

FIVE QUESTIONS FOR THOSE WHO DENY THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST

1. If *Jesus* is not deity and was created as you allege, how do you respond to the following Scripture passages?

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

The “Word,” according to *John 1:14*, is irrefutably the person of *Jesus Christ*. This is also verified and confirmed in...

Revelation 19:13 And he (Jesus) was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

This being true, *John 1:1-3* not only establishes the deity of *Jesus* (“...*the Word was God*”) but also eliminates the possibility that *Jesus* was created.

“How?” you may ask.

John 1:3 emphatically states, “..*all things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.*” God cannot lie, therefore, we conclude that “*all*” indeed means “*all*.” Hence, we understand *John 1:3* to mean that everything created was created by *Jesus*, negating the absurd and irrational idea that *Jesus* created Himself. Thus, we logically conclude, *Jesus* is not only the Creator, He is the only Creator, and therefore, eternal and possessing the qualities of deity, or God. *Colossians*, chapter one, further confirms this truth...

Colossians 1:16-17 For 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: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

The thought established in *John 1:3* is further developed here in *Colossians*. If *Jesus* was created, how was he “*before all things*?” Again, “*all things*” is defined as including anything and everything, either visible or invisible, and in heaven or earth. Moreover,

Colossians 1:17 declares all things were created by Him and for Him. The same language is used in *Revelation 4:11*...

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

The context of the above verse clearly reveals the “*Lord*” here is referring to the eternal God (*Rev. 4:10*). If *Jesus* is not God, how could “*all things be created by Him and for Him,*” as the Bible declares this is a privilege reserved for God alone?

Also, the Bible says in the first verse of the Bible...

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

If the Bible declares, as it does, that both [1] *Jesus* created everything and [2] that God created the heaven and the earth, then therefore, *Jesus* must be God. What could be clearer than this? If this does not prove *Jesus* is God I do not know what can?

What about these verses in *Hebrews*...

Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

The clear meaning of these verses is obvious: *Jesus* has always been the same, He has never changed, and He is eternal. Hence, it is unscriptural to believe *Jesus* was created as this constitutes a change from non-existence to existence. Therefore, if *Jesus* was not created He must be God as only God is both immutable and eternal.

Furthermore, considering your doctrine teaches that God the Father created *Jesus Christ* could you offer an explanation for the following verses in *Isaiah*...

Isaiah 43:10-11 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

Isaiah 45:21-22 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside

me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

And what of *Revelation 1:8*?

Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

If *Jesus* is the Almighty, certainly, He is God.

Some other verses to consider...

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting

2. If *Jesus* is not deity why does He possess attributes of God?

Attributes of *Christ* show that He is God. *Jesus Christ* is eternal (*Mic. 5:2*), all powerful (*Matt 28:18; Heb 1:3*), sinless (*John 8:46*) and unchanging (*Heb 13:8*). Since only God possesses these attributes, this indicates that *Christ* possesses deity.

3. If *Jesus* is not deity (God the Son) why did He allow *Thomas* to falsely consider Him so in *John 20:28*?

John 20:28-29 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

4. If *Jesus* is not deity, why is He worshiped throughout the Bible when the Scriptures forbid worship of anyone other than God?

Examples of this are numerous (*Mt. 2:11, 8:2,9:18, 14:33, 15:25, Mk. 5:6, 15:19; Lk. 24:52; Jn 9:38; Rev 5:8-13, 7:9-11*). In contrast, elsewhere in the Scriptures when godly created beings are mistakenly worshiped, they always reject worship and offer correction

(Acts 10:25-26, 14:11-15; Rev 19:10, 22:8-9). Moreover, worshiping a creature is a sign of a reprobate mind (Rom 1:25).

5. And finally, it is common for those who reject the deity of Christ to misinterpret the Biblical language found in the books of *Colossians* and *Revelation*, namely, “*first begotten, the first born of every creature, etc.*” in a feeble attempt to validate their erroneous views of Christ. Can you answer this rebuttal?

In every case, these terms either refer to *Jesus* as the “source” or “foundation” of creation or the beginning of God’s redemptive work among men.

What about *Colossians 1:15-17*? I assume you may refer to this passage to support your teaching that *Jesus* was created. This is based primarily on the words, “*the firstborn of every creature*”, in verse 15. However, if this verse taught that *Jesus Christ* is the first created being made by God, the word “*first-created*” would have been used of Christ, not the word “*first-born.*” These are two different words in the Greek, with two different meanings. “First-created” is *protoktistos*, and “first-born” is *prototokos*. *Colossians 1:15* does not use the word *protoktistos*, “first-created”. Instead it uses *prototokos*. This latter word means an heir, a begotten one, the first in rank. The teaching of *Colossians 1:15*, then, is that *Christ* is first in rank above all creation; He is the Heir of all things. He is prior to all creation and superior over it as the Lord.

Many who deny the deity of *Christ* and assert He was created also cite *Revelation 3:14* in an effort to verify their erroneous doctrine. A deeper study of the phrase, “*the beginning of the creation of God*”, found in *Revelation 3:14*, reveals the Greek word translated “*beginning*” can also be understood as “*the source (or origin) of God's creation*”. The Greek word for “source” or “origin” is *arch*. This is consistent with the statements in *Colossians 1:16* and *John 1:3*, that all things were made by or had their origin or source in *Jesus Christ*. Since all things were made by *Christ* (*John 1:1*) and all things were made by God (*Heb 3:4*), both persons possessing this omnipotent creative power are God with full deity.

Be warned, it is extremely poor Bible exegesis to allow obscure Bible verses and unclear language to overthrow the clear and obvious teachings of the Scriptures. Make no mistake, to deny the deity of *Christ* is to forfeit salvation. If you reject these truths you are guilty of gross unbelief and if you refuse to repent, you are destined for eternal hell-fire.

Hence, with Christian love, I urge all to...

1 Timothy 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

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