

## **The Wednesday Word, October 24, 2018: Was Jesus Ever Called God?**

*Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. (2Pet 1:1)*

We, followers of Christ need to be grounded in the truth that the One we are following is the eternal God. Contrary to some popular ideas, Jesus is indeed called God in numerous places of scripture: Take for example,

The Word was God, John 1:1.

Thomas called Jesus Lord and God, John 20:28.

We learn that God was manifest in the flesh, I Timothy 3:16.

And let's not forget Romans 9:5, "Of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ came who is over all God blessed forever."

Away with these mischief makers who say that Jesus is not man and God at the same time. They know nothing of the Dual Nature of Christ.

### **Jesus is called Jehovah**

We learn in Numbers 21 that the Israelites tempted Jehovah. This is applied to Christ by the apostle in I Corinthians 10:9 when he says, "Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents."

Nor is Christ merely called Jehovah but Jehovah our righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6.) Christ is our righteousness and thus our God (2 Peter 1:1).

### **The Great God**

He is called the great God and Saviour, Titus 2:13

Someone says but that is not speaking of Christ. Excuse me! Read the next verse. This Great God and Saviour gave Himself for our sins (verse 14); therefore, Jesus is both the great God and Saviour. That's good news for those of us who have trusted Him. If language has any meaning, then we must look no further than Christ Jesus to discover God.

### **Attributes**

Not only is Christ called God, but also the attributes of the Godhead are credited to him. Eternity is ascribed to Him: for he is said to be before Abraham (John 8. 58). This evidently proves that Christ existed before he was born of a virgin.

Jesus is said to be Omniscience: Peter confessed 'Lord, you know all things.'

He is Omnipresence: Matthew 18:10. Jesus Himself said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Omnipotence: Divine power is attributed to Him (Hebrews 1:1). He upholds all things by the word of His power.

These things are sufficient to prove that Christ is God. The names of God and the attributes of the Godhead are ascribed to him: But there is more.

## **Works**

The works which only God can perform, are ascribed to the Lord Jesus. Creation is ascribed to Him. Hebrews 1:10. "Thou, Lord, in the beginning hath laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the works of thine hands." This is further confirmed in John 1:3, "All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made."

Additional witness is given in Colossians 1:16. It reads; "By him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities or powers; all things were created by him, and for him."

The Government of the universe is ascribed to him in Hebrews 1:3 where we are told that he is upholding all things by the word of his power.

The work of our Salvation is ascribed fully to Christ (Matthew 1:21). It would be great error to deny it, when it is evident from so many places in the New Testament. Furthermore,

- Redemption is His (Acts 20:28).
- Remission of sins is His to give (Matthew.9: 6).
- Eternal Life is His to give (John 10:28).
- The building of the Church is credited to Him. This again is strong proof that He is God for "He that built all things is God" (Hebrews 3:4).
- Jesus is the Lord God. We worship Him (Matthew 28:9) and believe on Him (John 14:1).

And that's the Gospel Truth!