



Number 7

The Deity of Christ

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Text: Mt. 1:18-25

Introduction

- What we think about Jesus Christ is vitally important.
 - A.W. Tozer said, “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”
 - Along those same line, we could say that what we think about Jesus is the most important thing about us, or to us, or for us, etc.
- Doctrinal Statement No. 7: We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ.
- Of course, by the word deity we mean that Jesus is God himself robed in flesh, (i.e. Jesus is both man and God. He is 100% man. He is 100% God). In this lesson we’ll concentrate on the truth of Christ’s deity.

1. His Titles Proclaim His Deity.

- Jesus in the New Testament has inscribed to Himself multiple titles, or names, that proclaim His deity. The titles attest to the fact that Jesus is more than a mere man.

1) The _____ of God. (Mt. 16:16-17)

- When Peter said that Jesus is the Son of the living God, Jesus didn’t rebuke Peter and say, “No, no, no. I’m not God...” Jesus commends Peter for stating the truth.

2) The Alpha and Omega. (Rev. 1:8, 17-18)

- Note the glorious titles of “the Alpha and the Omega,” “the Beginning and the End,” “the First and the Last,” “the Almighty,” “the Lord God, who is, and who was, and who is to come.” Read all these titles of Deity and note that each one in context can be applied specifically to Jesus.

3) The _____ . (Acts 3:14)

- Peter preaching to a group of Jews said, “but you denied the Holy One” (i.e. Jesus). You denied Christ. You cried out to release Barabbas. You desired that God in the flesh be put to death on the cross.

4) The Lord of All. (Acts 10:36)

- Peter at the house of Cornelius is preaching and makes the statement that Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

5) The Lord. (Acts 9:17)

- When Paul was on the road to Damascus he encountered the risen Lord and was struck blind. Afterwards he made his way to Damascus where Ananias came to restore his sight. When Ananias meets Saul he says, “Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. “

6) The Lord of _____. (1 Cor. 2:8)

7) The Word of God. (John 1:1, 14)

- Jesus is called “the Word”, the Logos of God. As the Logos, He is the manifestation or expression of God to us, “the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15). “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being” (Hebrews 1:3). He “came from the Father.” As the Logos, Jesus “the Word was with God, and the Word [Jesus] was God.”

8) The Son of _____. (Mt. 26:63-65; Rev. 1:12-13; Dan. 7:13-14)

- Jesus used this phrase to speak of Himself more than any other, some 80 times.

- When He did he wasn’t declaring Himself to be human, but God in the flesh.

2. His Divine Works Proclaim Of His Deity.

1) Jesus _____ the universe. (John 1:1-3, 14; cf. Col. 1:15-17)

2) Jesus preserves and upholds all things.

3) Jesus _____ sins. (Mk. 2:5-12)

- The Jewish leaders in this passage are incensed when Jesus claims to forgive sins because only _____ can forgive sin. Jesus then proves His divine authority to forgive sin by demonstrating His divine authority over all sickness.

4) Jesus will judge the quick and the dead. (2 Tim. 4:1)

5) Jesus _____ eternal life. (John 17:2)

3. His Equality With God Proclaims His Deity. (Mt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14)

1) Equality in _____. (Phil. 2:5-8)

2) Equality in authority (_____).

- The name of Jesus Christ is coupled with that of God the Father in numerous passages in a way in which it would be impossible to couple the name of any finite being with that of Deity by which equality with the Father is plainly implied.

3) Equality in _____. (2 Cor. 13:14)

4. His _____ Proclaims His Deity.

- Jesus lived a perfect life. He was sinless. (cf. Mt. 26:59; Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:22)
- They enemies of Jesus couldn't charge him with one legitimate sin. The Bible says that Jesus was tempted in all points just like we are yet He was without sin (Hebrews 4:15). When Jesus was reviled, He reviled not. He committed no sin neither was guile found in His mouth. (1 Peter 2:22).

5. His Miracles Proclaim His Deity. (John 5:36; 10:38; 21:25)

- Jesus referred to his miracles as signs. These signs pointed to Jesus' divinity.

6. His Prophecies Proclaim His Deity.

- There are numerous prophecies in regard to the life and death of the Messiah in his earthly ministry.
- The fulfillment of these prophecies is proof of the deity of Jesus Christ.

- Let's look at just eight prophecies concerning Jesus as the Messiah:

Born of a _____.

Born in Bethlehem.

The He would heal.

_____ entry.

He would be betrayed by a friend.

Forsaken by his disciples.

Crucified between two thieves.

_____ from the dead.

- The probability of just eight prophecies coming true in the life of one man is 1 in 100 trillion.
- To illustrate that probability, let's suppose that we take 100 trillion (ten to the seventeenth power) silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one.
- What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man. (Evidence That Demands A Verdict, Josh McDowell).

7. His Assertions Proclaim His Deity. (John 8:58)

- Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." (John 8:58 KJV)
- Either that was true ... or it was false. Was He a liar, a lunatic, or something more?

C. S. Lewis: Christian Scholar:

- I am trying here to prevent anyone from saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God."

- That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic -- on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell.

- You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about Him being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. (C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, pp. 55-56).

- If Jesus' claim to be God is false, then he is either a liar or lunatic.
- Is there an option for Jesus beyond liar or lunatic? LORD, King, _____.

8. The Application Of The Truth Of His Deity.

- The belief in the Deity of Jesus Christ will have an impact on your behavior.
- Believing what I believe, what impact should that have on my behavior?

1) Receive Jesus as my _____. (Titus 2:13; Titus 1:4; cf. Mk. 2:5, 7; Eph. 1:7; John 14:6)

2) Submit to Jesus as _____. (Mal. 1:6-8; Eph. 6:7; Col. 2:23; 1 Cor. 10:31)

- If Jesus is deity (God) then Jesus is Lord.
- We not only need to call on Him to save us, but we should surrender our lives to Him.

3) Follow Jesus as my _____.

- Jesus is the example of servant hood. (Phil. 2:5-8)
- Jesus is the example of suffering. (1 Pet. 2:21)

4) Find in Jesus my _____. (1 Tim. 1:1; Titus 2:13)

LIFE APPLICATION

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1: 1

We can't begin to imagine how a God who created the universe, who had the luxury of everything He wanted, would choose to leave heaven and become one of us. Just because we could not get to Him, he choose to come to us. Can you imagine roasting weenies on an open fire while talking to the one who created the fire? Can you imagine walking, talking, laughing, and crying with the one who knows your thoughts, who hears your heartbeat, and even knows your future. This God who knows all about us, who created us and is preparing a home for us in heaven, He came to receive us, to give us hope and a blessed future. What was our response to this loving Supreme Being? We rejected Him and hated Him, before we even knew Him. He was so foreign to our way of thinking, to our way of living, that our sinful nature was opposed to Him even when we were marching our way toward death, not realizing He was our only hope.

Here's the word. We can learn more about the Word, when we read the Word, and allow the Word to reign in our heart through the Holy Spirit. Sometimes it only takes a word from the Word to tell us how to live. But we must become doers of the word instead of hearers only. Did you catch all of that?

This week do something a little different. Take your Bible and try speed reading. Turn off your TV, put your phone on silent, and then READ! Read at a faster-than-normal pace. Every time something clicks in your spirit, put a little check mark by the verse and then continue reading at the speed that is not normal for you. Try this for at least 30 minutes. When you are finished go back and look closer at the verses you marked.

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Proverbs 4:20-22