

# UNDERSTANDING THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST

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1. HIS VIRGIN BIRTH
2. HIS SINLESS LIFE
3. HIS VICARIOUS DEATH
4. HIS BODILY RESURRECTION
5. HIS BODILY RETURN TO EARTH

a. Why this is important.

- 1Corinthians 15:1-6 According to the scriptures
- Another Jesus
- If Christ be not risen
- Only name


b. Joshua 1:11 Ekklesia is uncharted territory for most believers

- The FEAR FACTOR – what people don't understand –they label
- Pioneers are often considered heretical and cultish
- Acts 24:1-5 Paul of the sect (haireisis, hah'-ee-res-is) basically to be different from the norm – literally means a choice – disunion – we get the word heresy
- Heresy – Webster: a belief or opinion that does not agree with the official belief or opinion of a particular religion


c. Two parts of understanding what a cult is:

- How they function
- What they teach

d. Hebrews 5:10-14; 6:1-9 How can you know what is truth and what it error? What makes one teaching correct and someone else teaching error?

- It begins with the Doctrine of Christ

Eternal Judgment	And Powers of the World to come
Resurrection of the dead	Tasted of the Good Word of God
Laying on of hands	Made partakers of the Holy Ghost
Doctrine of Baptisms (note plurality)	Tasted of the Heavenly Gift
Faith towards God	Once enlightened
Foundation of Repentance (from dead works)	

a. Acts 2:42 Apostolic Doctrine always builds on the Doctrine of Christ

b. 2Cor 11:1-14

- Vs 3: The Corinthian church was being corrupted from the **simplicity** in Christ. One of the traits of a cult is to make access to the Gospel complex
- Vs 4: False teachers preach ‘another Jesus’ – introduce you to ‘another spirit’ – ‘another gospel’ – and because it often appeals to the soulish realm and flesh people follow
- Rude in speech – was not able to say things like some others – but he knew what he was talking about
- Vs 5-13 Paul qualifies why they should accept his teachings – he preached freely to them – not charging them for his needs – Macedonia supplied and he was committed to not being a burden to them
- Vs 13-14 this was not the case with the ‘false apostles, deceitful workers who **transformed themselves** into the apostles of Christ – like satan is transformed into an angel of light (revelation)

c. **Galatian 1:6-8** Paul was amazed at how quickly the Galatian church had been drawn into ‘another gospel’

- What they had accepted was a perversion of the Gospel
- **Pervert** (Webster) to change (something good) so that it is no longer what it was or should be: to cause (a person or a person's mind) to become immoral or not normal

- Paul was confident in the Gospel he preached (Rom 1:16 it is the power of God for salvation)


d. **2Timothy 4:1-4** Paul spoke of a season when people will reject SOUND DOCTRINE. You need the Holy Spirit to discern between ITCHING EARS and THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST after righteousness

- 1Tim 1:7 people teaching things they don't even understand
- 1Tim 1:10 The law corrects bad doctrine
- 1Tim 6:1-5 Paul describes those who reject sound doctrine


**1. VIRGIN BIRTH**

*We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin Mary.*

**Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**Matthew 1:18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

**Matthew 1:23** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.



### 3. THE VICARIOUS DEATH

*We believe that Jesus Christ gave His life for our sins. We do not believe that His life was taken away.*

**1Peter 2:23,24** Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; BUT COMMITTED HIMSELF TO HIM THAT JUDGETH righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

**Philippians 2:8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

**Matthew 20:28** Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

**Mark 10:45** For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

**1Timothy 2:6** Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

**John 10:17,18** Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.


### 4. BODILY RESURRECTION

*We believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead a flesh and bone man*

**Luke 24:39** Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

**John 20:19,20** Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

**John 20:27** Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.


## 5. BODILY RETURN

*We believe Jesus Christ will return a second time bodily to establish the fullness of His kingdom on the earth*

**Acts 1:9-11** And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

**1Thessalonians 4:16,17** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

**Revelation 22:12** And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
