

Jesus Is Jehovah

A Brief Study of the Deity of Jesus Christ Philippians 2:9-11

I. ETYMOLOGY

- A. **Jesus** is the English form of the Greek name “Jeshua,” which is the Greek form of the Hebrew name “Jehoshua.”
 - 1. The Hebrew-to-English name of the leader of Israel after Moses’ death was Joshua.
 - 2. However, the fuller name given to him by Moses was actually Jehoshua (Num 13:16).
 - 3. The Hebrew-to-Greek-to-English name of this man is Jesus (Acts 7:45; Hebrews 4:8).
- B. Mary’s Son was named Joshua or Jehoshua in Hebrew. The specific name Jesus and its pronunciation are distinctly English.

II. INTRODUCTION

- A. Jesus is a man, and this we must always remember; even when we study His Deity.
 - 1. The incarnation was to make Jesus a man; He died for human sinners (Heb 2:14-18).
 - 2. He was conceived in a woman, had a birth date, grew in wisdom and stature, died, was resurrected, and disappeared bodily into heaven; where He sits at God’s right hand.
- B. It is a mystery, yet it is revealed. Therefore, we should know and teach it (I Tim 3:16).

III. IMPORTANCE

- A. Every Christian should be certain Jesus is truly Jehovah God and able to defend it modestly.
- B. It is one of the principal points of our faith that is clearly taught and emphasized in Scripture.
- C. It is one of the chief targets of Satan and his cults – they cannot stand Jesus Christ as Lord.
- D. The Arians first stated opposition to it, and the Russellites (Jehovah’s Witnesses) do so today.
- E. The Founder of our religion is not just a nice man, a good man, a good example, or a prophet.
- F. It is a fact that most every cult attempts to reduce Jesus Christ in some way from being God.

IV. METHOD

- A. We contend for the truth only from the Word of God – inspired Scriptures of the King James.
 - 1. You must first agree or establish the King James Version as God’s Word in English.
 - 2. We avoid the foolish and unlearned questions of other translations, Greek, or Hebrew.
 - 3. If you grant their false premise, then you must contend without an absolute authority.
 - 4. The New World Translation and N.A.S.V. have the perversion of a “begotten god.”
- B. There is only one God. This is a foundational point of doctrine without room for discussion.
 - 1. The foundation of Biblical religion is that of one LORD God to love (Deut 6:4; 4:35).
 - 2. And this one God does not share His worship or give away glory (Ex 34:14; Is 42:8).
 - 3. The one true God could find no other gods (Isaiah 43:10-11; 44:6,8; 45:6,22; 46:9).
 - 4. The foundation has not changed in the New Testament (I Cor 8:4-6; Ep 4:6; I Ti 2:5).
 - 5. Therefore, any verse referring to God refers to Jehovah, for He is the only God.
 - 6. There is no “begotten god,” “lesser god,” “a god,” or any other such wicked illusion.
- C. We stand on the Trinity – though not a Scriptural word – the fact of three in one is obvious.
 - 1. We see from the very beginning a plurality of Persons in the Godhead (Genesis 1:26).
 - 2. And this plurality continues even through the Old Testament (Gen 11:7; Isaiah 6:8).
 - 3. And we see this plurality in the New Testament (Mat 3:13-17; 28:19-20; II Cor 13:14).
 - 4. Therefore we are thankful for I John 5:7, which defines this three-in-one God for us.
- D. We do not debate the deity of Christ with those rejecting or misunderstanding His Sonship.
 - 1. How can you discuss the full deity of Jesus Christ allowing for a generated deity?
 - 2. Jesus Christ is the Word of God made flesh, and the Word of God is Jehovah God.

- E. It is the denial of the Scriptural Son and Father that is antichrist and religion from Satan.
 - 1. God has given a record of His Son we must believe (I John 2:22-23; 4:2-3; 5:9-10).
 - 2. Those who reject this doctrine are to be avoided (II John 9-11; II Thess 3:1-2).
- F. It is interesting that many of those who deny Jesus is Jehovah also deny hell. I wonder why.

V. PROOF

- A. Isaiah 7:14 cp Matthew 1:23 The son born to Mary was by angelic witness - *God* with us.
- B. Isaiah 9:6 His names among others include The Mighty God and The Everlasting Father.
- C. I John 5:7 cp I John 1:1
 - 1. Many argue ignorantly this verse is spurious, but we will only contend from the KJV.
 - a. The King James Version stands or falls with I John 5:7, for God blessed both.
 - b. The authenticity of this text has been confirmed by early church writings.
 - c. Do not fear or apologize for this text. Do not use the KJV but avoid I John 5:7.
 - d. If you encounter a person too stubborn or ignorant to accept it, let them alone.
 - 2. There are three in heaven – Persons; there is only one in heaven – Nature or Godhead.
 - 3. The Word is one with the Father and Holy Ghost in the single Divine Nature of God.
 - 4. The Word became flesh in the complex Person of Jesus Christ (I John 1:1; John 1:14).
- D. John 1:1,14,18
- E. I Timothy 3:16
- F. Hebrews 1:8 (Cited from Psalm 45:6-7).
 - 1. God is addressing the Son of God, or Jesus.
 - 2. He calls Jesus “God.”
- G. Colossians 2:9
- H. John 14:9
- I. John 8:58
 - 1. The Jews understood exactly – Jesus was claiming to be Jehovah.
 - 2. It is also found with slightly different wording in John 8:24; 13:19; and 18:5.
- J. Philippians 2:11 cp Isaiah 45:22-23
- K. Revelation 1:8,17-18
- L. Titus 1:3
- M. John 20:24-29
- N. John 5:18 cp Isaiah 9:6
- O. Titus 2:13 cp John 1:18
- P. Romans 9:5
- Q. Acts 20:28
- R. Hebrews 1:6 cp Neh 9:6 cp Ex 34:14
- S. Genesis 1:1 cp John 1:3 cp Eph 3:9 cp Heb 1:2 cp Col 1:16-17
- T. John 17:5 cp Isaiah 42:8 cp 48:11
- U. I John 5:20
- V. I Corinthians 15:47 cp 8:5-6
- W. Romans 11:36 cp
- X. Rev 4 cp Rev 5
- Y. Revelation 19:11-21 cp Rev 5:12-14
- Z. Matthew 1:21 cp Isaiah 43:11
- AA. Micah 5:2