Lesson #

Christology-Objections to the Deity of Christ

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\* In this lesson we are going to talk about the arguments against the Deity of Christ. As hard as it is to believe, there are infidels, skeptics, atheists, agnostics, Communists, and Socialists that try to put the Lord Jesus Christ in the same category with Mohammed, Buddha, Mao-Tse-Tung and all the rest of the so-called teachers whose teachings didn’t amount to anything one way or the other. None of these teachers dared make any historical guesses on history. Jesus Christ made so many of them that five hundred of them have not come to pass yet, while there are twenty to thirty of them being fulfilled in this century. A man who gets up and begins to talk about religion and God and spiritual things, and doesn’t have contact with God, doesn’t know what God knows. If there (and there is) is any God up there at all, He certainly knows the future. Here are twenty-one so-called arguments against the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. ***The First Objection***-Christ is not God because He had flesh and bones, and God being a spirit has neither flesh and bones.

This argument would have some reasoning to it if we were just talking about God alone or if we were just talking about a man alone. But we are talking about the *God-man*.

“Behold m \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ and m \_ f \_ \_ \_, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ and b \_ \_ \_ \_, as ye see me have.” ***Luke 24:39***

“God i \_ a S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and they that worship him must w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_i \_s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and in truth.” ***John 4:24***

Jesus Christ as *a man* had both flesh and bones, but *as God* He was a Spirit, the Holy Ghost incarnate. This objection arises from the dual natures of the Saviour. In order for the invisible God to become visible, He had to become flesh and bones. This teaches us that Jesus Christ has a dual personality.



“For there is o \_ \_ G \_ \_, and one mediator between God and men, t \_ \_ m \_ \_

Christ Jesus;” ***1 Timothy 2:5***

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: G \_ \_ w \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

i \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” ***1 Timothy 3:16***

So, we see that this argument that He could not be God because He had flesh and bones is foolishness, because in order to save a man, He would *have to be God*, but in order to save a man, He would also *have to be a man*. So, we have God coming as a man with two natures. As the old creedsays, “Very God of very God and very man of very man.”

1. ***The Second Objection***-Christ could not have been God because Christ had a beginning and God has no beginning.

“B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the mountains were brought forth, o \_ e \_ \_ \_ thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even f \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_,

 t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ G \_ \_.” ***Psalms 90:2***

“Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ and c \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_; neither came I of myself, but h \_ s \_ \_ \_ m \_.”

***John 8:42***

The Lord Jesus Christ *as a man* had to have a beginning, so He was conceived by the Holy Ghost. But at the same time, Jesus *as God* had no beginning or end.

“No man hath seen God at any time, the o \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_, which is in the bosom of the Father, h \_ h \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_.” ***John 1:18***

“Who is the i \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, the firstborn of every creature: For

b \_ h \_ \_ were all things c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, 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 b \_ h \_ \_, and f \_ \_ h \_ \_: And he is b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and by him all things consist.” ***Colossians 1:15-17***

“For unto us a c \_ \_ \_ \_i \_ b \_ \_ \_, unto us a son is given: and thegovernment shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, The Prince of Peace.” ***Isaiah 9:6***

Notice in the verse Christ is called” the everlasting Father.” Again, we are dealing with the dual natures. Christ as a member of the Godhead (the eternal Son, part of the Godhead) was from eternity, as one with the Father, and coequal with the Father. But to become a man, He had to come down, to humble Himself.

“Who, being in t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, thought it not robbery to be e \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_

G \_ \_: But m \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of no reputation, and t \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ the f \_ \_ \_ of a s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and w \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ in the l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of m \_ \_: And being found in

f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ as \_ m \_ \_, he h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto death, even the death of the cross.” ***Philippians 2:6-8***

So, we see that although *the man* Christ Jesus had a beginning, Christ as *the Word*, the second person of the Godhead, had no beginning but was eternally coexistent with the Father.

1. ***The Third Objection***-Christ could not be God because Christ was created, and God had no beginning.

This objection comes from false teachers that try to prove that Jesus Christ was the *first god* that God created, and of course, this isn’t true at all. The Scripturethat they try to use to deceive people with, is ***Revelation 3:14***.

“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_;” ***Revelation 3:14***

Now, without rightly dividing the word of truth a person might think this is what the Scripture is teaching. This is why we must compare Scripture with Scripture. What the Scripture is expressing is that Jesus Christ was the beginning of everything that God created, not that He was the first thing that God created of all that He created.Let’s look at another verse that will clear up what the Lord is saying.

“Who is the image of the invisible God, the f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of e \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: For b \_ h \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ , that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ h \_ \_, and for him: And h \_ is

b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and by him all things consist.” ***Colossians 1:15-17***

In the simplest words possible, when we look back at all that the Lord created, and look back before what He has created, we see Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is where creation began, and before and beyond. Jesus Christ was not the first god that God created. Nonsense! Jesus Christ is God!

1. ***The Fourth Objection***-Christ could not be God because the Bible says that “God is not a man.”

“G \_ \_ i \_ n \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?” ***Numbers 23:19***

“I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return todestroy Ephraim: for \_ a \_ G \_ \_, a \_ \_ n \_ \_ m \_ \_; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.” ***Hosea 11:9***

***Ezekiel 28:2*** says that man is not God. But Hosea does not say that God could not assume the human form and body of flesh if He so desired, which He did so desire. Although man is not God, nothing is too hard for God ***Jeremiah 32:17***. He could be manifest in the flesh if He so desired, and He desired.

“Wherefore when h \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a b \_ \_ \_ hast thou p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_:” ***Hebrews 10:5***

The second person of the Godhead has a body prepared for Him and became manifest on this earth as the Son of God. Here’s what the Father said about Him.

“And lo a v \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, saying, This i \_ m \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_, in

whom I a \_ w \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 3:17***

Aren’t you glad God took on a body for you and me? The “Godman” Jesus Christ!

1. ***The Fifth Objection***-Christ is not God because He called God “His Father.”

In this objection as in some of the others we will have to fall back to some of the truths that we learned in our study on the Trinity and remember.

“Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for \_ a \_ not yet ascended to m \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto m \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and y \_ \_ \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; and to m \_ G \_ \_, and y \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_.” ***John 20:17***

We must never forget that Jesus Christ in the Godhead is equal to the Father and the Holy Ghost in every way. He is “God.” That never changes. However, Jesus as a “human person” (His humanity) called God His Father. Two natures, remember? Look at what the father said about Jesus.

“But unto t \_ \_ S \_ \_ h \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_, Thy throne, \_ G \_ \_, is for e \_ \_ \_ and e \_ \_ \_: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.” ***Hebrews 1:8***

You have to constantly remember that we are not talking about one of the play toy gods of the imaginations of the world that never amount to anything. We are talking about a living, breathing, real, eternal God that can do anything. You either believe that or you don’t. This is why we spent a good bit of time studying the matter of the Trinity. Understanding and believing Jesus Christ as both the Son of God and the Son of man is vital. Not doing this is what trips up the world every time. Christ can and is both!

1. ***The Sixth Objection***-Christ could not be God because the Father sent Him to earth.

“Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

f \_ \_ \_ \_ and c \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ God; neither came I of myself, but h \_ s \_ \_ \_ m \_.”

***John 8:42***

The Father sending the Son to earth does not lessen His position as being Almighty God. In the first place, Jesus “volunteered” to come.

Then said he, Lo, \_ c \_ \_ \_ t \_ d \_ t \_ \_ w\_ \_ \_, O G \_ \_. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the b \_ \_ \_ of Jesus Christ o \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ a \_ \_.” ***Hebrews 10:9,10***

“For the Son of man i \_ c \_ \_ \_ t \_ s \_ \_ \_ and t \_ s \_ \_ \_ that which was lost.”

***Luke 19:10***

In the second place, Christ provided evidence for His Deity. This did not lessen His position as being Almighty God.

“But when the fulness of the time was come, G \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ S \_ \_, m \_ \_ \_ of a w \_ \_ \_ \_, made under the law, T \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ that were under the law, that we m \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of s \_ \_ \_.” ***Galatians 4:4, 5***

“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus c \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_

 t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ to s \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; of whom I am chief.***1 Timothy 1:15***

While on the earth Jesus Christ from time to time manifested the attributes of Deity. We discussed this when we talked about Christs creative powers ***John 1:1-3***; His powers over the elements ***Luke 8:24***; ***Mark 4:39*** and most of all, that while on this earth He received worship due only to God ***John 9:38*** while telling the Devil that nobody should worship anybody but God ***Luke 4:8***. These things show that although He may have been sent to this earth, He still was Almighty God “manifest in the flesh.” ***1 Timothy 3:16***

1. ***The Seventh Objection***-Christ could not be God because He appeared with flesh, and since Jesus is flesh, bones, and blood, He is merely a man and no more.

“Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is c \_ \_ \_ in t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ is o \_ G \_ \_: And every spirit that confesseth not that J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is c \_ \_ \_ in t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ is n \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”

***1 John 4:2, 3***

This objection is not going to work, because God simply *assumed* flesh, bones, and blood for the purpose of the *incarnation*. As God is an eternal Spirit, to be our Redeemer He had to be partaker of our humanity or He couldn’t save us.

“But w \_ s \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_, who was m \_ \_ \_ a little lower than the angels f \_ \_ t \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_, crowned with glory and honor; t \_ \_ \_ h \_ by the g \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ should t \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ for e \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ through s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Hebrews 2:9, 10***

If He was just a God how could He save us? We’re not gods. We are sinners!

1. ***The Eighth Objection***-Christ could not be God because God is His head.

“But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the h \_ \_ \_ o \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ G \_ \_.” ***1 Corinthians 11:3***

In the Trinity, it is necessary for one to be a sort of “Chairman.” That doesn’t mean that He is greater than the other two. The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are equal but for *administrative purposes*, the Father acts as *executive administrator*. We discussed this in depth in our study of the Trinity.

1. ***The Ninth Objection***-Christ could not be God because He is called man.

“But now ye seek to kill me, \_ m \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.” ***John 8:40***

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, t \_ \_

m \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_;” ***1Timothy 2:5***

Jesus was both true God and true man in one person without any intermingling of the two natures. His very name indicates this.

“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall b \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ a s \_ \_, and they shall call h \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ E \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, which being interpreted is, G \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ u \_.”

***Matthew 1:23***

Jesus had to be all man in order to suffer and bleed and die and go through what a man goes through, and He had to be all God to make a perfect atonement for sin. He is God-man. He is fabulously wonderful. Super-man. Praise Him!

1. ***The Tenth Objection***-Christ could not be God because He is the Son of God, just as we Christians may be called “the sons of God.”

Christians *become* a son of God by *conversion*. Jesus Christ is the “only begotten Son of God.”

“For God so loved the world, that he gave h \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_, that whosoever believeth in h \_ \_ should not perish, but have everlasting life.” ***John 3:16***

This is a unique and special position. God’s Son is equal to the Father, while the saint only becomes an heir with Christ as a “joint heir.”

“Who, being i \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ of God, thought it not robbery t \_ b \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_

G \_ \_:” ***Philippians 2:6***

There can be sons of God. In the Old Testament these “sons” are angels. There can be a corporate nation as a son of God, the nation of Israel ***Exodus 4***. There can be sons of God in the New Testament by the new birth.

“But as many a \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_, to t \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ h \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ to b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the

s \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, even to them that believe on his name:” ***John 1:12***

But remember, these in no way abolish the official, unique position which is held by the Lord Jesus Christ of whom it is said He is the “**ONLY***begotten Son*.” Christ is the only “Son” that originates from the Father Himself. He was conceived of the Holy Ghost. Christians are adopted sons.

“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; b \_ \_ y \_ h \_ \_ \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, whereby w \_ c \_ \_,

 Abba, F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Romans 8:15***

1. ***The Eleventh Objection***-Christ could not be God because the Father gave Him power.

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, A \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_i \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_

u \_ \_ \_ m \_ in heaven and in earth.” ***Matthew 28:18***

“Let this m \_ \_ \_ b \_ i \_ y \_ \_, which was a \_ \_ \_ i \_ Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But m \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of n \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and took upon him the f \_ \_ \_ o \_a s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and was made in the likeness of men:And being found in fashion as a man, he h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and became o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto death, even the death of the cross.Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”***Philippians 2:5-11***

Jesus Christ surrendered His power, and God restored it to Him at the resurrection, it was always His power, but He voluntarily yielded it up during His thirty-three and a half years on this earth. Jesus completely relied upon the power of the Holy Ghost to help Him. This is the same way the Lord has taught us, to rely upon God the Holy Ghosts power for help.

“Thinkest thou that I cannot now p\_ \_ \_ t \_ m \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and he shall

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ m \_ more than twelve legions of angels?” ***Matthew 26:53***

Jesus came to complete a mission and that was to shed blood, and He did.

1. ***The Twelfth Objection***-Christ could not be God because He was made “Lord” by God.­

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that G \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_

m \_ \_ \_ the s \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_, whom ye have crucified, both L \_ \_ \_ and

C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Acts 2:36***

Even though this is truth, it is not made in the sense of a promotion, for He (Christ) always was Lord. God the Father takes this opportunity to *proclaim this fact* to the Jewish nation. In the above Scripture, it is a *public statement* that God has *officially declared Christ* as “**Lord**” to the people who crucified Him.



1. ***The Thirteenth Objection***-Christ could not be God because He is subject to God.­

“And when all things shall be subdued unto him, t \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_

h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.” ***1 Corinthians 15:28***

This objection will not hold up because this verse does not refer to Christ’s *nature* but rather His *position*. Christ voluntarily chose subjection. It was not imposed on Him against His will. This verse is speaking of a time when Christ will yield up His dominion, His position, and His power to the Father. This verse was not speaking of Christs nature, which is Deity.

1. ***The Fourteenth Objection***-Christ could not be God because Christ died, and God is immortal and cannot die.

“Now unto the King e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, the only wise G \_ \_,

be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.” ***1 Timothy 1:17***

“And when J \_ \_ \_ \_ had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and having said thus, he g \_ \_ \_ u \_ t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_.”

***Luke 23:46***

Jesus as a man died. Jesus as God could not die and did not die.

“But we s \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of

d \_ \_ \_ \_, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should t \_ \_ \_ \_

d \_ \_ \_ \_ for e \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_.Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he a \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ part of t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_; that through

d \_ \_ \_ \_ he might d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ him that had the power of death, that is, t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_;” ***Hebrews 2:9, 14***

It is Jesus’ physical body that died. The spirit certainly did not die, it returned to God. His soul did not die. It went down through the earth and came back up. The only part of Jesus that died was the human part, the man part, the flesh part, and even that part did not corrupt.

“Because thou wilt not leave m \_ s \_ \_ \_i \_ h \_ \_ \_, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to s \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Acts 2:27***

“He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his s \_ \_ \_ was n \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ in h \_ \_ \_, neither his f \_ \_ \_ \_ did see c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Acts 2:31***

1. ***The Fifteenth Objection***-Christ could not be God because He was conceived by the Holy Ghost.

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, s \_ \_ w \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_

t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 1:18***

As a creature of the Holy Ghost, He is, therefore, neither God nor Creator. But again, we have to keep constantly in mind the two natures of Christ. The humanity of Jesus Christ was conceived in the Holy Ghost. The Deity of Jesus Christ always existed. We will discuss this more in-depth concerning Christs two natures in one of our upcoming studies called “the relationship of the Son to the Father.” We will study Christs humanity more in that study. In this study we are dealing with Christs Deity specifically. But, have you noticed in this study of understanding Christs Deity, how much His humanity has to be brought up? This is the Lords dual natures. He Himself taught of this. His favorite expression of Himself in the Gospels was, “Do you remember?”

“And then shall they see t \_ \_ S \_ \_ o \_ m \_ \_ coming in the clouds with

great power and glory.” ***Mark 13:26***

The Bibles in Luke Chapter three presents a human genealogy of Jesus Christ as the Son of man, tracing His ancestry back to the first man, Adam. Then in the book of John there is no genealogy given, for the genealogy begins with God.

“In t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ the Word, and the Word was with God, and

t \_ \_ W \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ G \_ \_.” ***John 1:1***

Jesus Christ therefore has two natures. Every born-again child of God has two natures according to ***Romans 6,7,8*** and ***Galatians 5*** and ***6***. Saved people should have no problems believing in two natures. Don’t expect an unsaved man to ever understand it.

“But the natural man r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ the things of the Spirit of God:for they are foolishness u \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” ***1 Corinthians 2:14***

1. ***The Sixteenth Objection***-Christ could not be God because He said, “my God” making Him and the Father distinct from one another.

“Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto m \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and y \_ \_ \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; and

 t \_ m \_ G \_ \_, and y \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_.” ***John 20:17***

We must understand that the Father and the Son are *two persons* only, not *two Gods*. One can see in discussing these matters (the Deity of Christ, the humanity of Christ, the two natures of Christ and the Trinity) how unsaved people cannot understand them. These things are “*spiritually discerned*.” But the born-again, saved, Bible believer accepts *allthe verses* that deal with *all the passages* everywhere they speak of *either nature*, and this gives us the Biblical picture of the Deity of Christ as it is related to His humanity, His two natures.

“\_ and m \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ are o \_ \_.” ***John 10:30***

“And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that t \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_

b \_ o \_ \_, a \_ w \_ a \_ \_. That they all may be one; as thou, Father, a \_ \_ in m \_, and \_ in

 t \_ \_ \_, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even

 a \_ w \_ a \_ \_ o \_ \_:” ***John 17:11, 21, 22***

1. ***The Seventeenth Objection***-Christ could not be God because He prayed to the Father and addressed Him as “the only true God.”

“And this is life eternal, that they might k \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” ***John 17:3***

“But to us there is b \_ \_ o \_ \_ G \_ \_, the F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, of whom are all things,and we in him; and o \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, by whom are all things, and we by him.”

***1 Corinthians 8:6***

This objection ignores the fact that the Son *coexists* with the Father. They are one. They are one in *nature* but distinct in *office* and *responsibilities.* The Father and Son being indivisibly linked together is clearly taught in the Bible.

“All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_t \_ \_ S \_ \_, but the Father; neither knoweth any man t \_ \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, s \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ S \_ \_, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.” ***Matthew 11:27; Luke 10:22; John 12:45***

1. ***The Eighteenth Objection***-Christ could not be God because if He were God there would be more than one God.

This objection almost did not qualify for the list because we have spent a great deal of time already in our study of the Trinity. If one has already studied what the Scriptures say about the Trinity and still could ask this question, our reply would be, Nurse! Nurse! Nurse!!! There is One God manifested in Three Persons. A Christian cannot have peace with these spiritual things of the Scriptures unless he decides to believe what God has said, as He has said it. The Lord is pleased with us believing Him.

“But w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ it is impossible to p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_: for he that cometh to God m \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that h \_ i \_, and that he is a r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of them that diligently

s \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_.” ***Hebrews 11:6***

1. ***The Nineteenth Objection***-Christ is not God because He was only an idea, a will, or purpose of God which had no material existence or material form “in the beginning.”

“In the beginning w \_ \_ t \_ \_ W \_ \_ \_, and the W \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, and the

 W \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ G \_ \_. The same was in the beginning with God.” ***John 1:1,2***

This objection is just a play on words, because verse one from above answers it both definitely and authoritatively. “*The Word was God*.” This heresy that Christ was only a spirit being, or spiritual idea was dealt with by the early church in the first and second century. In order to deal with it they refuted a bunch of people called *Docetists* who practiced “Docetism.” The docetic idea of Jesus Christ was the heresy that Christ either had to be a *spiritual being*, or phantom, who wasn’t real.

Another heresy called Ebionism taught that if there was such a real person walking around, He was not really Christ; He was a man named Jesus. “*The Christ*” descended upon Jesus at His baptism-the spiritual part of the Godhead-and then left Him at His crucifixion when He said, “My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?” These ancient heresies are called “*Docetism*” and were dealt with at the council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. Both “Arianism” and “Ebionism” is what the primitive church called these heresies and were condemned by official church council meetings to discuss the subjects in particular.

1. ***The Twentieth Objection***-Christ could not be God because He said His Father was greater than Him.

“Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: f \_ \_ m \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_i \_

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This statement the Lord spoke is referring to *His position*. It is not a reference to *Hisnature* or *His being*. Positionally, Jesus had chosen a position in subjection to His Father, but their *natures* are still one.

1. ***Twenty-First Objection***-Christ is not God because although He is “one with God,” that merely refers to one in pastoring, or “shepherding,” teaching, and judgment, but not one in the Godhead.

This argument carries no weight at all. The Father was the Shepherd of the Old Testament.

“The L \_ \_ \_ is m \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; I shall not want.” ***Psalms 23:1***

Jesus Christ is the Shepherd in the New Testament.

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The Father and the Son are One God in two persons coexisting as one Jehovah God. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is said to be the Jehovah of Jehovah’s (the “**LORD of Lords**”). *Jesus Christ* is *God*. He was Jehovah “**manifest in the flesh**.” The Lord Jesus Christ is the “**Alpha and Omega**, the **beginning and the ending**,” and the Bible reveals Him as God Almighty.

We can believe, from what the Scriptures say about themselves, that the Lord Jesus Christ was God “manifest in the flesh” and lives forevermore as God Almighty. We make no apologies for believing what God has taught us, but rather rejoice in the truth. Amen.

“Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;”

***1 Corinthians 13:6***

