



The Deity of Jesus Christ

Key Resources

**Putting Jesus in His Place: The Case for the Deity of Christ*, by Robert Bowman, Jr and J. Ed Komoszewski
Systematic Theology, by Wayne Grudem
Jesus the Son of God, by D.A. Carson

Jesus Shares the *Honors* Due to God

■ Glory

- In OT, abundantly clear that God (Yahweh) alone was to be honored in worship

- Je Ex 20:2–3, Deut 5:6-7 “I am the LORD your God. You shall have no other gods before Me.”

- Th John 5:23a (Jesus speaking) “...so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father”

1 Pet 4:11b so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus Shares the *Honors* Due to God

■ Worship

- Jesus acknowledged that God is the proper object of worship

- Je **Matt 4:10** Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it
- Ar is written, ‘**YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD,**
- Ev **AND SERVE HIM ONLY.**’ ”

Matt 28:17a When they (*eleven disciples*) saw Him, **they worshiped Him**

and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus Shares the *Honors* Due to God

■ Prayer

- The OT universally teaches that the Lord God is the only legitimate object of prayer

- The Ps 65:2 O You who hear prayer, To You all men come.
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Is 2 Cor 12:8–9 Concerning this I implored the Lord **ea** three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is **Is** perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will to rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the **kr** power of Christ may dwell in me.
pr Jesus. Amen.

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■ Singing Hymns

- In the OT, the Jewish people are told to sing to Yahweh ("LORD")
- **Ps 96:2 Sing to the LORD, bless His name;** Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.
- **Isa 42:10 Sing to the LORD a new song, Sing His praise** to from the end of the earth! You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it. You islands, and those who dwell on them.
- **and making melody with your heart to the LORD;** always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;
Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

Jesus Shares the *Honors* Due to God

■ Faith

- God is the primary object of faith throughout Scripture
- Jesus said, “Have faith in God.”
Mark 11:22 And Jesus answered saying to them, **“Have faith in God.”**
- The Father said to Jesus, “I am the resurrection and the life; **he who believes in Me will live** even if he dies”
John 11:25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; **he who believes in Me will live** even if he dies”
Acts 16:31a They (*Paul and Silas*) said, “**Believe in the Lord Jesus**, and you will be saved”
1 John 3:23a This is His commandment, that we **believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ**

Jesus Shares the *Honors* Due to God

■ Fear

- The OT established that we are to fear God

- Tl **Deut 10:20** You shall **fear the LORD your God**; you

2 Cor 5:10–11 For we must all appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Therefore, knowing the **fear of the Lord**, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.

Eph 5:21 and be subject to one another in the **fear of Christ**.

Jesus Shares the *Honors* Due to God

■ Love and Obey

- The greatest commandment is to love God, which involves obedience

- Jesus **Deut 11:1** “You shall therefore **love the LORD your God**, and always keep His charge, His statutes, His ordinances, and His commandments.” **wers**

Matt 22:37 And He said to him, “**‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’**
keeps them to the one who loves Me, and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.’”

Jesus Shares the *Attributes* of God

■ Background

- A major theme of the OT is that there is no one like God

- T Ex 8:10b ...there is **no one like the LORD our God.**

2 Sam 7:22a ...You are great, O Lord GOD; for there is **none like You**, and there is no God besides You

Col 1:15a **He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God**

Col 2:9 **For in Him (Christ) all the fullness of Deity dwells** in bodily form

Heb 1:3a And He is the radiance of His glory and the **exact representation of His nature**

Jesus Shares the *Attributes* of God

■ Eternal

- Christ preexisted in divine form before becoming a human being

- Jesus **Phil 2:6–7** who, although **He existed in the form of God**, did not regard **equality with God** a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

Matt 23:37, Luke 13:34 (*Jesus speaking*) “**Jerusalem, Jerusalem**, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! **How often I wanted to gather your children together**, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.”

Jesus Shares the *Attributes* of God

■ Uncreated

- Like God, Jesus was never created
- Qu Col 1:16 For **by Him all things were created**, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things**
- Qu Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the *of* **firstborn of all creation**.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave **His only begotten* Son**, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

***NASB marginal note: "or *unique*, only one of His kind"**

Jesus Shares the *Attributes* of God

■ Immutable

- Like God, Jesus is unchangeable

Heb 1:8a, 10–12 But of the Son *He says...*“YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS; THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE A GARMENT, AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP; LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED. BUT **YOU ARE THE SAME**, AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END.”

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ *is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

Jesus Shares the *Attributes* of God

■ Loving

- Jesus was the supreme example of love
- The **John 15:12–13** “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has **John 15:9** “Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.”

Eph 3:17b–19 that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the **love of Christ which surpasses knowledge**, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Jesus Shares the *Attributes* of God

■ Omnipotent

- Jesus had the power to do miracles like no other
- Jesus had the power to create all things and continues to sustain all things
- Jesus is the power of God

1 Cor 1:23–24a we preach Christ crucified...**Christ the power of God**

Jesus Shares the *Attributes* of God

■ Omnipresent

- Jesus remotely healed people
- Jesus said He would always be with His disciples to the end of the age

Matt 28:19–20 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, **I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**”

Jesus Shares the *Attributes* of God

■ Omniscient

- God knows everything
- Jesus knew the heart and thinking of other people
- Jesus...
Matt 12:25a And **knowing their thoughts** Jesus said to sin them...

Acts 1:24 And they prayed and said, “**You, Lord**, who **know the hearts of all men**, show which one of these two You have chosen

Rev 2:23b all the churches will know **that I am He who searches the minds and hearts**; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

Jesus Shares the *Attributes* of God

■ Incomprehensible

- We can't comprehend everything about God
- Th **Isa 40:18** To whom then will you liken God? Or what ful likeness will you compare with Him?

Matt 11:27 “...no one knows the Son except the Father...

Matt 16:16–17 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because **flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you**, but My Father who is in heaven.

Jesus Shares the *Names* of God

■ The “Name of Jesus”

- In the OT, the “name of the LORD” (Yahweh) was the central and highly-exalted name

- In the OT, the “name of the LORD” was highly exalted

Gen 13:4b there Abram called on the **name of the LORD**.

- The OT forbade taking the name of the LORD in vain
- The NT teaches that Jesus is the LORD
- New Testament teaches that Jesus is the LORD

Ex 20:7a You shall not take the **name of the LORD** your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Phil 2:9–11 ⁹For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and **bestowed on Him the name which is above every name**, ¹⁰so that at the **name of Jesus** EVERY KNEE WILL

Acts 19:5 When they heard this, they were **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**.

Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus Shares the *Names* of God

■ The “Name of Jesus”

- People were saved "in Jesus' name"
- Th **Acts 2:21** ‘AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.’
- Be **Acts 21:13** Then Paul answered, “...For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”
Col 3:17a Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus

Jesus Shares the *Names* of God

■ Immanuel

- The OT affirms that the Messiah will be God

Isa 7:14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name **Immanuel**.

Isa 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God**, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Jesus Shares the *Names* of God

■ God

- The Gospel of John explicitly refers to Jesus as God three(3) times

- Oth **John 1:1,14a** ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. **Tit 2:13** looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of **our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus**

2 Pet 1:1 Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of **our God and Savior, Jesus Christ** over all, blessed forever. Amen. (ESV)

Jesus Shares the *Names* of God

■ Lord

- The NT calls Jesus "Lord" 100s of times
- When NT authors cited an OT passage with the Hebrew "Yahweh", they commonly used the Greek word *kyrios* ("Lord")

- The **Isa 40:3** A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the **LORD** *(Hebrew Yahweh)* in the wilderness; Make smooth in the

Rom 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth **Jesus as Lord (*kyrios*)**, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved

1 Cor 15:57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our **Lord (*kyrios*) Jesus Christ.**

Jesus Shares the *Names* of God

■ Bridegroom/Husband

- Isa 54:5; 62:5; Mark 2:19; Rev 19:7-9

■ King of Kings and Lord of Lords

- Deut 10:17; Ps 136:2,3; Rev 17:14

■ Savior

- Ps 106:21; John 4:42; 2 Peter 1:11

■ "I Am"

- Lev 19:10ff; Ex 3:14; "I am" sayings in John; John 5:58

Jesus Shares the *Names* of God

- **Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, First and Last**
 - Isa 41:4; 44:6; Rev 22:13
- ***Question: What about the title “Son of God”?***

Jesus Shares in the *Deeds* that God Does

■ Jesus does the deeds that only God could do

- He made everything in the universe

- He said **John 1:3** All things came into being through Him (*the*

- He said **1 Cor 8:6** yet for us there is *but* one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one

- He said **Acts 9:34** Peter said to him, "Aeneas, **Jesus Christ heals**

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; **no one comes to the Father but through Me.**

Acts 4:12 "And there is **salvation in no one else**; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Jesus Shares in the *Deeds* that God Does

■ Jesus does the deeds that only God could do

- He forgave sin
- He **Luke 7:48-49** Then He said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.”
- He **Mt 5:21–22a** “You have heard that the ancients were told...
m “But I say to you...
- He **Rom 5:8** ⁸But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

2 Cor 5:21 ²¹He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Jesus Shares in the *Deeds* that God Does

■ Jesus does the deeds that only God could do

- He will some day return in glory
- † **Matt 16:27** ²⁷“For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.

Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, ²⁹and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.

Jesus Shares the *Seat* of God's Throne

■ Jesus sits on the throne of God

- Jesus claimed He would sit at God's right hand
- Je **Luke 22:69** “But from now on **THE SON OF MAN WILL BE SEATED** to **AT THE RIGHT HAND of the power OF GOD.**”
- Je **Mark 14:62–64a** ⁶²And Jesus said, “I am; and **you shall see** to **THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER**, and **COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.**” ⁶³Tearing his clothes, the **high priest** said, “What further need do we have of witnesses? ⁶⁴“**You have heard the blasphemy**”

Heb 7:26 For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and **exalted above the heavens**

Jesus Shares the *Seat* of God's Throne

■ Jesus rules on the throne of God

- From His seat, Jesus will exercise universal rule over all things

- **R Matt 28:18b** All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Rev 22:1 ¹Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the **throne of God and of the Lamb**

Rev 22:3 ³There will no longer be any curse; and the **throne of God and of the Lamb** will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him;

Jesus Shares the *Seat* of God's Throne

■ Jesus is worshiped on the throne

- He is worshiped by all in the same way God is worshiped

Rev 5:11–12 ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.**” **receive glory and honor and power;** for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

Jesus Shares the *Seat* of God's Throne

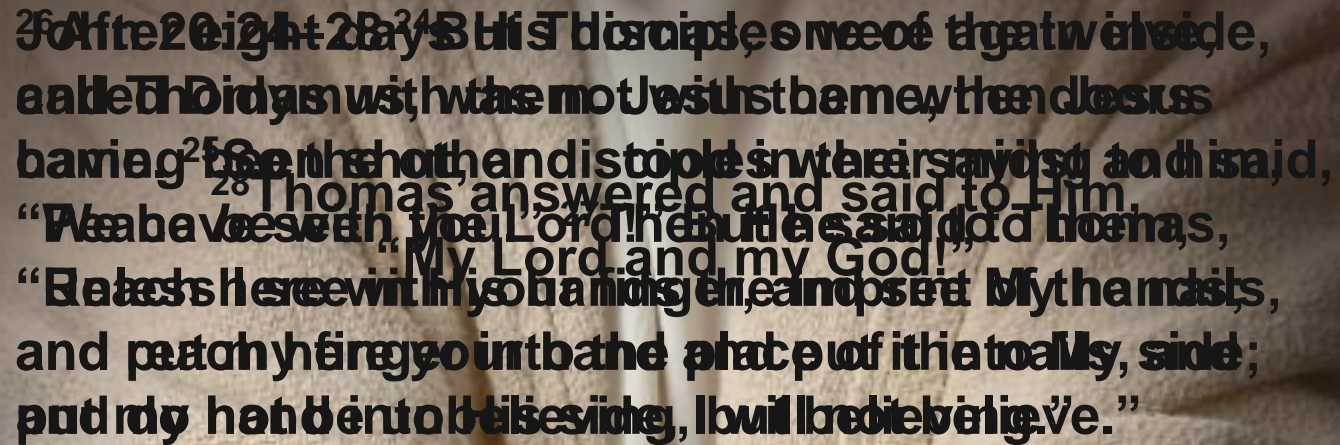
■ Jesus judges on the throne

- He will judge every person who has ever lived

John 5:22–23a ²²“For not even the Father judges anyone, but **He has given all judgment to the Son**, ²³so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father.”

Acts 17:31 ³¹because He has fixed a day in which **He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed**, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

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26 After 40 days His disciples were gathered,
and Thomas was not with them. Jesus
began to tell them of the things He had
done. 27 Thomas answered and said to Him,
“My Lord and my God!”
28 Jesus said to him, “Because you have
seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are
those who believe without seeing.”