

Jesus Christ is LORD	Old Testament	New Testament
The Creator	“For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it” (Exodus 20:11).	“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” (Colossians 1:16).
He Changes Not	“For I am the LORD, I change not” (Malachi 3:6).	“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8).
The First and the Last	“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” (Isaiah 44:6).	“I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen” (Revelation 1:17-18).
The Good Shepherd	“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1).	“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep” (John 10:11).
The Saviour	“I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour” (Isaiah 43:11).	“For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20).
The Redeemer	“As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel” (Isaiah 47:4).	“... the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity” (Titus 2:13-14).
The Almighty	“... the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God” (Genesis 17:1).	“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” (Revelation 1:8).
The Rock	“For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God?” (Psalms 18:31).	“And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ” (1Corinthians 10:4).

*“The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is **the Lord from heaven**” (1Corinthians 15:47).*

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

*“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11).*

As we attempt to “prove” (1 Thessalonians 5:21) the deity of Jesus Christ, we need not look further than to the place of worship. Within the Scriptures we are clearly told, “*thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God*” (Exodus 34:14). Only the Creator is worthy of worship for He is the Maker of all things. Satan tried to usurp the place of God (Isaiah 14:12-15), which led to his fall. He deluded Adam and Eve in a similar fashion and countless others throughout the ages. He came to Jesus in His temptation trying to seduce Him to fall down and worship him. But Jesus replied, “*Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve*” (Matthew 4:8-9).

Jesus knew the Scriptures that worship was reserved only for “*the Lord thy God*” and to usurp this place is the most grievous kind of iniquity, which originated in the heart of Satan. When John received the “*Revelation*” by an angel, he fell down to worship before his feet, but was quickly rebuked, “*See thou do it not ... worship God*” (Revelation 22:8-9). Peter would not accept worship when Cornelius “*fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man*” (Acts 10:25-26). Neither would Paul and Barnabus receive the worship of men (Acts 14:11-15). Men are creatures made in the image of God and are never to be worshipped.

Angels are not to be worshipped, men are not to be worshipped, rather we are to “*Fear God, and give glory to him ... and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters*” (Revelation 14:7). Who is this Creator to whom worship is due? He is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. And this is the decree, “*let all the angels of God worship him*” (Hebrews 1:5-6).

In the Scriptures there are many who worshipped Jesus. Not once did He rebuke them. When Jesus came into the world the Magi “*fell down, and worshipped him*” (Matthew 2:11). After two women observed the empty tomb they met their risen Saviour and “*they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him*” (Matthew 28:9). The apostles worshipped Him time and again (Matthew 14:33, 28:17) and finally when He ascended

into heaven “*they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy*” (Luke 24:52). This they could do for they knew He was “*the Christ, the Son of the living God*”. They knew that He “*came out from God [and] came forth from the Father*” (John 16:27-28).

Thomas called Him “*My Lord and my God*” (John 20:28). Peter called Him “*God and our Saviour Jesus Christ*” (2Peter 1:1). Paul as well called Him “*the great God and our Saviour*” (Titus 2:13). David called Him God (Matthew 22:42-45). Isaiah called Him God (Isaiah 9:6). Jeremiah called Him LORD (Jeremiah 23:5-6). The LORD Himself who said “*my glory will I not give to another*” (Isaiah 42:8) said to His Son, “*Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever*” (Hebrews 1:8-10).

See to it that you do not deny the Lord who bought thee (2Peter 2:1). The LORD God purchased thee, but it was not with corruptible things as silver or gold “*But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you*” (1Peter 1:18-21).

God is a Spirit so our redemption could only be possible if God became a man without sin and thereby pay the debt of our sin with His own Life. Paul told the overseers at Ephesus “*to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood*” (Acts 20:28).

This is the testimony of Scripture. “*The Word was God ... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us*” (John 1:1, 14). Jesus is called “*Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us*” (Matthew 1:23). He is God “*manifest in the flesh*” (1 Timothy 3:16). In other words “*God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself*” (2Corinthians 5:19). He “*took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross*” (Philippians 2:7-8). He “*was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour: that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man*” (Hebrews 2:9).

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Today, as we drift into an ever-increasing sea of apostasy, it should not surprise us to see many new sects rising up within “Christianity” who deny the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peter warned that there would be “*false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them*” (2Peter 2:1). Paul said “*the last days*” would be characterized by “*evil men and seducers [who would] wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived*” (2Timothy 3:1, 13). Many would follow these false “*teachers*” and “*turn away their ears from the truth*” (2Timothy 4:3, 4). In Paul’s day there were “*many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers ... teaching things which they ought not*” (Titus 1:10, 11). These deceivers may speak in the name of Jesus or Christ but never “*our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*” (2Peter 2:20).

Their teachings are called “*dammable heresies*” because with them they bring ruin and everlasting destruction. Therefore, the apostle Paul gave his charge to “*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine*” (2Timothy 4:2). He would tell Titus, “*rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith*” (Titus 1:13). This of course needs to be done “*with meekness and fear*” as we “*give an answer [Gr. apologia] to every man*” (1Peter 3:15). “*The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will*” (2Timothy 2:24-26).

In this tract it is our desire to give a brief “apologetic” in defense of the deity of our LORD Jesus Christ. His name is exalted above every name that is named, and there is none other name whereby we must be saved. “*All power is given unto [Him] in heaven and in earth*” (Mt. 28:18), and “*there is no power but of God*” (Romans 13:1). He is The Creator, The First and the Last, The Good Shepherd, The Redeemer, The Rock of our Salvation, and The Almighty God, He changes not!

