

HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!



CHRISTIOLOGY-The doctrine of Christ

Colossians 1:15-23 (NLT) ¹⁵ Christ is the **visible image** of the invisible God. He **existed before anything** was created and is **supreme over all creation**, ¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. ¹⁸ Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. SO HE IS FIRST IN EVERYTHING. ¹⁹ For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, ²⁰ and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. ²¹ This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. ²² Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. AS A RESULT, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. ²³ But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News.

1. The doctrine of Jesus is the core of the gospel. V. 15-22
2. The greatest enemy of the deity of Jesus and His grace toward us is the voice of skepticism and doubt spoken by the devil. V. 22, 23
3. He is called, **the Lord Jesus Christ**, a great expression of His nature.
Powerful, personal, providential
4. The life of Jesus is unique in comparison to any other person. Consider these 6 proofs of His deity.

1. Jesus Christ was born of a virgin

Matthew 1:23 (NLT) ²³ *“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”*

Luke 1:31,35 (NLT) ³¹ *You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.* ³⁵ *The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.*

2. Jesus Christ lived a sinless life

Hebrews 7:24-26 (NLT) ²⁴ *But because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever. ²⁵ Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf. ²⁶ He is the kind of high priest we need because he is **holy** and **blameless, unstained by sin**. He has been set apart from sinners and has been given the highest place of honor in heaven,*

1 Peter 2:22 (NLT) **He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone.**

3. Jesus Christ performed many divine miracles

Acts 10 :38 Acts 2:22 (NLT) *“People of Israel, listen! **God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him,***

4. Jesus Christ died on the cross in our place

1 Corinthians 15:3 (NLT) *I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT) *For God made Christ, **who never sinned**, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

5. Jesus Christ rose from the dead

Matthew 28:6 (NLT) *He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.*

Luke 24:39 (NLT) *Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do.”*

1 Corinthians 15:4 (NLT) *He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.*

6. Jesus Christ ascended into the heavens to His exalted position at the right hand of God

Acts 1:9-11 (NLT) ⁹ *After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰ As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”*

Philippians 2:9-11 (NLT) ⁹ *Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*