# The Deity of Jesus Christ

#### I. DIVINE NAMES OF JESUS CHRIST.

It is a fact that many names and titles in the Bible clearly prove the absolute Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here are a few examples:

Revelation 1:17 I am the first and the last: The text shows clearly that our Lord Jesus Christ was the speaker, and in this passage of Scripture He distinctly refers to Himself "The First and the Last."

Now this, without question, is a Divine name, for in Isaiah 44:6 we read, "Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God."

In Revelation 22:12, 13, our Lord Jesus Christ says that He is the Alpha and Omega. His words are, "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

Also in Revelation 1:8 the Lord declares that He is the Alpha and the Omega. His words are, "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."

#### II. DIVINE ATTRIBUTES OF JESUS CHRIST.

The five distinct Divine attributes that God alone possesses clearly prove the absolute Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. It shows that He possesses every perfection of nature and character that God the Father possesses. The five Divine attributes are:

- 1. Omnipotence All powerful (Ephesians 1:19-23).
- 2. Omnipresence Ever Present (Matthew 18:20).
- 3. Immutability Never Changing (Hebrews 13:8).
- 4. Omniscience All Knowing (Luke 5:22; John 2:24,25).
- 5. Eternal No beginning and No Ending (John 1:1; John 8:58).

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

# III. DIVINE OFFICES OF JESUS CHRIST.

The third line of proof that Jesus Christ is God are the Divine offices which he holds. There are seven distinctively Divine offices that God alone can hold, and each one of these offices is ascribed to Jesus Christ.

The Seven Divine offices are:

- 1. Creator. (Hebrews 1:10; John 1:1)
- 2. Preserver of all things. (Heb.1:3)
- 3. Forgiver of Sins. (Mark 2:5-10)
- 4. The Resurrection. (John 6:39,44)
- 5. Redeemer. (Titus 2:13-14, Gal. 4:4-7)
- 6. Giver of Eternal Life. (1John 5:11,12)
- 7. Judge. (2 Tim. 4:1; John 5:22,23;

Revelation 19:11-16)

The seven distinctively Divine offices alone would prove that Jesus Christ is God, and we might rest the case here, but there are still other proofs of His absolute Deity.

# IV. SCRIPTURES ABOUT JEHOVAH, GOD, REFER TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

The fourth line of proof of the absolute Deity of Jesus Christ is found in the fact that many of the Scriptures in the Old Testament that are made in reference to Jehovah, God, are taken in the New Testament to refer to Jesus Christ.

In Jeremiah 11:20 the prophet says, "But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause." Here the prophet distinctly says that it is the LORD of hosts Who judges and tries the reins and the heart.

And in the 17th chapter and the tenth verse Jeremiah represents Jehovah Himself as saying the same thing in these words, "I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."

But in the New Testament in Revelation 2:23 the Lord Jesus says, "...I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works."

We are distinctly told in the context that it is "The Son of God" who is speaking here. So Jesus claims for Himself in the New Testament what the LORD in the Old Testament says is true of Him and of Him alone.

#### V. JESUS CHRIST CLAIMS EQUALITY WITH GOD THE FATHER.

The fifth line of proof of the absolute Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ is found in the way in which His name is equated with that of God the Father.

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. John 14:23

The Lord Jesus does not hesitate to equate Himself with the Father in such a way as to say "We," that is, God the Father and I, will come and make our abode with him.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. Acts 20:28

Here the Scriptures state that God puchased his church with his own blood. The entire Trinity is mentioned in this verse. Jesus Christ was in fact God with us. Matthew 1:23, John 1:1

# VI. JESUS CHRIST IS WORTHY OF DIVINE WORSHIP.

The sixth line of proof of the absolute Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ is that He should be worshiped as God, both by angels and men.

In numerous places in the gospels we see Jesus Christ accepting without hesitation worship which good men and angels declined with fear and which He Himself taught should be rendered only to God (Matthew. 28:9; Luke 24:52; Matthew.14:33; John 20:28; Acts 10:25,26; Revelation 22:8,9; Matthew. 4:9,10.

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Revelation. 5:13