

The Angles, The Anchor, The Answers *Defending and Sharing Your Faith*

The Son of God – Jesus

Session Six – Is Jesus God? [The Deity of Christ]

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The Scriptures

The Bible is the most remarkable piece of literature this world has ever seen.

What is known and proven about the Bible?

1. Compilation and Continuity
2. Correlate
3. Communication
4. Comprehension
5. Combat
6. Confirmation

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The 1st Council of Nicea, convened 325 to combat the belief of Arius of Alexandria the father of Arianism.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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1. One Lord

- a. Matthew 8:6; Ephesians 4:5; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 1:3, 1 Thessalonians 1:1
- b. John 10:28 Thomas answered him, “**My Lord** and **my God!**” [In this text Thomas ascribed full deity to Jesus]
- c. 1 Peter 3:15 but in your hearts sanctify **Christ** as **Lord**. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;

2. Jesus Christ

- a. Acts 10:36, 11:17; Romans 5:1; 1 Corinthians 1:2, 6:11; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Galatians 1:3, 6:14; Philippians 1:2, 3:20; Colossians 1:3, 2:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; 1 Timothy 6:3, 6:14; 2 Timothy 1:2; Philemon 3, 25; Hebrews 13:20; James 1:1,2;; 1 Peter 1:3; 2 Peter 1:8, 1:14; Jude 17, 21
- b. Romans
 - i. 1:7 To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.
- c. 2 Corinthians
 - i. 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.
- d. Ephesians
 - i. 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.
 - ii. 3:11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in **Christ Jesus our Lord**,
- e. 2 Thessalonians
 - i. 1:1 To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**:
 - ii. 2:14 For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our **Lord Jesus Christ**.

- f. Rev 2:20-21 The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.
3. **The only begotten**
- John 1:14, 1:18; Hebrews 1:6
 - John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. NKJV
 - 1 John 4:9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. NKJV
4. **Son of God**
- Matthew
 - 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”
 - 14:33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”
 - John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
 - Hebrews 4:15 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,...
5. **Begotten of His Father**
- Hebrews 1:5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? NKJV
6. **Before all worlds**
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - Colossians 1:17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
 - 1 John 1:1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—
 - Revelation 1:8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.
7. **God of God**
- John 1:1-2, 5:18; Titus 2:13
 - John 8:58 Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” [*This is more than limited existence before Abraham was born because he said “I am”. “I was” might indicate that he existed for several centuries before Abraham, but I am states eternity. – Charles Ryrie*]
 - 10:30 The Father and I are one.”
 - Hebrews 1:1-3, 5, 8
 - ¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also

created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being...

- ii. ⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son..
- iii. ⁸ But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever...
1 John 5:20 And we know that **the Son of God** has come and has given us understanding so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, **in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.**

8. Light of Light

- a. Matthew 17:2, 17: 5; John 1:9, 8:12; 1 John 1:5-7
- b. John 12:35-36 Jesus said to them, "**The light** is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have **the light**, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. ³⁶ While you have **the light**, believe in **the light**, so that you may become children **of light**."
- c. Revelation 21:23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

9. Not Made

- a. Micah 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose **origin is from of old, from ancient days.**
- b. John 1:2, 17:5
- c. Colossians 1:17 **He himself is before all things**, and in him all things hold together.

10. Being of one substance with the Father [Jesus affirmed his deity]

- a. John
 - i. 10:30 The Father and I are one."
 - ii. 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? **Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.** How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
- b. Philippians 2:6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard **equality with God** as something to be exploited,
- c. Colossians 2:9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

11. By whom all things are made

- a. John 1:1-3
- b. John 1:10 He was in the world, **and the world came into being through him**; yet the world did not know him.
- c. 1 Corinthians 8:6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and **one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.**
- d. Colossians 1:15-16 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for **in him all things in heaven and on earth were created**, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—**all things have been created through him and for him.**

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