

Jesus Christ Is God

Colossians 1:

Colossians 1:13-18

13 **For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son** (1) He is the loved son of God.

14 **in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.** (2) He is our Redeemer. (3) because of Him we have forgiveness of all sins.

15 **(4) He is the image of the invisible God, (5) the firstborn of all creation.**

16 **(6) because by Him all the things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—(7) all things have been created through Him and for Him.**

17 **(8) He is before all things, and (9) in Him all things hold together.**

18 **(10) He is also head of the body, the church;**

We have seen JESUS CHRIST as existing before all things.

We have seen JESUS CHRIST as the creator of all things.

We have seen JESUS CHRIST as the sustainer of the universe (not natural laws).

We have seen JESUS CHRIST as the Unique person in Hypostatic Union.

We have seen JESUS CHRIST as to the uniqueness of His work on the Cross:
He provides forgiveness of sins and is Redeemer of all who believe in Him.

Ok, before we move on:
You attend a bible church:
Ok, show me passages in the bible
that **JESUS CHRIST is God.**

Would you be able to do this?

If you were to ask everyone you meet this week
WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT JESUS
you likely would get a wide variance of opinions.

Some of these opinions would be formed because that person has a pastor or a teacher or a parent that tells them about Jesus. Other opinions would be based on “other things” that person heard friends say. That person’s friends may be hostile toward the subject of Jesus or might be very loving about Jesus.

**But How Would You Tell
If You Should Agree Or Disagree With Their Opinions?**

The best way to decide that is find out “What the Bible tells us about Jesus.”

What Does The Bible Have To Say About Jesus?

1.

Jesus Christ is God

Following, you are presented with many passages from the Bible that clearly say “**Jesus Christ is God.**”

Can you tell others why YOU believe “**Jesus Christ is God?**”

The following Bible references (SCRIPTURES) will enable you to know what the Bible says about Jesus Christ. Perhaps you would like to commit some of these to memorization, but if not that... you can certainly carry on a conversation with your friends that will be both enlightening to you AND your friends.

There are a multitude of passages on this subject, but we are not going to overload you; we are going to look at just few scriptures that you can write down on a piece of paper or even memorize.

1. **1 John 1:1-2**

¹ 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—

² and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—

2. **Colossians 2:8**

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the

world, rather than according to Christ.

3. **Philippians 2:5-8**

⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

4. **Hebrews 1:8-9**

⁸ But of the Son *He says*, Your throne, O God, is forever and ever and the righteous scepter is the scepter of His Kingdom.

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.”

Yes There Are Many Other Passages That Clearly Teach That Jesus Christ Is Deity... God.

Passages Related To His Birth:

Isaiah 9:6

⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us:

And the government will rest on His shoulders;

And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Matthew 1:23

²³ “BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A

SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.”

Passages That State The Reason The Religious Crowd Wanted To Kill Him:

John 5:18 and 10:30-33

¹⁸ For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father.

making Himself equal with God.

³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

³¹ The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him.

³² Jesus answered them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?”

³³ The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out *to be* God.”

Passages Where Jesus Christ Proclaims That He Is God, And He Reveals God In Human Form

Colossians 1:15

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

John 14:9-11

⁹ Jesus *said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and *yet* you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

Passages Where He Is Declared To Be God By Others:

John 20:28

²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

Titus 2:13

¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.

Matthew 14:33

³³ And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “You are certainly God’s Son!”

Passages That Declare That Jesus Is Before All Things, Therefore God

John 8:58

⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

Colossians 1:15 and 17

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

2.

The Bible Declares That Jesus Christ Created All Things?

Colossians 1:16

¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

John 1:3

³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Revelation 4:11

¹¹ "Worthy are You, (Jesus Christ) our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

1 Corinthians 8:6

⁶ Yet for us there is *but* one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we *exist* for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we *exist* through Him. *but* Jesus Christ; that Jesus Christ is the Only Savior?

Hebrews 11:3

³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

Can you show from the bible that there is no other Savior

3.

Jesus Christ is the Only Savior

Acts 4:12

¹² “And there is salvation in no one else: for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

John 3:16

¹⁶ “For, in this manner, God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten (uniquely begotten) Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus *said to him, “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life: no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Hebrews 7:25

²⁵ Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Titus 2:13

¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.

Acts 13:23

²³ “From the descendants of this man, (David) according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus.

1 Timothy 1:15

¹⁵ It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Peter 2:24

²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness: for by His wounds you were healed.

Luke 2:11

¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

1 John 4:10

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1 John 4:14

¹⁴ We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world.

John 4:42

⁴² And they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

Now we come to you and your daily lives,

JESUS CHRIST is the head of the Church.

This position of JESUS CHRIST is emphasized throughout the New Testament and it emphasizes so many Principles in the Christian life.

Colossians 1:18

He emphatic pronoun, **He, Himself** or **He and only He is** this presents the absolute status of JESUS CHRIST since the beginning of the Church Age.

He is also there is no 'also' in ' the original manuscript.

He is the head of course it comes from that portion of the human anatomy, but is used to designate Him as superior or the one in full authority. The head contains the brain which controls and dictates the functions of the body. The head contains the human soul and therefore becomes a synonym for full authority.

**There is no higher authority in the church than
JESUS CHRIST.**

He, JESUS CHRIST is the Head.

**Ok, we start off with a Principle for our lives.
AUTHORITY!**

Do you respect, pay attention, submit and obey the head of the church?

Be careful before you answer this question.

JESUS CHRIST does not personally direct things in every specific area of the body. He has appointed subordinates to do this for Him.

For example the husband is the head of the wife:

Ephesians 5:23

For the husband is head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church

Colossians 1:18

He is the head of the body of the church

The **head** is JESUS CHRIST, and the **body** is the church.

The Church refers to every born again believer during the Church AGE also called *the **universal church.***

The Greek word for church ***ekklesia*** which refers to the ‘called out ones’ and refers

- (1) To the Church Universal, referring to believers wherever they are found throughout the world; and
- (2) The local church, which often has unbelievers as members and sometimes even an unbeliever as the pastor of that local assembly, but before God, even the local church is made up of believers who attend and worship in a local assembly.

Doctrine of the Church

(1) Nomenclature:

The name or nomenclature is the word ***ekklesia*** or the called out ones or the church. It is used in a technical or specified manner in New Testament.

Now right here from the beginning we have some difficulties.

(1) It refers to the universal church, that is inclusive of believers wherever they are found on the earth.

Ephesians 1:22-23

22 **And He** God the Father **put all things in subjection under His (JESUS CHRIST) feet, and gave Him (JESUS CHRIST) as head over all things to the church,**

23 **which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.** So, we must understand that it is the Sovereignty of God the Father who appointed JESUS CHRIST as head of The Church and we are each to be filled by the person of JESUS CHRIST.

Another passage that speaks of the Church universal and gives more information about the church is

Ephesians 5:25-27

25 **Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,**

26 **so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, sound teaching of Bible.**

27 **that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.**

This takes place at the rapture of the church and at the presentation of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb after His Return to Earth.

(2) But this term is also inclusive of every local church; in any geographical location on earth. Again, by design the local church is made up of believers but there are unbelievers in almost every local church.

Beginning of the Church Age.

Nearly all sound theologians, evangelical agree the Church Age began on the Day of Pentecost

- A. The beginning of Church Age was future to the time JESUS CHRIST was on earth. In others words JESUS CHRIST is never physically present on earth during the Church Age.

Some people hold that the Church Age began in Gospel of John 20 when JESUS CHRIST breathed on the disciples and they were Indwelt with the Holy Spirit but the problem here is that JESUS CHRIST was still on the earth and this was technically Age of Israel. Now, one might ask, where does the idea of JESUS CHRIST not being on earth during the Church Age originate?

Matthew 16:18

18 **“I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build (future tense) **My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.**”**

Satan has tried for some 2000 years to overpower the church, and His Church still stands. This passage also teaches the false teaching of ‘Reform Theology’ that the church was in Old Testament, that the church began in Abraham’s tent. This is a confusion of Israel and the Church, which leads to a number of problems, as does Replacement Theology that teaches that the Church replaces Israel in God’s plan and there is no future for Israel.

There is so much confusion in the study of the bible beginning with correct understanding of the Gospel.

Again, TWO PRINCIPLES

- (1) the most dangerous thing you will do in you life is to open the Word of God.
- (2) Why it is so important as to whom you listen to in the teaching of Biblical truth.

B. The Church Age did not begin in **Acts 1: 5** where JESUS CHRIST was speaking to the disciples, while He was still on earth, just before He ascended into the third heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father on the Fathers throne:

for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Again we have the future tense—after the departure of JESUS CHRIST from earth. And JESUS CHRIST all but clearly tells us with the Church Age began **you will be baptized with Holy Spirit.**

C. So The Church Age began historically when for the first time in history God the Holy Spirit baptizes everyone who believes in Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior. JESUS CHRIST Himself gave us the clue in Acts 1:5 when He related the coming of change by the coming of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The Baptism of or by the Holy Spirit is advanced to even when, in John 20, JESUS CHRIST breathed on the disciples and they received the Holy Spirit. This also heads off those who believe that the Church Age began with Paul. The Church Age is not about an ordinary member of human race; it is about the God-man, the unique member of the human race, Jesus the Christ, the Son of God.

The Church Age began on the day of the beginning of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Now back in **Acts 1:5** JESUS CHRIST told the disciples **for John baptized with water**, this baptism was in Age of Israel **but** in contrast **you will be** future **baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now** and the not many days was in fact 10 days. Now in those 10 days JESUS CHRIST will ascend to the third heaven and be seated at the right hand of God. Then, and only then the Church Age can begin. So the Church Age **began after the departure of JESUS CHRIST from earth.**

The beginning of the Church Age is described in

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

12 **For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.**

13 **For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

D. The historical moment is described in **Acts 2:1-3**

Due to lack of time, we'll stop here and continue with point "D" next Sunday

Now, for further comfort:

While the heavens and the earth will be destroyed

***the Bible is unchangeable,
His Word abideth forever.***

*You have more comfort, more stability in the Word of God
than you do in the universe.*

*You can rest in His Faithfulness
of your Eternal existence with Him.*

Amen

You have to make up your mind:

Is Christ sufficient for all your needs?

Or do you have to have other things or something else?

**This book is about the Sufficiency of JESUS CHRIST:
to God the Father;
and to you?**

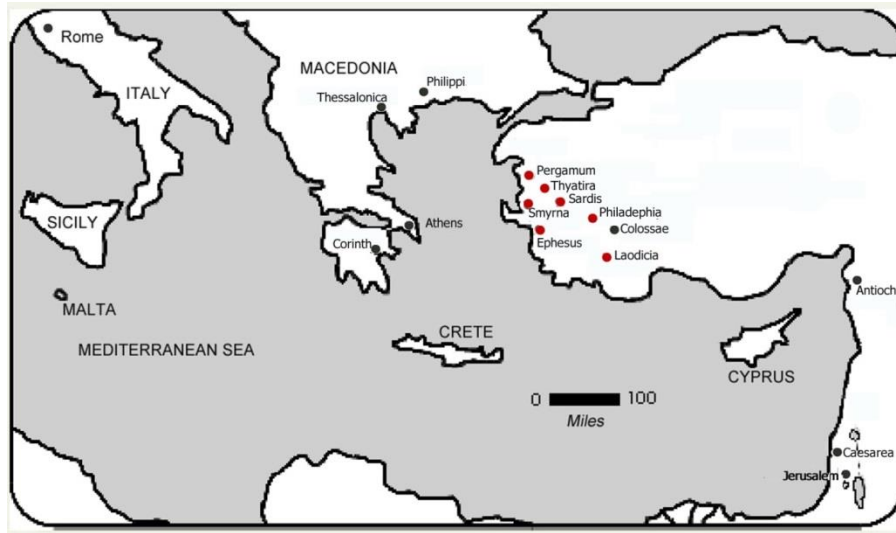
Is the Word of God sufficient for you?

Sufficient to bring you to JESUS CHRIST?

Sufficient to bring you to God the Father?

Is the Word of God sufficient for **SAD** (*Stress, Anxiety, Depression*) in
your life or do you need outside help?

So we learn so much from the true understanding of the Gospel.



**Only one life,' twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last**