

The Deity & Eternal Sonship of Christ

The deity or divine nature of the Lord Jesus is absolutely fundamental to the Christian faith - a truth that cannot be compromised. True Biblical Christianity demands acknowledgement of the deity of Christ.

New Testament writers consistently emphasise the essential deity of Christ.

Matthew 1v23 - **INCARNATION** of deity
John 1v18 - **DECLARATION** of deity
Romans 1v4 - **DEMONSTRATION** of deity
Colossians 1v15 - **REPRESENTATION** of deity
Hebrews 1v2 - **REVELATION** of deity
Hebrews 1v3 - **ILLUMINATION & PERSONIFICATION** of deity
1st John 1v2 - **MANIFESTATION** of deity
Revelation 1v8 - **ETERNAL DURATION** of deity

Why do we defend the truth of Christ's deity uncompromisingly?

1. To acknowledge the true divine greatness & majesty of His Person.
2. Our soul's eternal salvation depends upon faith in the divine Son of God.
3. The enemy (Satan) is active in denying this fundamental truth about Christ.

Proof texts that state categorically the deity of Christ:

John 1v1, "the Word was God"
John 20v28, "Thomas answered and said unto Him (the Lord Jesus), My Lord and My God".
Romans 9v5, "Who is over all (His supremacy), God (His deity) blessed forever".
Colossians 2v9 "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily".
1st Timothy 3v16 "Great is the mystery of godliness, God was manifest in flesh".
Titus 2v13, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ".

Seven definitive proofs of the deity of Christ in Hebrews 1:

1. He is addressed by Names that belong only to deity, i.e. DIVINE TITLES.

v8: God the Father addresses the Son as "God".
v10: He is given the Old Testament divine title of "LORD", i.e. Jehovah.

2. He performs works that belong only to deity, i.e. DIVINE WORKS.

v2: the divine work of **REVELATION** of deity.
v2: the divine work of **CREATION**; past (v10), present (v3, Colossians 1v17) & future (v12).
v3: the divine work of **SALVATION**.

3. He displays attributes that belong only to deity, i.e. DIVINE ATTRIBUTES.

v3: "Who being the brightness of His glory"; **ILLUMINATION** of the glory of deity.
v3: "and the express image (*charakter*, exact expression) of His Person"; **PERSONIFICATION** of deity.
Colossians 1v15: "Who is the image (*eikon*) of the invisible God", the visible **REPRESENTATION** of deity to all of creation by the Lord Jesus.
Colossians 2v9: "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily"; He displayed all the representative traits & attributes that belong uniquely & exclusively to deity.
Divine omnipotence (all-powerful); "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth" (Matt 28v18), He is "the mighty God" (Isaiah 9v6), "the Almighty" (Rev 1v8).
Divine omnipresence (all-present); see John 1v48-49, John 3v13, John 20v27-28.

Divine omniscience (all-knowing); see John 4v29, John 5v6, John 6v64.

NB. Mark 13v32: **“But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father”**. Displaying perfect servant character, He shows willing submission & deference to God the Father.

Divine immutability (unchanging); **“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever”** (Heb 13v8).

4. He possesses eternal existence that belongs only to deity, i.e. DIVINE PRE-EXISTENCE.

God is eternal, **“from everlasting to everlasting”** (Ps 41v12, 90v2, 103v17, 106v48).

Divine eternal pre-existence belongs to Christ; see John 1v1, John 8v58, Phil 2v6.

Colossians 1v17: **“He is before all things”**.

The eternal Sonship of Christ:

Proverbs 30v4: **“Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who hath gathered the wind in His fists? Who hath bound the waters in a garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son’s name, if thou canst tell?”**

Psalms 2v7: **“I will declare the decree, The LORD hath said unto Me, ‘Thou art My Son; This day have I begotten Thee’; v12, ‘Kiss the Son, lest He be angry’”**.

Isaiah 9v6: **“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given”**.

John 10v36: **“Him (the Son of God), whom the Father hath sanctified (set apart), and sent into the world”**.

Galatians 4v4: **“when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son”**.

1st John 4v14: **“the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world”**.

Hebrews 1v2: He is the Son, who is the appointed Heir and the Creator.

Hebrews 7v3: **“having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God”**.

5. He enjoys relationships that belong only to deity, i.e. DIVINE RELATIONSHIPS.

John 1v1: **“In beginning ... the Word (Christ) was with (toward) God”**.

John 10v30: **“I and My Father are one”**.

Hebrews 1v5: the Father speaks to His Son **“Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee”**, and the Father speaks about His Son, **“I will be to Him for a Father, and He shall be to Me for a Son”**.

As the eternal Son, divine Persons enjoyed an intimate eternal Father – Son relationship.

John 16v28: **“I (the Son) came forth from the Father”**.

John 17v5: the Son had glory beside the Father **“before the world was”**.

John 17v24: the Son was ever conscious of the Father’s love bestowed upon Him, **“Father ... Thou lovest Me (the Son) before the foundation of the world”**.

Proverbs 8v30: **“I was by Him, as One brought up with Him; And I was daily His delight”**.

6. He acts in a way that belongs only to deity, i.e. DIVINE PREROGATIVES.

v3: He **“sat (Himself) down on the right hand of the Majesty on high”**.

The throne of heaven belongs only to deity, and Christ takes that place by divine right & by divine invitation, v13: **“Sit on My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool”**.

Revelation 3v21: **“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me on My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father on His throne”**.

7. He receives the worship that belongs only to deity, i.e. DIVINE WORSHIP.

Deity alone is to be worshipped; see Acts 10v26, Acts 14v11-15, Revelation 19v10 & 22v9.

v6: **“And when He (God) bringeth in again the First begotten into the world, He saith, And let all the angels of God worship Him.”**

He was worshipped in PRE-INCARNATION (Genesis 18v2, Isaiah 6v3), in INCARNATION (Matthew 2v11, 14v33, 28v9) and He will be universally worshipped in future MANIFESTATION (Philippians 2v10-11).