

Christology Lesson #4

THE DIETY OF JESUS CHRIST #1

I Timothy 3:16 “*And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.*”(KJV)

1A. HIS NAMES PROVE THAT HE IS GOD!

1B. He is called "GOD"

A. John 1:1 “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*”

- The Greek word for “Word” is “Logos” in English it is the study of something. In ancient times (Greek) it was a revelation: putting on a display, expressing it so we can see it.
- “*And the logos (Word) was with God*” The Greek word “pros” means “toward”, “face to face” It is a statement of equality: *And the revelation was facing God.*
- The created is never to be identified with the Creator.
 - o Pantheism-(false doctrine) God is in everything.
- The usage of definite article “The” in Greek. When it is in the text it identifies or specifies. i.e. if the text said “the God it would be specifying which God we are talking about among many God’s. There are no other Gods so there would be no purpose of identifying which God. When the definite article is left out it indicates that it is the same in nature, substance, and being.
- John 1:14 says “the Word *became* flesh, and dwelt among us...” The Greek word *Ginomai* refers to a change of condition.

B. John 20:28 says “*Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’*”

- The name of God is expressly given to Christ.
- There is no evidence that it was a mere expression, as some may suppose because the language was addressed directly to Jesus himself- “*Thomas....said unto him.*”
- Jesus responded not by rebuking Thomas but immediately commends Thomas for believing.
- If this was just an expression and not directed toward Jesus then it would need to be considered as an act of profaneness, and Jesus would not have commended him for taking God’s name in vain.

C. Acts 20:28 *“Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He has purchased with His own blood.”*

- If Jesus whom died on the cross is not God, then this verse creates a BIG problem. ☺

D. Titus 2:13, *“looking for the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.”*

- Granville Sharp’s rule states that when you have two nouns, which are not proper names (Peter, or Paul, or Timothy), which are describing a person, and the two nouns are connected by the word "and," and the first noun has the article while the second does not, *both nouns are referring to the same person, it is connecting equals.
- *“the appearing”* in Greek the word is “Epiphanea”, Every other instance of this word is reserved for Christ and Him alone. *2 Tim. 1:10*(not limited to the usage of the second coming), 1 Tim. 6:14, 2 Tim. 4:1*(example where Granville Sharp’s rule does not apply)*
- Immediately followed by vs.14 that says *“who gave himself for us”* This is an obvious reference to Christ alone and no plural is given to think otherwise.
- Jesus is called the Great God.

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

Compare same grammar construction in vs. 11

2 Peter 1:11, *“...of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...*

- 1:1: tou theou hemon kai sotaros Iesou Christou
- 1:11: tou kuriou hemon kai sotaros Iesou Christou

F. 1 John 5:20 *“And we know that the Son of God has come, and Has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.”*

- the word “this”, is a demonstrative pronoun. A pronoun must agree in gender(meaning masculine, feminine or neuter) and in number (meaning plural or singular) In this case it is a singular pronoun. In Greek grammar it must agree with its closest antecedent (i.e. the word before it that is also a masculine and singular as a noun)

G. Titus 1:3 *“but at the proper time manifested, even His word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior.*