

the Lord's Christ (Luke 2:26); a Saviour which is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11); God our Saviour (Titus 1:3); the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour (Titus 1:4); that blessed hope (Titus 2:13); the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ (Titus 2:10); I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour (Isaiah 43:3); I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. (Isaiah 43:11); 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 44:6); I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last (Revelation 1:11); O God of Israel, the Saviour (Isaiah 44:15); when the parents brought in the child Jesus...Then took he him up in his arms...and said,...mine eyes have seen thy salvation (Luke 2:27-30 pt. vss.); the consolation of Israel (Lk. 2:25); I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people (Psalm 22:6); Messiah the Prince (Daniel 9:25); shall Messiah be cut off (die) (Daniel 9:26); the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep (John 10:11); Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: (I Cor. 5:7); the door of the sheep (John 10:7); I am the Son of God (John 10:36); I am the resurrection, and the life (John 11:25); Jesus Christ of Nazareth (Acts 3:6, 4:10); a sign which shall be spoken against (Luke 2:34); JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth (Psalm 83:18); Son of God most high (Luke 8:28); the Sun of righteousness (Malachi 4:2); Jesus is the Lord (I Cor. 12:3); the Lord at thy right hand. (Psalm 110:5, Heb. 1:2-3); The LORD said unto my Lord, sit thou on my right hand, (Psalm 110:1); THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jeremiah 23:6); And the Redeemer shall come to Zion (Isaiah 59:20); I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day

upon the earth:...yet in my flesh I shall see God. (Job 19:25, 26); God was manifest in the flesh (I Tim. 3:16); the LORD is a great King over all the earth--God is the King of all the earth (Psalm 47:2, 7); our Lord Jesus Christ:...who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords...to whom be honour and power everlasting. (I Tim. 6:14-16 pt. vss); Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. (Heb. 13:8); God...hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son...Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, (Hebrews 1:1-3 pt. vss); A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel (Luke 2:32); the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood (Acts 20:28); I will build my church (Matthew 16:18 pt. vs.); the true vine (John 15:1); a Branch (Jeremiah 23:5); my servant THE BRANCH (Zechariah 3:8); Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:8); the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. (Revelation 22:16); the Son of man which is in heaven. (John 3:13); I said, I am the Son of God. (John 10:36); **the essence of divine Sonship (deity)** is perfect obedience to the Father. Jesus said,...I do always those things that please him... Which of you convinceth me of sin? (John 8:29, 46); Who did no sin (I Pet. 2:22); in him is no sin (I John 3:5); yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15); ye were...redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (I Peter 1:18, 19). That is why He could say, "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father (John 14:9); the image of the invisible God, (Col. 1:15); Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. (Phil. 2:6) The Son of God is God! You will ignore this truth at your own peril.

A Warning is warranted here: Some wrongly interpret or twist certain scriptures to try and deny Christ's deity. Here are a few examples.

1. "my Father is greater than I" (John 14:28)—greater is a term relative to position, not to nature or being. For example: the Prime Minister is greater than other Canadian citizens but he is no more or less human than any other Canadian. Similarly, the Father is greater than the Son, but no more, or no less, God. That is why Jesus said, "I and my Father are one." (John 10:30).

2. "the firstborn of every creature" (Colossians 1:15)—Christ in context (vv 15-19) is pre-eminent over (the Head of) creation, not first-created. Ephraim was called 'firstborn' (greater than) relative to his brother Manasseh, though Manasseh was born first (Jeremiah 31:9); David in Psalm 89:27 was called "my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth." He was the youngest of eight sons.

3. "the beginning of the creation of God." (Revelation 3:14) Beginning does not mean first-created but the first cause, the origin or architect of creation. He is the Creator. "My Lord and my God." (John 20:28)

4. "Wisdom" is not referring to the Son of God (Proverbs 8). Wisdom is referred to by feminine pronouns, "her, she." The Son is masculine, "He, Him;" as is each of the three Person Godhead.

"Then answered Jesus and said unto them,...Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." (John 5:19 pt, 39)

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