

Arguments for The Deity of Christ

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“Jehovah” in the OT is Applied to Christ in the NT...

	Referring to Jehovah...	Applied now to Jesus Christ...
Both Created	Ps 102:25 In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.	Heb 1:8-10 - But about the Son he says... 10 He also says, “In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.
Neither Change	Ps 102:27 - They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. 27 But you remain the same, and your years will never end.	Heb 1:11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. 12 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”
Every Knee Bows to Both	Isaías 45:22-23 - “Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. 23 ...Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.	Phil 2:10-11 - that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Both are a Stumbling Stone	Isaías 8:14 - He will be a holy place; for both Israel and Judah he will be a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And for the people of Jerusalem he will be a trap and a snare.	1Pedro 2:4,8 - 4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 8 and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”
John the Baptist prepared the way for Both	Isaías 40:3 - A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.	Marco 1:1-3 - The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, 2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”— 3 “a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

Both Come with their Reward	Isaías 40:10 See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.	Rev22:12 - "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.
Both Ascended on High and Took Captives	Salmos 68:18 - When you ascended on high, you took many captives; you received gifts from people, even from the rebellious— that you, LORD God, might dwell there.	Efesios 4:8-10 - This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people..."
We Call on the Name of Both	Joel 2:32 - And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.	Ro 10:9-13 - If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved... 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Ac 2:21 - And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'
Both will Come with their Saints	1Th 3:13 - May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.	Zac 14:5 - ...Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. [véase Rev 17:4]

Christ is Creator

No one helped God in the Creation...

Jesus was clearly present at the Creation (Jn 1:3). Though many cults attempt to relegate Jesus to the role of "helping agent" in Creation, the Scriptures are clear that God created everything alone, without the help of anyone. This leads to the clear conclusion that Jesus is God...

*...I am the LORD, the Maker of all things, who stretches out the heavens, who spreads out the earth **by myself...** (Is 44:24)*

Further, God made everything directly...

1. *It is I who made the earth and created mankind on it. **My own hands** stretched out the heavens; **I marshaled their starry hosts.** (Is 45:12)*
2. ***My own hand** laid the foundations of the earth, and **my right hand** spread out the heavens; when **I summon them**, they all stand up together. (Is 48:13)*

The New Testament describes Christ as Creator...

The Bible teaches the participation of Jesus Christ in the Creation was essential (Jn 1:3). The NT contains two categories of references to Jesus Christ as Creator...

1. Everything was created "by" or "through" Jesus Christ (Jn 1:3-4; Col 1:16; Heb 1:2). If Christ were not God, God would not have been alone in the Creation as stipulated by the preceding verses, where He did everything "with his own hands".

2. Everything was created directly by Jesus Christ (Heb 1:10). This is decisive in Hebrews 1:10, where the apostle uses an OT passage describing Jehovah as Creator, and applies it directly to Jesus Christ. To get the full impact of this truth, we can compare the references...
 - **For Jehovah: Ps 102:22** - *In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.*
 - **For Jesus Christ: Heb 1:8** - *Pero del Hijo dice... 10...He also says, "In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.*

Some claim that God created everything "through" Jesus, but that God himself was the chief architect. The wording of the Greek text, however, shows the exact same wording for the Creation in reference to "God" and the Creation in reference to Christ...

- **Del Hijo:** *...all things have been created through him and for him. [δι αουτου και εις αυτου] (Col 1:16)*
- **De Dios:** *For from him and through him and for him [δι αουτου και εις αυτου] are all things. (Ro 11:36)*

Jesus Christ is the "Author of Life"

Jesus is identified as the Giver of Life in reference to the Creation. In the same way that "the Word was with God" (Jn 1:1), "life eternal" was with the Father and was manifested to us (Jn 1:2). According to the following passages, Jesus Christ is the source of both physical life, and eternal life...

1. *Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. (Jn 1:3-4)*
2. *You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead... (Acts 3:15)*
3. *The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. (1Jn 1:2)*
4. *And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (1Jn 5:11)*

Christ shares God's Exclusivity

If Christ were not God, he would violate all these rules of divine exclusivity...

1. **Glorified Alone** - *"I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. (Is 42:8; also Is 48:11)*
 - **Christ glorified:** *"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" (Rev 5:13-14)*
2. **The Only King of kings and Lord of lords** - *...God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords (1Tim 6:15) [véase Dt 10:17]*
 - **Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords** - *They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings... (Rev 17:14)*
3. **The Alfa and Omega, Beginning and End** - *"This is what the LORD says— Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. (Is 44:6)*

- **Christ as Beginning and End** - ...*He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. (Rev 21:6)*
 - *"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (Rev 22:12-13)*
 - *He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (Rev 22:20) [véase Rev 1:17-18; 2:8]*
4. **Mighty God** - Another remarkable case of shared exclusivity between Father and Son is that both are called "mighty God", both in Isaiah, using the same Hebrew word: gibbowr...
- **Para el Hijo** - *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God [gibbowr], Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Is 9:6)***
 - **Para Dios** - *A remnant will return, a remnant of Jacob will return to the **Mighty God. [gibbowr]. (Is 10:21)***

The Remarkable Unity Between Father and Son

As we read the New Testament we see clearly that the Father and Son are inseparable, doing everything together. But while the apostles clearly unite Father and Son, many sects have a theological need to separate them. It is helpful to review the nature of the unity between Father and Son to understand the relationship between Father and Son...

The one who see the Son, in reality sees the Father...

- *The one who looks at me **is seeing the one who sent me.** (Jn 12:45)*
- *Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.** How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" (Jn 14:9)*

The one who knows the Son, also knows the Father...

- *Then they asked him, "Where is your father?" "You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." (Jn 8:19)*

He who believes in Jesus, believes in the Father...

- *Then Jesus cried out, "Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. (Jn 12:44)*

The one who receives Jesus, in reality receives the Father...

- *...whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." (Mc 9:37)*

Everyone should honor the Son just as they honor the Father...

- *...that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. (Jn 5:23)*

Both live in the life of the believer...

- *Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. (Jn 14:23)*
- *You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. (Ro 8:9)*

Father and Son Work Together Intimately...

According to the apostles, Father and Son work tightly together in everything. One example is that the following phrase is found in all of these passages: (Ro 1:7;1Co 1:3;2Co 1:2;Eph 1:2;Phil 1:2;2Th 1:2;File 1:3)...

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father **and** from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Father and Son do everything together, and there is much evidence of this truth throughout the epistles of the New Testament...

1. **Galatians 1:1** - Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ **and** God the Father, who raised him from the dead—
2. **1Thessalonians 1:1** - Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father **and** the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.
3. **1Thessalonians 3:11** - Now may our God and Father himself **and** our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.
4. **2Thessalonians 1:1** - Thessalonians 1 - Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father **and** the Lord Jesus Christ:
5. **2Thessalonians 2:16-17** - May our Lord Jesus Christ himself **and** God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.
6. **1Timothy 1:1** - Timothy 1 - Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior **and** of Christ Jesus our hope,
7. **Titus 2:13** - while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God **and** Savior, Jesus Christ,
8. **1John 2:24** - As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son **and** in the Father.

A Clear Example of Unity in the Work of Father and Son...

In spite of the fact that the position of “Savior” is for God alone (Is 43:11; 45:21), Paul uses the title interchangeably between Father and Son...

1. **Titus 1:3** - and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of **God our Savior**,
2. **Titus 1:4** - To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and **Christ Jesus our Savior**.
3. **Titus 2:10** - and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about **God our Savior** attractive.
4. **Titus 2:13** - while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great **God and Savior, Jesus Christ**,
5. **Titus 3:4** - But when the kindness and love of **God our Savior** appeared,

6. **Titus 3:6** - whom he poured out on us generously through **Jesus Christ our Savior**,

It is apparently no different to call the Son "Savior", or call the Father "Savior"! The clear conclusion is that it is interchangeable. This is consistent with the apostles treatment of unity between Father and Son in purpose and position, throughout the New Testament.

This unity is seen clearly in that BOTH live in Christians...

- *Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and **we** will come to them and make **our home** with them. (Jn 14:23)*
- *You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the **Spirit of God** lives in you. And if anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, they do not belong to Christ. (Ro 8:9)*

The Bible concludes with a clear reference to this complete unity...

The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. (Rev 22:3-5)

Who did the Apostles serve?

The apostles used the expressions "servant of God", "servant of Jesus Christ", and "servant of the Lord" de manera intercambiable (Ro 1:1; Gl 1:10; Eph 6:6; Phil 1:1; Col 4:12; 2Ti 2:24; Tit 1:1; Jam 1:1; 1Pe 2:16; 2Pe 1:1; Jude 1:1)

- *Paul, a **servant of God** and an apostle of Jesus Christ... (Tit 1:1)*
- *James, a **servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ**... (Jam 1:1)*
- *Paul, a **servant of Christ Jesus**, called to be an apostle... (Ro 1:1)*

The Name of Jesus Christ Exalted above All...

A review of the names of Jesus Christ demonstrates that He is EVERYTHING...

The authority of the "name" of Jesus is revealed in His "names"

Mighty God (Is 9:6)

Everlasting Father (Is 9:6)

Author of Life (Acts 3:15)

God with us (Is 7:14; Mt 1:23)

Lord of glory (1Co 2:8) [exclusive title for God Ps 24:9-10]

Beginning and End (Rev 22:12-13, 16, 20) [exclusive title for God Is 44:6]

King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev 17:14; 19:16) [exclusive title for God 1Tm 6:15]

The name of the Son is exalted above all others...

Jesus' name had become well known. (Mc 6:14)

They preached in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 8:12)

the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. (Acts 19:17)

the nations put their hope in His name (Mt 12:21)

there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12)

they prayed that the name of the Lord Jesus would be glorified among them (2Th 1:12)
they called on his name for salvation (1Co 1:2; Hch 2:21; 9:14,21; Ro 10:9)
they did everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Col 3:17)
they suffered for His name (Acts 9:16; 15:26; 5:41)
they baptized in His name (Acts 2:38; 8:16)
they gathered in his name (Mt 18:20)

*...far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, **not only in the present age but also in the one to come.** (Eph 1:21)*