

Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

The Foundational Importance: Point of attack and dispute. Essential defence.

Historical Creeds and Confessions: Nicene and Athanasian Creed, Belgic Confession (10). The Creeds and Confessions tell us what the Church believes; the biblical evidence tells us why they believed this.

Biblical Evidence: The blitzkrieg approach?

The Indirect Proofs of the Deity of Christ - Woven throughout Scripture
H.A.N.D.S.: Jesus shares divine Honours, Attributes, Names, Deeds, and Seat.
(Larger Catechism Q 11)

- **Honour:** Deut 6:13, Matt 14:33, Heb 1:6, Rev 1:17
- **Attributes:** The Bible tells us that Jesus has the same attributes as God, being: eternal (John 1:1-3; 8:58), all-powerful (Matt. 28:18), all-knowing (John 21:17)
- **Names:** Jesus is said to have been given the name that is above every other name (Phil. 2:9-11). Jesus is called God (John 20:28), Lord (Acts 1:24), the King of kings (Rev 19:16), Saviour (Luke 2:11), and the First and the Last (Rev 1:7-8).
- **Deeds:** Jesus is said to be the creator (John 1:3), the sustainer of all things (Heb. 1:2-3), He is sovereign over the forces of nature (Matt. 8:23, 27), the one who forgives sins (Matt 9:1-8), and even the one who gives life (John 1:4; 5:21).
- **Seat:** Jesus sits on God's throne (Rev. 3:21), ruling over all things (Rev 5:13). This is nothing short of claiming to be equal with God (John 10:27-33). Jesus sits on the throne reserved for God alone (Rev. 22:1, Matt. 25:31) and He shares ruling authority with the Father by sitting at His right hand (Heb. 8:1, Heb. 12:2).

The Direct Statements of the Deity of Christ

John 1:1, 14, 18; 20:28 (Preincarnate, incarnate and post-resurrection,) Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13, 2 Peter 1:1; Acts 20:28; Hebrews 1:8, 1 John 5:20,

Why is this important?

The doctrine of the deity of Christ enriches our worship.

The doctrine of the deity of Christ emboldens our witness.

The doctrine of the deity of Christ enables our sanctification.

The doctrine of the deity of Christ encourages our receiving and resting on Christ.

Resources: Robert M. Bowman Jr. and J. Ed Komoszewski *Putting Jesus in His Place: The Case for the Deity of Christ*.

Greg Lanier, *Is Jesus Truly God? How the Bible Teaches the Divinity of Christ*.

- 1 **Crown him with many crowns,**
the Lamb upon his throne;
while heaven's eternal anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King
through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Lord of life
triumphant from the grave,
who rose victorious from the strife
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high;
he died eternal life to bring
and lives that death may die.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love,
who shows his hands and side –
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail,
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
through all eternity!

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10:30am: 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:13

6pm: Humanity of Christ

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