

The Deity & Humanity of Christ

The Deity of Jesus Christ

1. Called God:

Isaiah 7:14 - cf Matt. 1:22f (Immanuel).

Isaiah 9:6 (Mighty God).

John 1:1,14,18 (Word was God, Word became flesh; only begotten God).

John 20:28 ("My Lord and my God" - Jesus accepted statement).

Romans 10:9,10 (Confess Jesus is Lord).

Colossians 1:15 (Image of the invisible God).

Titus 2:13 (Our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus).

Hebrews 1:3 (Radiance of/Exact representation of).

Hebrews 1:8 (Thy throne O God...).

2 Peter 1:1 (Our God and savior, Jesus Christ).

1 John 5:20 (This is the true God...).

Jude 24,25 (Only God our Savior...).

2. Has Attributes of Deity

General Attributes of God - Col. 2:9 (*For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form*)

Eternal - John 1:1,2 (In beginning with God). John 17:5,24 (*with Thee before the world was*).

Hebrews 1:11f (*Thou remainest...will not come to an end*). Hebrews 13:8 (Jesus *the same yesterday, today, forever*). Revelation 1:8; 22:13 (Alpha & Omega). Isaiah 9:6 (Eternal Father).

Omnipresent - Matthew 18:20 (*I am there in their midst*). Matthew 28:20 (*Lo, I am with you always*).

John 3:13 (descended from heaven). Ephesians 1:23 (*fills all in all*). John 17:23, 26 (With Father in believer).

Omniscience - Luke 6:8; 11:17 (Knew the thoughts of men). John 2:24,25 (*He knew all men*). John 4:29 (Knew history of the Samaritan Woman). John 16:30 (*You know all things* - Jesus accepted statement). John 21:17 (*You know all things* - Jesus accepted statement). John 12:33; 13:1 (Knew time and manner of His death). Matthew 24 & 25 (knew character & end of the present age). Colossians 2:3 (all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge). Revelation 2:23 (*I search the minds and hearts*).

Note: Jesus in His humiliation (Phil 2:6-8) surrendered the independent exercise of this attribute to the Father Who did not permit it usage in all cases: Mark 13:32 - Ignorant of the date of His return. Mark 6:6 - Marveled at the people's unbelief. Mark 11:13 - went to the fig tree expecting figs.

Immutable - Hebrews 1:10-12 (*Thou art the same*). Hebrews 13:8 (Jesus *the same yesterday, today, forever*).

Omnipotent - Matt 21:19; John 2:3-11 (Power over nature). John 2:3-11 (Water into wine, transmutation of elements). Matt 8:23-26 (Calmed wind and sea). John 1:3 (Created all things). Luke 4:38-41 (Power over disease). Mark 5:11-15 (Power over demons). Matt 9:18-25; Luke 7:12-16; John 11:38-44 (power over death). Hebrews 1:3 (upholds all things by the word of His power). Matthew 28:18 (All authority given to Him). Isaiah 9:6 (Mighty God). Heb. 4:15 (Power over sin). Phil 3:21 (power He has to subject all things to Himself). Revelation 1:8 (Alpha & Omega - the Almighty). Note: This attribute was also subject to the Father - John 5:19

3. Offices of Deity

Creator - John 1:3 (*All things came into being by Him...*). John 1:10 (*World was made through Him*). Colossians 1:16 (*by Him all things were created*). Hebrews 1:2 (*through whom also He made the world*). Hebrews 1:10 (*lay foundation of earth, heavens...*). Prov. 16:4 cf Rom 9 (*Made all things for Himself*).

Preserver/Upholder - Colossians 1:17 (*in Him all things hold together*). Hebrews 1:3 (*upholds all things by the word of His power*).

4. Prerogatives of Deity

Forgive sins - Matthew 9:2-7; Mark 2:7-10; Luke 5:20-24 (*Paralytic - Son of man has authority to forgive sins*). Luke 7:47f (*woman who wiped His feet with her hair*). Colossians 3:13 (*Just as the Lord forgave you*).

Judgement - Matthew 25:31,32 (*Sheep & Goat judgement*). John 5:22 (*given all judgement to the Son*). Acts 10:42; 2 Tim 4:1; (*Judge of the living and the dead*). Acts 17:31 (*He will judge the World*). 2 Corinthians 5:10 (*Judgement seat of Christ*).

Authority - Luke 10:22 (*"All things have been handed over to Me..."*). John 3:35 (*"and has given all things into His hand"*). John 17:2 (*"Thou gavest Him authority over all mankind.."*). Ephesians 1:22 (*all things in subjection under His feet*). Hebrews 1:2,3 (*heir of all things*). Matthew 28:18 (*All authority given to Him*).

Resurrection of the dead - John 5:25-29 (*power/authority to raise dead*). John 6:39,40,54 (*I Myself will raise him up on the last day*). John 11:25 (*I am the resurrection and the life*). Power for future permanent resurrection seen in three He raised during His earthly ministry: The widow's son - Luke 7:12-16; Jairus' daughter - Mark 5:35-43; Lazarus - John 11:38-44).

5. Receives honor and worship due only to God (cf Exod 34:14; Matt 4:10).

Acts of Worship received without rebuke Ex 34:14 cf Mt 4:10 (*Worship only the LORD God*).

Matthew 14:33 (*Apostles in boat - "You are certainly God's Son"*). Matthew 28:9 (*took hold of His feet and worshiped Him*). Luke 5:8 (*fell at Jesus' feet*). 1 Cor. 1:2 (*all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus...*). Hebrews 1:6 (*Let all the angels of God worship Him*).

Commands/invitations to Worship Him - John 5:23 (*honor the Son, even as they honor the Father*). John 14:1 (*Believe in God, believe in me*). Phil 2:10,11 (*Every knee bow, every tongue confess...*).

6. Made Divine claims

- * To have authority over laws and institutions of God (Matt 12:6).
- * To be the object of saving faith (John 17:3).
- * To have met in Himself all spiritual & eternal needs of humanity (John 7:37; 14:6).
- * To be equal with God (John 8:24,58; 10:30 ["one" is neuter]).

7. Identified with Old Testament Jehovah/Yaweh

- * Used Name "I Am" for Himself - Exodus 3:14 cf John 8:58
- * He is creator - Genesis 1:1 cf Isaiah 44:24 cf Colossians 1:16
- * Regarded as Holy - Isaiah 8:13 cf 1 Peter 3:15
- * Isaiah's vision - Isaiah 6:1-4 cf John 12:41
- * Preceded by a forerunner - Isaiah 40:3 cf Matthew 3:3

- * The object of faith Joel 2:32 cf Romans 10:9,13
- * Receives Glory Isa 42:8 cf Rev 5:12,13
- * Leads captivity captive Psalm 68:18 cf Ephesians 4:8
- * Stone of Stumbling Isa 8:14 cf 1 Pet 2:8
- * Disciplines His people - Numbers 21:6f cf 1 Corinthians 10:9
- * Alpha & Omega - Isa. 44:6f cf. Rev. 1:17,18

8. Christ's own consciousness & claims of deity

- * At 12 years old He recognized the peculiar claims of God as His Father at age of 12 (Luke 2:49).
- * At baptism He was assured of His special sonship (Matthew 3:17).
- * Set Himself against the ancients when He taught (Matt 5:21f, 27f, 33f).
- * Sent disciples out with power to perform miracles (Matt 10:1,8; Luke 10:9,19).
- * Asserted His pre-existence (John 8:58; 17:5).
- * He requested that prayer be offered in His name (John 16:23f).
- * Claimed to be one with the Father (John 10:30; 14:9; 17:11).
- * Claimed to be the Son of God (John 10:36).

The Humanity of Jesus Christ

1. Proclaimed to be a man

John 8:40 (Jesus calls Himself a man - also His designation of Himself as the “Son of Man” - Mark 10:45, etc.).

Acts 2:22 (Peter calls Him a man).

Romans 5:15; (Paul calls Him a man).

1 Corinthians 15:21 (Paul calls Him a man).

2. True Body of Flesh

Human Lineage - Luke 1:42,43; 2:7; 3:23-38 - (Human lineage through Mary). Romans 1:3 (Born of God of David according to the flesh). Galatians 3:16 (Seed of Abraham). Mark 10:45 etc. (Called Himself the “Son of Man”).

Body of Flesh - John 1:14 (*The Word became flesh*). 1 John 4:2 (“*Jesus Christ as come in the flesh*”). 1 Timothy 3:16 (“*revealed in the flesh*”). Hebrews 2:14 (Flesh & blood). Luke 24:39 (Flesh & blood). John 2:21 (Temple of His body - physical body). Hebrews 10:1-10 (Bodily Sacrifice).

Body had physical limitations - Luke 2:5,7,40,42,52 (Grew from birth through childhood). Matthew 4:2 (Hungry). John 19:28 (Thirsty). John 4:6 (Tired). Matthew 8:24 (Sleeping). Hebrews 2:10,18; 5:8 (Suffered). John 11:35; Hebrews 5:7 (Wept). Luke 22:44 (agony in prayer, sweat blood). John 19:30,32-34 (Died).

Theological Support -

- * John 12:27; Acts 3:18; Hebrews 2:14; 9:22 Paying penalty for sin involved suffering of body and soul, such as only man is capable of bearing.
- * Hebrews 2:17,18 Had to have human nature in order to be our High priest.
- * Hebrews 7:24 Continues as High Priest requiring He remains Human.
- * John 13:13-15; Phil. 2:5-8; Hebrews 12:2-4; 1 Peter 2:21 He had to be human in order to be a real example for His followers (futile to follow if He were not human).

3. Rational / Emotional / Volitional Soul

John 12:27 (“My soul is troubled”).

Matthew 26:38 (soul grieved).

John 11:33 (deeply moved in His spirit, and was troubled).

Matthew 9:36 (felt compassion).

Luke 23:46; John 19:30 (Committed spirit to God).

Mark 3:5 (anger, grieved in His heart).

4. Finite Human Intelligence

Luke 2:52 (increased in wisdom).

Matthew 24:36 (ignorant of the time of judgement).