

Biblical Facts that Jesus Is and Was God

There is plenty of evidence in the Word that Jesus is and was God. If Jesus was only man, then His sacrifice was quite useless. If He was not God, we are still in our sins. We cannot be saved, and Jesus died in vain and His life could only be worth the life of another man.

Text: 1 Tim 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

- A. Worship "PROSKUNEO" (means to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand)
 - a) Worship means to prostrate oneself in homage, reverence to adore, make obeisance, hold by the feet.
 - i) Matthew 2:11—Wise men from the east
 - ii) Matthew 8:2—Leper
 - iii) Matthew 9:18—Jairus
 - iv) Matthew 14:33—Jesus walks on water and goes to the boat
 - v) Matthew 15:25—Canaanite Woman
 - vi) Matthew 20:20—Mother of Zebedee's children (James and John)
 - vii) Matthew 28:9—Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
 - viii) Matthew 28:17—Some of the disciples after His resurrection
 - ix) Mark 5:6—A man with an unclean spirit that was dwelling in the tombs
 - x) Luke 24:52—The disciples at His ascending
 - xi) John 9:38—The lame man that was healed in John.
 - b) Worship is reserved for God alone.
 - i) Note that Angels refused worship—Rev 19:10; 22:8-9.
 - ii) Men refused worship—Acts 10:25-26 (Peter in Cornelius house), Acts 14:11-18 (Paul and Barnabas).

- c) Son of God = God that became man or took on a physical body.
 - i) John 1:1, 14 Jesus = Word = God
 - ii) Jesus is not the son of God in the sense that God gave birth to a Son through Mary and named Him Jesus. Jesus was GOD WHO BECAME flesh—1 Timothy 3:16.
 - iii) Jesus had two sides: the <u>God side and the man side</u> hence "<u>Son</u> of <u>God</u>." Both sides are revealed in Son of God. We also have known Son of God as "God the Son."
 - iv) Mathew 26:63 Jesus agrees that He was the son of God. Immediately Jews seek to kill him because he claimed to be th son of God.
 - v) Later, before Pontius Pilate, "The Jews insisted, 'We have a law, and according to that law He must die, because He claimed to be the Son of God'" (John 19:7).
 - vi) His claiming to be the Son of God was considered blasphemy and worthy of a death sentence (Leviticus 24:15-16) <u>because the Jewish leaders</u> <u>understood exactly what Jesus meant by the phrase "Son of God." To be the Son of God = the same nature as God.</u>
 - vii) Mathew 26:65-66 The Jews seek to kill Jesus because he had claimed deity or to be God. They understood that anyone who claims to be the Son of God should be killed for blasphemy.

B. Forgiveness of Sins.

- a) Mark 2:5-7 "When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only?
 - i) We learn that it is blasphemeous to forgive sins. This can only be done by God. Pope or the priest cannot forgive sins.

- b) 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- c) Luke 7:47-49—(Mary) "Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins "

C. Savior

- a) 1 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Savior, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;
- b) Titus 4:10 For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those that believe.
- c) Titus 1:3-4 "But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Savior; Tit 1:4 To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.
- d) Titus 2:13; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;

D. Creation

- a) John 1:1-3; In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.
- b) Colossians 1:16-17 " 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: Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

Conclusion:

Any so called Christian denomination that does not believe Jesus was God is simply a CULT and is misleading people.

- o Jehova's witness was founded in 1879 by Charles T. Russell
- o Mormons (Latter day saints) was founded in 1830 by Joseph Smith
- o Christain science religion was founded in 1879 by Mary Baker Eddy 1879
- o Oneness Pentecostal was founded in 1913 by Frank Ewart
- o Unification Church was founded in 1954 by Sun moon

1 John 5:20 " And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. "

This is important because it establishes this truth in our hearts to the point that it doesn't matter anymore what people say about Jesus.