

Over the last number of weeks we have been studying the Person of Jesus, particularly we have been studying His pre-existent eternal nature. We discovered that the Bible makes very clear that Jesus is not a created being, therefore He never had a beginning. He pre-existed His birth, He Pre-existed creation, and that lead us to determine that He is in fact, eternal. Now I said two weeks ago that studying His eternality was going to lead us into studying His deity. If Jesus is eternal, then He possesses and attribute that only God possesses. Only God can be eternal. Only God is uncreated. If Jesus is not created, and if He is eternal, that must mean He is God. That is the logical conclusion we ought to come to.

If we are going to conclude that Jesus is God, then we ought to have more Biblical evidence for that conclusion other than discussing His eternal nature. In order to be dogmatic about this, we ought to have an abundance of Biblical evidence that says plainly that Jesus is in fact the eternal creator God. And that is what we are going to get into this evening.

Does the Bible directly say that Jesus is God?

Does the Word of God plainly call Jesus God? Does the Bible teach us that we should view Jesus as God?

Deuteronomy 6:4 - The Bible makes perfectly clear that God is one God, not two gods, not three gods, but one God. We need to know that before we move forward.

Isaiah 45:22 - According to the Bible, is no other God other than the one true God. God is the one and only God.

1 Corinthians 8:4-6 - There is no God but one.

Deuteronomy 4:39 - The Bible does not let us say there are two or three different gods. If you want to be Scripturally accurate, you must say that there is only one God. I bring all this up first because we cannot look tonight at the Bible and conclude that there is God the Father, and there is God the Son, and the two are separate, distinct gods. That is Biblically impossible. We must start with the recognition that God is one.

Also: Isaiah 43:10, 11; 37:16; 44:6; 45:5, 6; Deuteronomy 4:36; 1 Timothy 2:5.

Let's look now at 12 Bible references that directly state Jesus is God.

John 1:1 - Jesus is the Word which became flesh (v.14), and He is God.

This is a direct statement that Jesus is God. Jesus is the person that John is writing about. The Word, Jesus, was God.

John 1:18 - Jesus is the only begotten God who is the manifestation of God in human flesh.

God the Father is Spirit (John 4:23-24). The full essence of God the Father cannot be seen by man (Exodus 33:20). God is invisible (1 Timothy 1:17). God the Father does not have flesh and bone, He is invisible. However, the only possible way for man to see God is to see Him through the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is God the Son, who took on human flesh. Jesus is the manifestation of God (Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3). The only way to look upon God is to look at Jesus (John 14:9).

John 20:28 - Thomas called Jesus his Lord and his God.

Thomas is not saying "My God" in the sense of taking the Lord's name in vein. He is recognizing Jesus for who He is, his Lord and his God, and Thomas is expressing his full conviction of belief in that moment. That is confirmed by what Jesus said afterward. Jesus didn't say "don't use God's name in vein." He said "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus knew Thomas to be calling Him his God.

Hebrews 1:8 - God the Father (1:5) calls Jesus God.

There is no greater authority than that. If God the Father calls Jesus God, we ought to confess the same thing as God the Father. Jesus is God.

Romans 9:5 - Jesus is called "God blessed forever."

The Word of God calls the Christ "God blessed forever."
Christ/Messiah means "the anointed one." Christ is Greek. Messiah is Hebrew.

Colossians 2:9 - Jesus is the bodily manifestation of the fullness of deity (the fullness of the Godhead.)

In Jesus is the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form. Jesus came to earth as a man, but He is more than that, He is fully God.

Philippians 2:6 - Jesus possesses the form of God and is equal with God.

The incarnation demonstrated his humility in that He did not come to earth in the full display of His deity and glory. Instead, He came to earth veiled in humanity. He clothed His deity in Humanity in the incarnation (God becoming man).

2 Peter 1:1 - The writings of Peter confirm that Jesus is "our God and Savior."

It doesn't get much clearer than that. Peter is not the only one to say this. Paul said it also.

Titus 2:13 - The writings of Paul confirm that Jesus is "our God and Savior."

The Bible says that there is no other Savior other than God (Isaiah 43:11). The Old Testament is clear that only Yahweh (LORD) is Savior. There is no other savior besides the LORD (Yahweh). That is what the Bible says about the Savior. The Bible also states over and over that Jesus is the Savior. If God is the only Savior, and Jesus is the Savior, that must mean that Jesus is God

1 John 5:20 - Jesus is the "True God and eternal life."

Jesus said that He is the way, the truth, and the, life (John 14:6). Here John calls Him the true God and eternal life. Only in Jesus, man finds access to God. Only in Jesus, man finds eternal life.

Isaiah 7:14 - Jesus is called by the prophet Isaiah "God with us".

Immanuel means God with us. This reference is clearly speaking of Jesus (Matthew 1:23). Joseph and Mary did not name Him Immanuel. What Isaiah is saying is that the full character of the Messiah to come would be Immanuel - God with us. If we asked Isaiah to describe the Christ (Messiah), he would say "The Christ is God with us - Immanuel."

Isaiah 9:6 - Jesus is called by the prophet Isaiah the "Mighty God."

If we were to ask Isaiah more about the character qualities of the Christ, he would say that the Christ is the "Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

Revelation 22:6, 16 - Jesus is God who sent His angel to John.

John writes that the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel. God sent the angel. Then in verse 16 we read the it was in fact Jesus who sent the angel. That can only be true if Jesus is God.

Our answer to the question "*Does the Bible directly say that Jesus is God?*" Is this: **YES! The Bible directly says that Jesus is God.**