- e) John 5:39-40 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.
- f) John 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world
- g) John 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
- h) John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.
- i) John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
- j) John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand
- k) John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

- l) 1 John 1:1-2 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
- m) 1 John 5:11-13 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 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. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
- n) 1 John 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.

As you have considered Jesus in the scriptures you have read, in your own words write Jesus a letter from your heart thanking him.