



**FOLLOWING THE ULTIMATE LEADER . . .
. . . THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST IN ALL OF LIFE
"An Ultimate Description of Christ's Supremacy"**

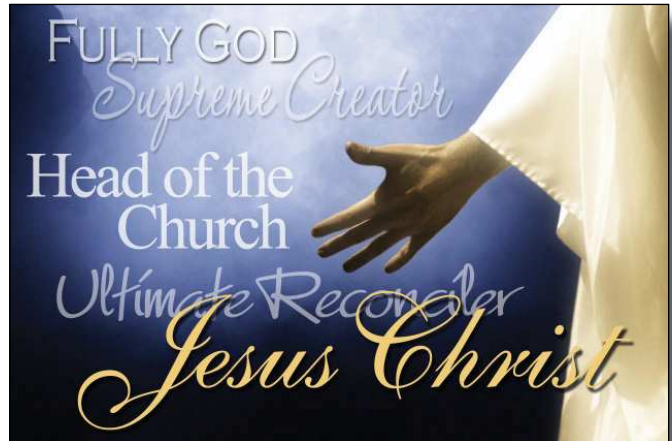
Colossians 1:15-20

JESUS CHRIST IS FULLY GOD

Colossians 1:15a, 19

- *He is the image of the invisible God (v. 15a)*

- *For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him (v. 19)*



JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

Colossians 1:18

- *He is the head of the body, the church (v. 18a)*

- *He is the firstborn from among the dead (v. 18b)*

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SUPREME CREATOR

Colossians 1:15b-17

- *He is the firstborn over all creation (v. 15b)*

- *By him all things were created (v. 16)*

- *He is before all things . . . in him all things hold together (v. 17)*

JESUS CHRIST IS THE ULTIMATE RECONCILER

Colossians 1:19-20

- *Through him to reconcile to himself all things (v. 20a)*

- *By making peace through his blood shed on the cross (v. 20b)*

THE DEITY OF JESUS THE MESSIAH

The deity of Jesus Christ is clearly claimed by the writers of Scripture. Various passages not only express His pre-incarnate existence, but His deity. The following listing of scriptural references is categorized into six distinct evidences of His absolute deity.

Jesus is called by the Names and Titles of God:

Compare John 1:1 and John 1:2-9 with the characteristics attributed to God in 1 John 1:5 and John 17:3; cf. Hebrews 1:8; John 20:28; Titus 2:10,13; 3:4; Romans 9:5; John 1:18. The title *Son of God* is used with respect to the Deity of Jesus Christ – John 5:18; John 10:33; John 19:7; Matthew 11:26-27.

The following titles of Deity are also used of Jesus:
Lord Jehovah – 1 Corinthians 1:2; Romans 10:13; cf. Joel 2:32; Philippians 2:10-11; cf. Isaiah 45:21-23
Lord of Glory – 1 Corinthians 2:8; cf. Psalm 24:8-10
The Holy One – Acts 3:14; cf. Hosea 11:9; Isaiah 48:17
The first and the last – Revelation 1:17-18; (cf. v. 12 for identification); cf. Isaiah 44:6; 48:12.

Works of Deity are ascribed to Jesus Christ:

Creator – John 1:3,10; Hebrews 1:10; Colossians 1:16-17
Sustainer – Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3
Judge – John 5:22; Acts 10:42; 17:31; 2 Corinthians 5:10
Forgives sin – Matthew 9:2,6; Luke 7:47-48; Mark 2:7; Luke 5:24; Colossians 3:13
Raises the dead – John 5:25-29; 11:25-26,43-44; 6:39-40,54.

The Bible expressly calls Jesus Christ God:

John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God
John 1:18 - ... the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father
John 20:28 - Thomas said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"
Titus 2:13 - Our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus
Hebrews 1:8 - But of the Son He says, "Your throne O God, is forever and ever."
2 Peter 1:1 - Our God and Savior, Jesus Christ
1 John 5:20 - We are in Him who is true, in His Son, Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Jesus' Claims and Consciousness of His deity:

At the age of twelve - Luke 2:49-50
At the time of His baptism - Matthew 3:17
In the sermon on the mount, Jesus sets His own teaching on a par of authority with the Old Testament - Matthew 5:21-22; 27:28; 31,32; 33,34; 38,39; 43,44, etc.

In His direct Statements:

Claimed pre-existence - John 8:48; 17:5
Claimed oneness with the Father - John 10:30; 17:11
Claimed the title, "Son of God" - John 5:18; 10:36
Claimed future manifestation in power and glory - Matthew 25:64.

Divine Worship is given to Jesus & accepted by Him:

Only God is to be worshipped – Exodus 20:5; 34:14; Matthew 4:10
Humans and angels refuse worship – Acts 10:25; Revelation 19:10; 22:8-9
Jesus Christ was worshipped and accepted the worship – Matthew 15:25; 28:9-10; Hebrews 1:6; Philippians 2:10-11; John 5:23; 9:35-39.

Attributes of Deity are ascribed to Jesus Christ:

Eternal Life – John 1:4; 14:6; 5:21,26; 10:10
Immutability – Hebrews 13:8; 1:11-12
Veracity (truth) – John 14:6; Revelation 3:7; Love – John 13:1,34; 1 John 3:16
Righteousness – Hebrews 7:26; John 6:69; 1 Peter 2:22
Eternity – John 1:1; 8:58; 17:5; Colossians 1:17; Isaiah 9:6
Omnipresence – John 1:18; 3:13; Matthew 18:20; 28:20
Omniscience – Matthew 9:4; John 2:24; 6:64; 16:30; 18:4
Omnipotence – Matthew 28:18; Revelation 1:8; Hebrews 1:3; Matthew 11:27.