

## **Five Reasons Why the Deity of Christ Is Nonnegotiable to Christianity**

1. First – because **the Scriptures unmistakably say He is God.**

In Christianity the Scriptures are the veritable word of God speaking with absolute truth and authority. Besides Heb. 1, one might also note Isa. 9:6 where the Messiah is called Almighty God. In the N.T. Paul calls Him God in Rom. 9:5 “**Christ...who is over all God blessed forever**” and in Titus 2:13 “**looking for ...the appearance of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus**”.

2. Second – **to deny the deity of Christ is to deny the infallibility and inerrancy of Scripture.**

Denying the deity of Christ necessitates clearly a denial of the truthfulness of those statements in Scripture that unmistakably state that He is God. And this results in Scripture becoming a man-made delusion such as Joseph Smith’s *The Book of Mormon* and Mary Baker Eddy’s *Science and Health*.

3. Third – **Christ Himself claimed to be God.** To deny this would make Him a deceiver.

In Jn. 5:23 Christ claims equality with God, the Father, when He says “**that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father**”. He does so again in Jn. 10:30 where he said “**I and the Father are one**”. In Jn. 9 He accepts worship, and in Jn. 20 where Thomas calls him God and Jesus does not deny it.

4. Fourth – **any realization of the Trinity is undermined.**

An essential truth of biblical Christianity is the doctrine of the Trinity. It is this suprarational truth that sets Christianity apart from all other religions in the world. Christians are not mere monotheists. We are Trinitarian monotheists.

5. Fifth – **the biblical doctrine of redemption and atonement is destroyed.**

This is so for two reasons. One, since the seriousness of sin is infinite being against an infinite deity, we need an infinite, and therefore divine, substitute to pay our penalty. This is impossible in mere monotheism. And second, if death is personal separation from God, if it is God personally turning away from an individual, and if we need someone who is divine in stature to die for us, again, only in a Trinitarian situation could this be.