

## The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ – A Christian Foundational Truth

**Text: John 1: 1-4,14** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**I John 5:10-12** *He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

**Philippians 2:6-11** (*Jesus*) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Introduction:** In the last few sermons, we have been preaching on the FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS of our CHRISTIAN FAITH - Why we believe Pentecostal teaching has a sound SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION.

### **Why Sound Christian Doctrine Matters:**

- (1). Christian Doctrine answers important and essential questions about God, sin, salvation, and eternity.
- (2). Christian Doctrine shapes our life as we put sound biblical teaching into daily practice.
- (3). Christian Doctrine teaches us how to confront & conquer sin in our lives and how to fight against evil.
- (4). Christian Doctrine teaches us how to see false doctrine and how to keep our soul safe from eternal loss.
- (5). Christian Doctrine unifies Believers with true and common beliefs to form sound Christians Churches.

**We are in our third Sermon on the subject – TONIGHT – The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ Previously:**

- .01 *The Bible is the Word of God - inspired by God, without error, & reliable/trustworthy for our faith.*
- .02 *There is Only One God as revealed in Scripture as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*
- **NEXT SERMON – Two Fundamental Truths in one sermon: *The Fall of Man/The Salvation of Man***

**I. Who was (is) Jesus Christ?** *Without a doubt, Jesus is the most controversial man who ever lived. Some love him dearly. Others hate him to the point of seeking to murder all his followers. We, in America, have heard of him all of our lives - many seek to ignore him as they pursue careers or worldly pleasures. YET, in America, he cannot be completely ignored. His name is continuously being proclaimed by Christians or on countless radio stations & tv programs every hour of every day!*

### **What do other religions teach about Jesus:**

- Jewish teaching on Jesus – (ARTICLE) (ref.: Christianity and Judaism - Wikipedia) “The belief that Jesus is God, the Son of God, or a person of the Trinity, is incompatible with Jewish theology. Judaism does not accept Jesus as a divine being, an intermediary between humans and God, a messiah, or holy. Belief in the Trinity is also held to be incompatible with Judaism, as are a number of other tenets of Christianity.”
- Buddhist teachings on Jesus – (ARTICLE) The Good Heart: A Buddhist Perspective on the Teachings of Jesus ---- “Although the Dalai Lama saw similarities in ethics between the two religions, as a Buddhist he could not accept a Creator God and a personal Savior. Therefore, he insisted that there is no such thing as a Buddhist Christian. In illustrating this impossibility, he quoted a Tibetan expression, which says, “Don’t try to put a yak’s head on a sheep’s body” (ref.: <https://www.equip.org/articles/the-good-heart-a-buddhist-perspective-on-the-teachings-of-jesus/>)

○ Muslim teachings on Jesus –...several verses (of the *Quran*) are understood as a rejection of the divinity of Jesus and his status as the Son of God, and states that Jesus did not claim to be God or the Son of God. Islam teaches that Jesus' original message was altered after his disciples claimed that he had risen from the dead. Like all prophets in Islam, Jesus is also described as a Muslim, meaning one who submits to God, as he preached that his followers should follow the straight path. Jesus is attributed with numerous miracles in Islamic tradition. (ref.: *Jesus in Islam* - Wikipedia)

## **II. WHAT Christians Believe and Teach about the Lordship and Deity of Jesus Christ –**

### **There are 2 Reliable Facts to Base our Belief Upon:**

#### **(1). WE HAVE A PERSONAL INNER WITNESS THAT JESUS IS LORD AND DEITY:**

**I John 5:10 (OUR TEXT)** - He that believeth on the Son of God **hath the witness in himself**

**I John 2:27** But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

**Hebrews 8:10-11** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

**John 10:2-5** But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

#### **(2). ALSO, WE HAVE SCRIPTURE AS A BEDROCK FOUNDATION FOR OUR TEACHING:**

##### **10 facts the Bible states about Jesus:**

**1. Jesus is Deity** – he is a part of the Trinity of God – he will rule and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever! *Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of God!*

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**2. Jesus was miraculously born by Virgin Birth** – unique birth making him the **SECOND ADAM**

**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. – **ALSO, Luke 1:31, Luke 1:35**

**I Corinthians 15:45-47** And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

**3. Jesus had no beginning and has no ending** – He existed prior to his life on earth. He will never die

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**Revelation 1:18** I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

**4. Jesus lived a sinless life –**

**I John 3:5** And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and **in him is no sin.**

**II Corinthians 5:21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, **who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**5. Jesus preformed mighty miracles during his life on earth as proof of his Deity –**

**The Bible records that Jesus:** *healed all manner of sicknesses and diseases - calmed raging storms - cast out demons - feed multitudes of people - raised the dead – RESURRECTED FROM THE TOMB!*

**John 10:37-38** If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

**6. Jesus died on the cross for the sins of fallen man –**

**Romans 5:6-9** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

**7. Jesus rose from the dead in Resurrection Power –**

**I Corinthians 15:3-4** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

**8. Jesus ascended into heaven to sit at the Father's Right Hand -**

**I Peter 3:22 (JESUS)** Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

**9. Jesus will return to rapture his people –**

**I Corinthians 15:51-52** Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

**10. Jesus will RULE and REIGN over the World for a thousand years –**

**Revelation 4-6** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

**CLOSING – Without a doubt in my mind – the BIBLE PROCLAIMS, and after experiencing Jesus daily as a Christian for almost 50 years, my HEART PROCLAIMS - JESUS IS GOD'S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, and a MEMBER OF THE DIVINE TRINITY OF GOD – THEREFORE HE IS DEITY! NO ONE WILL EVER CONVINCE ME OTHERWISE!**

**WHAT ABOUT YOU – IF YOU STILL AREN'T CONVINCED, HOW SAD FOR YOU!**

**Daniel 7:13-14** *I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.*