

# Chapter 1

## Of Jesus Christ's being manifest in the Flesh, the Use and End of it

Q. Which scriptures most clearly prophesy of Christ?

A. The Lord will raise up a prophet among you, and you will listen to him just as you listen to the Lord. [Deut. 18:15]<sup>1</sup>

The Lord will give you a sign: A virgin will conceive and bear a son, and shall name Him Immanuel. [Isaiah 7:14]<sup>2</sup>

Q. Didn't Christ exist before becoming flesh? What Scriptures proves this against people who wrongly claim otherwise?

The little town of Bethlehem will bring forth a ruler in Israel who has existed since ancient times. [Mic. 5:2]<sup>3</sup>

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, I existed before Abraham." [John 8:58]<sup>4</sup>

Now, Father, glorify me through You, with the same glory I had before the world existed. [John 17:5]<sup>5</sup>

And to make men see the fellowship of the mystery, which was in God, who created all things through Christ, since the beginning of the world. [Eph. 3:9]<sup>6</sup>

He created everything in Heaven and Earth, visible and invisible, be they kings, nations, or governments. They were created by Him and for Him. [Col. 1:16]<sup>7</sup>

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God has in these last days spoken to us through His son, who He has appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the worlds. [Heb. 1:2]<sup>8</sup>

Q. Those verses make it clear that the world was created by Christ, but what Scriptures prove Christ's divinity against people who claim He isn't divine?

A. The Word was God. [John 1:1]<sup>9</sup>

Israel's ancestors are the ancestors of Christ, who is God over all, forever blessed, amen. [Rom. 9:5]<sup>10</sup>

Christ, being equal with God, did not exploit his equality with God. [Phil 2:6]<sup>11</sup>

We know the Son of God has come, and has given us the understanding to know the true God. We are in the true God through his son Jesus Christ: This is the true God and eternal life. [1 John 5:20]<sup>12</sup>

Q. What glorious names does Scripture give unto Jesus Christ, the eternal son of God?

A. His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. [Isa. 9:6]<sup>13</sup>

He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature. [Col 1:15]<sup>14</sup>

He is the brightness of God's glory and the image of God's person (or as the Greek states, His substance). [Heb. 1:3]<sup>15</sup>

He wore a blood-dipped robe, and His name was the Word of God. [Rev. 19:13]<sup>16</sup>

Q. How does Scripture describe the birth of Christ?

A. This is how Christ was born: When Mary was engaged to Joseph (but before they were married), she became pregnant with the child of the Holy Spirit. [Matt. 1:18]<sup>17</sup>

The angel said to Mary, "Fear not, for God favors you. You will have a son and name him Jesus. He will be great, and called the Son of the Highest, and God shall give him David's throne." Mary said to the angel, "How can I have a son, since I'm a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come to you, and the power of God will overshadow you. The child you bear will thus be called the Son of God. [Luke 1:30-32, 34-35]<sup>18,19</sup>

Q. Was Jesus Christ, son of the Virgin Mary, and ostensible son of Joseph, a real man?

A. Just as children are flesh and blood, so was Christ, so that His death could destroy the Devil. [Heb. 2:14]<sup>20</sup>

Truely, he didn't take the nature of an angel, but instead took the lineage of Abraham, because he needed to be like his brethren, so that he could be a merciful and faithful high priest. [Heb. 2:16-17]<sup>21</sup>

We don't have a high priest who can't empathize with our pain and weaknesses, but rather, He was tempted as we are, though He did not sin. [Heb. 4:15]<sup>22</sup>

The gift of grace, by **one man**, Jesus Christ, has abounded unto many. [Rom. 5:15]<sup>23</sup>

Now Christ has risen from the dead and become the first to resurrect, for since humanity caused death to come into the world, a human has also brought resurrection into the world. 1 Cor. 15:20-21<sup>24</sup>

Q. How does Scripture describe the unity of Christ the Son of God with Christ the Man?

A. God's Word became flesh and lived among us (and we observed his glory, the glory of God's only Son) full of grace and truth. [John 1:14]<sup>25</sup>

For the man sent by God speaks God's words, for God has given him the entirety of the Spirit. [John 3:34]<sup>26</sup>

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, so Jesus went about doing good and healing those afflicted by the Devil because God was with Him. [Acts 10:38]<sup>27</sup>

It pleased God that the fullness of the Spirit dwelt in Christ. [Col. 1:19]<sup>28</sup>

In Christ dwells the fullness of God. [Col. 2:9]<sup>29</sup>

In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. [Col. 2:3]<sup>30</sup>

Q. Why did Christ come to Earth?

A. Because God's law could not overcome the sinfulness of humanity, God sent His son as a human, resembling the sinful likeness of humanity, so that He could condemn sin as a man. [Rom. 8:3]<sup>31</sup>

The Son of God came to destroy the works of the Devil. You know that He came to take away our sins. [1 John 3:8,5]<sup>32,33</sup>

Q. Was Jesus Christ really crucified and resurrected?

A. My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before everyone, a light shining upon the Gentiles, and the glory of your people, Israel. [Luke 2:30-32]<sup>34</sup>

God sent Christ as an atonement through faith in His blood, to declare his righteousness for the forgiveness of past sins, through the patience of God. [Rom. 3:25]<sup>35</sup>

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice to God. [Eph.5:2]<sup>36</sup>

He brought peace through His blood on the cross, to reconcile everything unto Himself, be they in on Earth or in Heaven. You, who were sometimes the enemies of God through your wicked deeds, have been reconciled through his death, to make you holy and beyond reproach in the eyes of God. [Col. 1:20-22]<sup>37</sup>

Not by animal blood, but by His own blood, he entered the holy place, having obtained redemption for us. Thus the blood of Christ, who through the Holy Spirit offered his blameless self to God, clear your conscience of sin to serve God. [Heb. 9:12,14]<sup>38,39</sup>

Christ suffered for sins, the just suffering for the unjust (to bring us to God), having been killed as a man, but strengthened by the Spirit. [1 Pet. 3:18]<sup>40</sup>

We see the Love of God in Christ giving His life for us. [1 John 3:16]<sup>41</sup>

Christ is the mediator of God's new testament, in that through His death to redeem sins under the first testament, those who are called can receive God's promised inheritance. [Heb. 9:15]<sup>42</sup>

Q. So Christ is our mediator?

A. Christ is the lamb that was slain from the world's founding. [Rev. 5:12; 13:8]<sup>43,44</sup>

Q. Should we then believe that the saints of old nourished themselves with Christ's Spirit, just as we do today?

A. The Church's forefathers were baptized unto Moses, and nourished themselves with the Spirit of Christ. [1 Cor. 10:1-4]<sup>45</sup>

Q. These Scriptures assert that Christ's death was meant to destroy and remit sin. Did He do this so that He no longer had work to do in us, and that we no longer had work to do for Him?

A. Christ suffered for us as an example, so that we could follow in His footsteps. [1 Pet. 2:21]<sup>46</sup>

Paul became a minister and was glad to suffer for Christ, for the sake of Christ's church. [Col. 1:23-24]<sup>47</sup>

Remember that Christ died so that His life could manifest through us. For we who live always risk death for Christ's sake, that His life is manifested through us. [2 Cor. 4:10-11]<sup>48</sup>

Christ died for everyone so that they would no longer live for themselves, but for the One who died for them and rose again. [2 Cor. 5:15]<sup>49</sup>

I will know him and the power of His resurrection, and share in his suffering, conforming to his death. [Phil. 3:10]<sup>50</sup>

## Notes

<sup>1</sup>The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

<sup>2</sup>Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

<sup>3</sup>But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

<sup>4</sup>Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

<sup>5</sup>And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

<sup>6</sup>And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

<sup>7</sup>For by him were all things created, 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 by him, and for him:

<sup>8</sup>Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

<sup>9</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>10</sup>Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

<sup>11</sup>Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

<sup>12</sup>And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

<sup>13</sup>For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

<sup>14</sup>Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

<sup>15</sup>Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

<sup>16</sup>And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

<sup>17</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

<sup>18</sup>And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

<sup>19</sup>Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

<sup>20</sup>Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

<sup>21</sup>For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

<sup>22</sup>For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

<sup>23</sup>But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

<sup>24</sup>But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

<sup>25</sup>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.

<sup>26</sup>For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

<sup>27</sup>How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

<sup>28</sup>For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

<sup>29</sup>For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

<sup>30</sup>In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

<sup>31</sup>For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

<sup>32</sup>He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

<sup>33</sup>And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

<sup>34</sup>For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

<sup>35</sup>Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

<sup>36</sup>And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

<sup>37</sup>And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:

<sup>38</sup>Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

<sup>39</sup>How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

<sup>40</sup>For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

<sup>41</sup>Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

<sup>42</sup>And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

<sup>43</sup>Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

<sup>44</sup>And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

<sup>45</sup>Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

<sup>46</sup>For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

<sup>47</sup>If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

<sup>48</sup>Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

<sup>49</sup>And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

<sup>50</sup>That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;