

## God The Son

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More than any other member of the Trinity, denial of the most important aspect of Christ's identity has been over his Deity as God. The Deity of Christ, his Godhood, is under increasing assault by every universalistic view and world religion outside of Christianity. *Who is Jesus?* must be answered by every man and woman confronted by the established evidence of Christ as an historical figure. This is why Jesus asked of his disciples: *Who do people say the Son of man is?* He then followed their answers with: *Who do you [my disciples] say I am?* This question is as important to Jesus today as it was then. Peter answered, through a revelation from the Father, that He was God's Son [Deity]. Jesus replied, upon **that** "rock [of revelation]," he would build his church (Matthew 16:13-18).

This is why the early church fathers fought the heretical extremes of *Tritheism* and *Unitariansim*. It must be revealed and understood that Jesus is God, just as much as the Father is God and as much as the Holy Spirit is God. Jesus warned the disciples [and us] about the opposition to this revelation of his Deity through a kingdom parable of the woman (false religion) who took and hid leaven (false doctrine) into three measures of meal (the Trinity Godhead). See *Matthew 13:33 KJV* This parable came to pass when the early church fathers had to hammer out several creeds to fight the heresies of the false cults in Christendom. They were:

The **Ebionites** – denied Christ's deity.

The **Gnostics** – denied Christ's humanity (still around today: *example—The DaVinci Code*)

The **Arians** – taught that Christ was a created being.

The **Apollinarians** – denied the completeness of Christ's human nature.

The **Nestorians** – denied the union of the two natures in Christ, reducing him to a man filled with God.

The **Monophysites** – denied the two natures and wills in the one person of Christ.

The **Eutychians** – denied the distinction of the two natures of Christ, making a third/hybrid nature of the two.

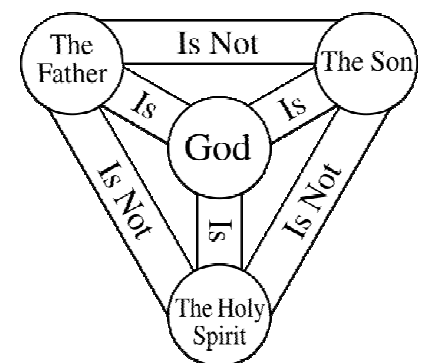
There is nothing new under the sun. Repackaged forms of these heresies still exist today. The woman injecting false doctrine into the church is still in the kingdom [Christendom] until she's removed completely in Revelation 18 [the Harlot Church]. In the last days the spirit of *antichrist* will come against God so as to replace the true God and his true nature with the antichrist himself, the *false* messiah. The assault on God has been on-going and has intensified in the last century. *God* has been taken out of public schools, secular colleges and universities, textbooks, government buildings, public grounds, and Christian holidays.

Evidence of this is also seen in the groundswell of *universalism* [all roads lead to God] rising in America among the emerging generations. This "tolerance" movement is tolerant of every religion except Christianity. The *tolerance* mindset is "intolerant" of the claims that Jesus made of himself—that he was God's Son, Deity in the flesh. To not believe this about Jesus is to throw out the *entire* doctrine of the Trinity. The Triune nature of God cannot exist as a fundamental truth apart from the Deity of Christ. Thus the emphatic claim of the **Athanasian Creed**:

*"Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold to the [whole, universal and true] Faith. That Faith which, unless everyone keeps whole and undefiled, without doubt shall perish for all eternity."*

[It goes on to say] **And the true faith is this:**

- That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;
- Neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance.
- For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit.
- But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.



**The Athanasian Creed goes on to declare about the God the SON:**

- The Son **uncreated**,
- The Son **incomprehensible**,
- The Son **eternal**,
- The Son **is almighty**,
- The Son **is God**,
- The Son **is of the Father alone; not made nor created, but begotten**.

**The Athanasian Creed continues to say:**

“...it is **necessary to everlasting salvation** that he also believes correctly about the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, **IS God and man**.
- God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and man of substance of His mother, born in the world.
- Perfect God and perfect man; of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.
- Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood.
- Who, although He is God and man, yet He is not two, but one Christ.
- One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of that manhood into God.
- One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ.”

**Pre-Incarnate Visitations of “God the Son” in the Old Testament—Christophanies.**

- Melchizedek, king of Salem (Genesis 14:18-20; Hebrews 5:6, 7:1-17).
- One of the three men who came to Abraham and went on to warn Lot in Sodom (Genesis 18).
- The angel [messenger] of the Lord who appeared to Hagar (Genesis 16:7).
- The man Jacob wrestled with, of whom he said he had seen God face-to-face (Genesis 32:23-30).
- The man who appeared to Joshua as the Commander of the Lord’s army (Joshua 5:13-15).
- The angel [messenger] of the Lord who appeared to Manoah, Samson’s father (Judges 13).
- The fourth man in the furnace with Daniel’s friends, described as the Son of God [KJV] (Dan. 3:25).

**Biblical Symbolic Illustrations of the SON in the Trinity:**

<b>1. Celestials</b>	) Sun ) <b>Moon</b> (reflects the sun, turns blood red) ) Stars	<i>Father God</i> <b>Son</b> (reflects the Father, blood sacrifice) <i>Holy Spirit</i>
<b>2. Noah’s Ark</b>	) 1st Story ) <b>2nd Story</b> (the door) ) 3rd Story	<i>Father God</i> <b>Son</b> (I am the Door; the Way) <i>Holy Spirit</i>
<b>3. The God of...</b>	) Abraham ) <b>Isaac</b> (promised son, offered sacrifice) ) Jacob	<i>Father God</i> <b>Son</b> (only begotten; sacrificed on cross) <i>Holy Spirit</i>
<b>4. Mercy Seat</b>	) One Cherub ) <b>Seat</b> (sprinkled blood, atonement) ) One Cherub	<i>Father God</i> <b>Son</b> (our atonement, propitiation) <i>Holy Spirit</i>
<b>5. Ark Contents</b>	) Tables of Law ) <b>Golden Pot of Manna</b> (Deity/Bread) ) Aaron’s Budded Rod	<i>Father God</i> <b>Son</b> (the bread of life from heaven) <i>Holy Spirit</i>
<b>6. Aaron’s Rod</b>	) The Bud ) <b>The Flower</b> (crushed, fragrance) ) The Almond	<i>Father God</i> <b>Son</b> (myrrh and incense) <i>Holy Spirit</i>

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|                        | ) The Voice                              | <i>Father God</i>                                      |
| <b>7. Burning Bush</b> | ) <b>The Bush</b> (the Root, the Branch) | <b>Son</b> ( <i>I am the Vine, the Root of David</i> ) |
|                        | ) The Fire                               | <i>Holy Spirit</i>                                     |

**Specific Characteristics of God the Son:**

- The Second Person of the Trinity in mode of operation for the purpose of redemption.
- Not inferior, not unequal, but in submission to and obedient in redemption’s plan to the Father’s will.
- The eternal Word (John 1:1-3).
- The Mediator, Medium and Umpire between God and man. The Intercessor, the Advocate.
- The God-Man. The union of the divine nature and human nature in the one Person. The Word made flesh (John 1:14-18). God manifest in the flesh (1 Tim 3:16).
- The Only Begotten Son. The fullness of the Godhead bodily in human form (Colossians 1:19; 2:9).
- Redeemer, Savior, Grace of God personified.
- Sacrificial body and blood. The ratification of the new covenant by his own blood.
- The visible revelation and expression of the invisible God in human form (John 14:8-11; Romans 1:19-20; Hebrews 1:3).
- Eternally the Son. Co-equal in power, nature, attributes and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
- The central Person of the Godhead. The *one in the midst* as demonstrated in the symbols and types of the Godhead *above*, and the central theme of each book of the Bible *below*.

**1 Tim 3:16**  
 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:  
**God** was manifested in the flesh,  
 Justified in the Spirit,  
 Seen by angels,  
 Preached among the Gentiles,  
 Believed on in the world,  
 Received up in glory. *NKJV*

**Luke 24:27** -“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he [Jesus] explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures *concerning himself*.

**Luke 24:44** - “He [Jesus] said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is *written about me* in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.

**Hebrews 10:7** – “Behold, I [Jesus] have come—In the volume of the book it is *written of Me*—To do Your will, O God.”

**Old Testament Book**

**Christ is seen as:**

Genesis.....	Creator God, the Seed of the Woman
Exodus.....	Passover Lamb
Leviticus.....	Our Way to God through Sacrifice (for sin)
Numbers.....	Son of Man lifted up as the Brass Serpent
Deuteronomy.....	True Prophet as typified in Moses
Joshua.....	Captain of our Salvation / leading to Inheritance
Judges.....	Our Deliver-Judge and Savior
Ruth.....	Kinsman-Redeemer (Goel), close relative
1 Samuel.....	Shepherd King
2 Samuel.....	Greater King David—establishing new order-worship
1 Kings.....	Builder of God’s Temple, greater than Solomon
2 Kings.....	Standard King of Righteousness
1 Chronicles.....	Designer, Preparer of the Spiritual Temple of God
2 Chronicles.....	Cleanser, Reformer of the Temple
Ezra.....	Restorer, Priest
Nehemiah.....	Governor of Judah, inspecting the Church
Esther.....	King of the Bride
Job.....	Patient Suffering Priest and Mediator
Psalms.....	The One who Sings, in the midst of the congregation
Proverbs.....	The Wisdom of God
Ecclesiastes.....	The only Way to Abundant Life
Song/Solomon.....	Beloved Bridegroom Lover
Isaiah.....	Messiah, the Holy One of Israel

Jeremiah.....	Righteous Branch
Lamentations.....	Weeping Prophet
Ezekiel.....	Son of Man
Daniel.....	The Stone that Crushes the Kingdoms of the World
Hosea.....	Healer of the Backslider
Joel.....	Promiser of the Holy Spirit
Amos.....	Bearer of all our Burdens
Obadiah.....	Avenger of God's People
Jonah.....	Greater than Jonah, 3 days-3 nights
Micah.....	Rejected King of the Jews
Nahum.....	Prophet of Comfort and Vengeance
Habakkuk.....	The Rewarder of those who live by Faith
Zephaniah.....	Executor of God's Wrath
Haggai.....	The Desire of all Nations
Zechariah.....	Smitten Shepherd
Malachi.....	The Messenger of the New Covenant

**New Testament Book**

**Christ is seen as:**

Matthew.....	King, the Anointed Son of David
Mark.....	Suffering Servant
Luke.....	Son of Man
John.....	The Word-Flesh, Son of God, Bread of Life, Light of the World, I AM
Acts.....	The Risen Lord and Baptizer in the Holy Spirit
Romans.....	Our Righteousness
1 Corinthians.....	The Power and Wisdom of God
2 Corinthians.....	Our Comfort and Sufficiency
Galatians.....	"Seed" of Abraham, Our liberty from legalism
Ephesians.....	The Head of the Church, Our Bridegroom
Philippians.....	Our Joy
Colossians.....	The Eternal Creator, Fullness of the Godhead Bodily
1 Thessalonians.....	The Coming Lord
2 Thessalonians.....	The Returning Avenger
1 Timothy.....	Our Mediator between God and Man
2 Timothy.....	Our example of a True Minister
Titus.....	Our Savior
Philemon.....	Our Advocate and Intercessor
Hebrews.....	Our Sacrifice and High Priest, Melchisedek
James.....	The Lord of Glory
1 Peter.....	Foreordained Lamb, Chief-Cornerstone and Shepherd
2 Peter.....	The Daystar and Coming Lord
1 John.....	The Loving manifested Word
2 John.....	The Truth
3 John.....	The Truth
Jude.....	Our Keeper
Revelation.....	The Alpha & Omega, the Lamb, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, Triumphant King of kings & Lord of lords.

The Old Testament contains **sixty** major prophecies about Jesus. In addition to these prophecies, there are approximately 270 ramifications that were all fulfilled in Him. In the "*science of probability*" the chances or odds of *eight* of these prophecies fulfilled in *one* person is one in 100,000,000,000,000,000. That's like covering the state of Texas two feet deep in silver dollars. Mark one of the coins, drop it over Texas out of an airplane, then stir up the whole mass of them. Have a blindfolded man walk through Texas as far as he wishes and then, on the first attempt, dig down into the two foot layer of coins and pick the very coin that was marked and dropped from the airplane. That's how staggering this probability of 1 in 10 to the 17<sup>th</sup> power is. Jesus fulfilled all **sixty** prophecies.

**As to Jesus' Divine Attributes, He is...**Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Unchangeable, Self-existent, Infallible, Sovereign, Eternal, Holy, Righteous, Love, and Faithful.

**As to Jesus' Divine Purpose, He came to...**fulfill the law, the psalms, and the prophets; give a complete revelation of Father God; destroy the works of the Devil and his kingdom [i.e. sin, sickness, disease, bondage, and death]; live a perfectly sinless human life; put away sin by sacrificing himself on the cross; establish and put into effect the New Covenant; fulfill the Old Testament offices of Judge, Prophet, Priest, and King; and to prepare the way to complete the plan of redemption for his return at the Second Coming.

**As to Jesus' Divine Names, He is called...**Everlasting Father, the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, the Lord our Righteousness, the Lord-Jesus-Christ, the Alpha and Omega, the First and Last, the Eternal Word, the I AM, the Root and Offspring of David, the Angel of Jehovah, the Son of God, the Holy One of God, and the Truth.

**As to Jesus' Divine Works, He is...**the Creator of heaven and earth, of angels and mankind, forgiver of our sins, the one who raises the dead, the judge of the world in righteousness, the upholder and maintainer of the universe by his word, and giver of eternal life.

**As to Jesus' Divine Worship, He was/is worshipped by...**angels, men, and all living creatures.

**As to Jesus' Humanity, He...**had a human birth and ancestry, human names and titles [Jesus, Son of David, Son of Abraham, Son of Man, Mediator, Messiah, Nazarene Jew, last Adam, and man from heaven]; had a complete human nature [body, soul, and spirit]; was humanly limited by time, knowledge and space, a need for rest, sleep, food and drink; experienced human development [through childhood, learning, obedience, labor, temptations from without, dependence on the Father and Holy Spirit through prayer]; and suffered human death and resurrection.

**As to Jesus' Sinless Humanity, He...**possessed a perfect human/divine nature; was incapable of sinning; was tested by God, Satan and man; was tempted from *without*, not *within*; had never sinned in word, thought, or deed; was made in the "likeness" of sinful flesh, but not made "with" sinful flesh; was our example in character, word, and deed.

**The Delicate Balance of the Deity and Humanity of Christ.**

Just like the threeness and oneness of the Godhead, we must be careful not to over-emphasize the divine or human nature of Jesus. In his book, *Foundations of Christian Doctrine*, Kevin Conner states: "If we over-emphasize His deity, we obscure His perfect humanity. If we over-emphasize his humanity, we obscure His deity." To deny His deity, the bridge to God breaks down on God's side. If we deny His humanity, the bridge breaks down on the human side. Jesus must be both 100% divine and 100% human in order for the mediation between God and man to take place. This is why Jesus is called a "Theanthropic" person (Theos—God; Anthropos—Man). He does not possess a Theanthropic nature, he IS Theanthropic in his personhood. Kevin Connor displays a wonderful balance of the two in the columns below:

<b>GOD</b>	<b>MAN</b>	<b>GOD</b>	<b>MAN</b>
Truly God	Truly Man	Immortality of Life	Suffered death
Divine Nature	Human Nature	Unchangeable	Sinless infirmities
Lord from heaven	The Second Man [last Adam]	I and the Father are one	My Father is greater than I
Immanuel	Jesus	Divine Self-consciousness	Human Self-consciousness
The Eternal Word	Made flesh	Divine Will	Human Will: Not my will be done
Son of God	Son of Man	God His Father	Mary His Mother
Son of the Most High	Christ come in the flesh	Root of David	Offspring of David
The Blood of God	A Body Prepared	David's Lord	David's Son
Eternal	Begotten in time	Victor	Victim
Omnipotent	Dependent	The Son sent into the world	The Son made of a woman
Omnipresent	Localized	The Priest, the Sacrificer	The Gift, the Sacrifice
Omniscient	Grew in knowledge	The Offerer	The Offering, The Oblation
Infinite	Finite	Divinity	Humanity
Sovereign	Servant	The Great I AM	Hungered, thirsted, and weary

In the first century, an old Latin inscription, chiseled on marble, was found in Asia. It reads: "*I am what I was—God; I was not what I am—Man; I am now called both, God and Man.*"

**God's Theanthropic Name:**

The Bible says all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily in Jesus (Colossians 2:9). Jesus said in Matthew 28:19 that the Father has a name, the Son has a name, and the Holy Spirit has a name. Peter announced the Triune name of God on the day of Pentecost when he said: God *had made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ* [the Lord Jesus Christ]. Interesting that Genesis 1:1, the first verse of the Bible starts with:

*"In the beginning God..."*

and the last verse of the Bible (Revelation 22:21) ends with...

*"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with God's people. Amen."*