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LESSON 7 - BIBLE STUDY DOCTRINAL

Good Evening & Welcome!

What Do We Expect To Learn After This Lesson...

A. Jesus Was Called God

B. Jesus Was Called The Son Of God

C. Jesus Was Called The First And The Last

D. Jesus Is The “ I Am “

E. The Pre-existence Of Jesus Christ

F. Jesus Christ Possessed All The Divine Attributes

1. Omnipotence

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3. Omnipresence

G. Jesus Christ Possessed All The Divine Prerogatives

1. Jesus Christ Accepted Worship And Encouraged It

2. Jesus Christ Forgave Sin

3. Jesus Christ Is The Creator

A. JESUS WAS CALLED GOD

John 1:1 “ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God “

John 20:28 “ And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God “

Romans 9:5 “ Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen “

Titus 2:13 “ Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ “

Hebrews 1:8 “ But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom

***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 “*

***Jude 1:25** “ To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen “*

If Jesus be not God, there would not be such a tremendous witness of Scripture to this glorious truth. Who can doubt His deity when so many Scriptures call Him God?

*In **John 20:28**, where Thomas made his confession of faith, “ My Lord and my God “, absolute Deity is ascribed to Jesus Christ. This is not an expression of amazement, but a confession of faith. Jesus accepted this confession and worship from Thomas.*

*The above verses of Scripture reveal to us the mystery that was hid from ages but now is revealed to us:” God in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, and Christ in you the hope of glory “ (**Colossians 1:27**).*

B. JESUS WAS CALLED THE SON OF GOD

Matthew 8:29 “ And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? Art thou come hither to torment us before the time? “

Matthew 14:33 “ Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God. “

Matthew 16:16 “ And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. “

Luke 22:70 “ And said they all, You are the Son of God, then? And He said to them, It is just as you say; I am. “ -Amplified New Testament

In Matthew 16:16 we have Peter's confession. It was upon this revelation, this truth of His deity, that Jesus said He would build His church.

C. JESUS WAS CALLED THE FIRST AND THE LAST

Isaiah 41:4 “Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord, the first, and with the last: I am he.”

Isaiah 44:6 “Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.”

Isaiah 48:12 “Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am the first, I also am the last.”

Revelation 1:8 “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 1:17 “ And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, fear not; I am the first and the last. ”

Revelation 22:13 “ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. “

The title “First and the Last” was given to Jehovah in the Old Testament and to Jesus Christ in the New Testament. The trinitarian doctrine states that Jesus is the second person in the Godhead. The Bible clearly refutes this by saying that Jesus is both the first and the last, showing that He is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

D. JESUS IS THE “ I AM ”

John 8:58 “ Jesus said unto them, Verify, verify, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. ”

This verse of Scripture simply means: Abraham was dependent upon Jesus, not Jesus upon him for existence. Abraham came into being at a certain point of time, but Jesus is the eternally present One: the self-existent One dwelling in the eternal present. The title “ I Am ” is positive, indisputable proof that Jehovah in the Old Testament is Jesus Christ in the New Testament. This is the title that Jehovah gave when He spoke to Moses from the burning bush. This title proves that the same One who called Moses is the One who is our Saviour. There cannot be two “ I Am’s ”.

A study of this title as applied to Jesus Christ is very profitable:

- *The Messiah* (John 4:26)
- *The Eternal One* (John 8:58)
- *The Light of the World* (John 9:5)
- *The Resurrection and Life* (John 11:26)
- *The Way, Truth, and Life, etc.* (John 14:6)
- *Bread of Life* (John 6:35)
- *The Door* (John 10:7)

E. THE PRE-EXISTENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

John 1:1 “ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. “

Hebrews 7:3 “Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life: but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. “

We must note well that it was His deity, not His humanity, that pre-existed. Before Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Ghost, the Son existed only in the mind and plan of God. There is absolutely no scriptural foundation for the Eternal Sonship theory.

It is not necessary to enlarge on this truth here, for it is dealt with elsewhere in this Bible study.

F. JESUS CHRIST POSSESSED ALL THE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES

The divine attributes of omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence were possessed by Jesus Christ. Are there two omnipotent beings? Are there two persons in the Godhead who are omniscient and omnipresent? We know that this is impossible. Jesus Christ cannot possess these three attributes, of deity unless He is God.

1. Omnipotence

*Matthew 28:18 "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."
Jesus demonstrated over and over in His ministry that He had all power.*

In the following Scriptures He proved that He had:

Power Over

~~...Disease (Luke 4:38-41)~~

~~...Nature (John 2)~~

~~...Death (John 11)~~

~~...Tempest (Matthew 8:23-27)~~

~~...Demons (Luke 4:35, 36, 41)~~

~~...All things (Hebrews 2:8)~~

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2. Omniscience

John 2:24-25 “ But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because He knew all men , And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man. “

John 16:30 “ Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. “

Colossians 2:3 ” In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. “

3. Omnipresence

Matthew 18:20 “ For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. “

Not only did Jesus possess the above named attributes of deity, but it can readily be proven by Scripture that Jesus possessed all the divine attributes. Who can doubt the deity of Jesus when faced with this fact?

G. JESUS CHRIST POSSESSED ALL THE DIVINE PREROGATIVES

There are three divine prerogatives possessed by Jesus Christ that shall be mentioned here:

- 1. The right to be worshiped*
- 2. The right to forgive sins*
- 3. The right and power to create*

If Jesus Christ possesses these three prerogatives, then He is God. There is actually no need to continue our study further. This fact is conclusive proof of the oneness of the Godhead in spite of all the arguments of skeptics and unbelievers to the contrary. Does Jesus Christ possess these prerogatives?

The following notes will show that He does.

1. Jesus Christ Accepted Worship And Encouraged It

Matthew 14:33 “ *Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped Him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.* “

Matthew 15:25 “ *Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.* “

Luke 24:52 “ *And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.* “

There is not the slightest reluctance on the part of Christ to accept worship; therefore, either Christ is God or He is an impostor. It was He who said worship God only, and He had no right to take the place of God if He were not God. Even the angels are commanded to worship Him (Hebrews 1:6; Philippians 2:10)

2. Jesus Christ Forgave Sin

Genesis 39:9 “ There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God? ”

Psalms 51:4 “ Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil In thy sight: that thou mightiest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judges. ”

Luke 7:48 “ And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. ”

Mark 2:5 “ When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. ”

All sin is against God and therefore only God can forgive sin. It was for this reason that the Pharisees charged Jesus with blasphemy. If Jesus Christ can forgive sin, then it is evident that He must be God.

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3. Jesus Christ Is The Creator

Jesus showed He is the Great Creator by:

Turning water into wine

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John (2:1-11)

Feeding the five thousand

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John 6:1-13

Walking on the water

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John 6:19

Quieting the storm

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Mark 4:39

Are there two Creators? There is only oneness Christ. All things were made by Him. (John 1:3).

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