

**Theology 2**  
**The Deity of Christ**  
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*The deity of Christ sits at the pinnacle of controversy and belief concerning the Christian faith. When we come to the study of the person and work of Christ, we are at **the very center of Christian theology**. Thus, it is **absolutely crucial** that we have a biblical understanding of who Jesus was and what He did. Jesus Christ was, is, and will always be fully God.*

**The Deity of Christ in the OT**

- The whole of the OT looks forward to the coming of Christ. Not only that, but it also points to **His full deity**.
  - Gen. 1:26 – “Let Us make man in Our image...” (cf. Col. 1:16-17)
  - Gen. 3:15 – “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise your heel.”
  - Gen. 49:10 – “The Scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people.”
- The Deity of Christ is especially visible in the OT Angel of the Lord.
  - Exo. 3:13-15 – Moses at the Burning Bush (cf. John 8:58)
  - Joshua 5:13-15 – Joshua and the Commander of the Lord’s Army
  - Judges 13:17ff – Manoah & the Angel of the Lord

**The Deity of Christ in the NT**

- Explicit and implicit references to Christ’s deity abound throughout the NT.
  - John 1:1 – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and God was the Word.”
  - Romans 9:5 – “Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.”
  - Col. 1:19, 2:9 – “For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell...in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.”

**Historical Departures from the Deity of Christ**

- Ebionism – Rejecting the virgin birth, they said that Jesus was an extraordinary man, but certainly not God.
- Arianism – “There was a time when he was not.”
  - Jesus was the first being created by God. Thus, he is *not completely and fully God*. Arianism was condemned at the Council of Nicaea in 325.
  - This is the Christology of nearly all **cult groups** existing today.

**Implications of the Deity of Christ – pp. 221-222**

- Does it really matter if Jesus Christ was and is fully God? **Absolutely** – it is a matter of eternal consequence. **Our Mediator must be fully God and fully man.**