

JESUS is GOD

Who is JESUS? There seems to be little doubt that there was an actual historical figure named JESUS, who lived and walked on the earth about two thousand years ago. Very few people will argue this point, given the weight of historical evidence (e.g., testimonies both from biased and unbiased sources) in support of this fact. Most people will also generally agree that JESUS was, at minimum, a great spiritual teacher or prophet. Though there is little debate over JESUS' existence and humanity (manhood), the real question arises concerning His deity (Godhood). Is JESUS GOD, or isn't He?

The purpose of this tract is to demonstrate that JESUS is GOD by simply presenting Scripture (verses) from the Holy Bible (KJV) as evidence. Though many other arguments could be made in defense of JESUS' deity (e.g., His life-changing effects upon individuals, His impact on world history and society, eye-witness accounts of His miracles and resurrection, philosophical and logical arguments, apologetics, etc.), they will not be addressed in this tract.

It is the author's firm belief that Scripture alone, aided by the Spirit's prompting, is sufficient to convince the hearts of those who are honestly seeking to know the truth. Is that you? If so, then this tract is intended for you. How is Scripture alone able to convince? First, Scripture is inspired by GOD and thus, is trustworthy and effective. "All scripture is given by inspiration of GOD, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16). Secondly, Scripture is powerful and able to soften the most hardened and resistant hearts. "For the word of GOD is quick [living] and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder

[apart] of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12). If, in His mercy, GOD is softening someone's heart to make it receptive, he will listen to GOD's Word. Is GOD working on your heart? If so, let GOD's Word speak in answering this most critical question - Is JESUS GOD?

JESUS Said He is GOD

John 5:18

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, **making himself equal with God.***

**By calling GOD His Father, JESUS boldly proclaimed His equality with GOD in that a son shares the same "essence" or attributes as his father (e.g., omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, etc.). JESUS' claim to deity was clear even to His enemies, who sought to kill Him.*

John 10:30

30 I and my Father are **one.***

**In saying this, JESUS equated Himself to GOD the Father. He implied that He was one and the same as GOD, with the same essence and attributes, though not the same "person" (i.e., within the Trinity).*

John 8:58

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am.***

**The term "I am" was a well-known title or name for GOD, indicating His eternality and self-existence. By referring to Himself in this way, JESUS clearly declared His pre-existence and deity. This is confirmed by the fact that even His ene-*

mies recognized His claim to deity and attempted to stone Him to death (John 8:59).

John 14:9-10

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father***; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? 10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

**JESUS' meaning is clear. He is GOD incarnate or GOD in human flesh. To look at JESUS is to look at GOD, since He is the exact image or representation of GOD.*

Revelation 1:7-8

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. 8 **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending***, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, **the Almighty.****

**GOD used this phrase to describe Himself in Isa. 41:4. JESUS also used this same description for Himself in this verse, as well as in Rev. 1:11 & 17. If there is any question as to whom this phrase is describing in Revelation, clear references are made to JESUS in Rev. 1:7, 13, & 18.*

***The title "Almighty" is unique to GOD, referring to his omnipotence (i.e., having all power). In using this title, JESUS called Himself GOD.*

Others Said JESUS is GOD

1 John 5:20

20 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.

** A very clear and direct reference to JESUS' deity*

John 20:27-28

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, **My LORD and my God**.*

**After expressing much doubt and skepticism regarding eye-witness accounts of JESUS' resurrection, Thomas himself witnessed the resurrected Christ and finally submitted to the obvious conclusion that JESUS is GOD.*

Titus 2:13

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of **the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ**;

**Speaking of JESUS' second coming, this is a direct reference to JESUS' deity.*

Romans 9:5

5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh **Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever**.* Amen.

**Another direct reference to JESUS' deity*

John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word*, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.***** 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 **All things were made by him******; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**As in Gen. 1:1 ("In the beginning GOD...") where GOD is said to exist before anything else, JESUS, the Word, is also said to exist in the beginning (before time), referencing His eternity.*

***JESUS, the Word, can be "with" GOD in that He is one of the Persons in the Trinity, coequal to and coexisting with GOD the Father.*

****JESUS, who is the Word, is directly equated to GOD.*

*****This is a clear reference to JESUS' deity, in that He created everything, an ability unique to GOD.*

Hebrews 1:8-10

8 But **unto the Son he [GOD the Father] saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:*** a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. 10 And, **Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:****

**Even GOD the Father referred to His Son JESUS as GOD.*

***Another reference to JESUS' creating the world*

1 Timothy 3:16

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godli-

ness: **God was manifest in the flesh***, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

**JESUS is GOD manifest in the flesh.*

Colossians 1:15-16

15 **Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born*** of every creature: 16 **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**.**

**The term "firstborn" does not always have a literal meaning. It can also indicate preeminence, superiority, or higher rank. GOD called Israel His "firstborn" (Ex. 4:22), not because it was the first nation created, but because it was given a special status above other nations. Calling JESUS the firstborn does not imply that He is a created being (i.e., speaking of His Spirit in His pre-incarnate state), but that He has a higher standing and greater worth than others. In other words, He is far superior to and outranks everyone else.*

***GOD alone is the Creator of Heaven and Earth and for whom everything was made. Thus, if everything was created by and for JESUS, then logically, JESUS must be GOD.*

Colossians 2:8-9

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 **For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.***

**For JESUS to have all the fullness of the Godhead bodily*

means that He has all the attributes of GOD.

Philippians 2:5-6

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 **Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*** 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

**Though JESUS humbled Himself and became a man on earth, He still retained His deity that His Spirit had in Heaven from eternity past. JESUS was and still is fully GOD and fully man.*

Matthew 1:23 (quoted from Isaiah 7:14)

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, **God with us.***

**JESUS was called Emmanuel (GOD with us), because GOD literally lived among His people in the person of JESUS.*

Hebrews 1:1-4

1 God, who at sundry [various] times and in divers manners [different ways] spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 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;** 3 **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: 4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

**JESUS, who is the express (exact) image of GOD, not only*

created the world, but also sustains it by His power. Who else but GOD can create and sustain the world?

John 1:14

14 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.

**JESUS, the Word, is GOD made flesh.*

JESUS Has Divine Attributes

JESUS is the Creator:

Colossians 1:15-17

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John 1:3, 10

3 **All things were made by him;** and without him was not any thing made that was made.

10 He was in the world, and **the world was made by him**, and the world knew him not.

Hebrews 1:2, 10

2 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;**

10 And, **Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the**

works of thine hands:

JESUS is Eternal:

Micah 5:2

2 But thou, **Bethlehem** 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***.

**This Old Testament prophecy of the Messiah's birthplace (Bethlehem) was fulfilled by the birth of JESUS, who is described as a Ruler whose existence is eternal or from "everlasting". Since GOD alone is eternal, JESUS, who is eternal, must be GOD.*

Isaiah 9:6

6 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.

** This is a reference to JESUS.*

*** JESUS' titles reveal His deity. The description "everlasting" shows that He is eternal.*

John 1:1

1 **In the beginning was the Word***, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**The phrase "In the beginning" means before time began and before anything was created. The "Word" is another name for JESUS.*

Revelation 1:8

8 I am Alpha and Omega, **the beginning and the ending,**

saith the Lord, **which is, and which was, and which is to come**, the Almighty.

John 17:5

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

**JESUS' request to be glorified along with GOD the Father would be the height of presumption and pride, if JESUS were not also GOD Himself. No mere man can be glorified at the same level as GOD.*

*** The glory which JESUS had with the Father before the world was created references His eternality.*

JESUS is Omniscient (all-wise and all-knowing):

Luke 5:22

22 But when **Jesus perceived their thoughts**, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

John 16:30

30 Now are we sure that **thou knowest all things** and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from GOD.

John 2:24-25

24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because **he knew all men**, 25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for **he knew what was in man**.

John 21:17

17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, **Lord**,

thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

Revelation 2:23

23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that **I am he which searcheth the reins [minds] and hearts:*** and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

**Only GOD can read the heart and mind. The speaker is identified in Rev. 2:18 as the "Son of GOD", a clear reference to JESUS.*

JESUS is Omnipotent (all-powerful):

Ephesians 1:19-22

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in **Christ**, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 **Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet,** and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

Matthew 28:18

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

Revelation 1:8

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, **the Almighty [all-powerful].**

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6 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.

**The Old Testament prophet Isaiah prophesied that the "child to be born" or the Messiah would be GOD Himself. "Mighty GOD" refers to GOD's omnipotence.*

John 17:2

2 As thou has given him power over all flesh, that **he should give eternal life** to as many as thou hast given him.

**As with the Father, the Son (JESUS) has power to grant eternal life to whom He wishes. Who except GOD can grant salvation?*

John 6:40

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: **and I will raise him up at the last day.***

**JESUS is so powerful that He can give eternal life to whom He wishes and raise them from the dead.*

John 10:18

18 No man taketh it [my life] from me, but I lay it down of myself. **I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.*** This commandment have I received of my Father.

**JESUS has power to both give up His life and resurrect Himself.*

Revelation 1:18

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore*, Amen; and **have the keys of hell and of death.****

**This is a clear reference to JESUS in that He died and was resurrected.*

***Only GOD controls who dies and goes to hell. Thus, if JESUS has this same power, He must be GOD.*

Mark 2:5-12

5 When JESUS saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, **thy sins be forgiven thee**. 6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, 7 Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? **who can forgive sins but GOD only?*** 8 And immediately when JESUS perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? 9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? 10 But that ye may know that **the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins****, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) 11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. 12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed and glorified GOD, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

**As JESUS' enemies knew, only GOD has the authority to forgive sins committed against Him. Thus, if JESUS has this same power to forgive sins, which is GOD's prerogative alone, He must be GOD.*

***To remove any doubt, JESUS clearly declared His divine authority to forgive sins.*

Mark 4:39-41

39 And **he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.*** 40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, **What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?***

**JESUS, who created both the wind and sea, could, of course, command them to be still.*

***JESUS' disciples were in awe of JESUS' demonstration of divine power.*

1 John 3:8

8 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.***

**JESUS is more powerful than the devil.*

Luke 10:17-19

17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. 18 And he said unto them, **I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. 19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy:*** and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

**JESUS' power is so great that He can grant power to His disciples over the devil and his demons.*

Hebrews 2:14

14 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***;

**Through humble submission and obedience to GOD the Father's will (i.e., dying on the cross), JESUS demonstrated that He was more powerful than the devil. Part of JESUS' superior power was seen in His immense patience and endurance through extreme suffering and His great self-restraint in allowing Himself to be unjustly condemned, though He had every right and the power to stop it.*

JESUS is Omnipresent*

**present everywhere at the same time*

Matthew 18:20

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, **there am I in the midst of them.***

**How could JESUS be present with believers, who gather in His name throughout the world at the same time, unless He were omnipresent?*

Matthew 28:20

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, **I am with you alway***, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**Only if JESUS were omnipresent, could He fulfill this promise to be with believers everywhere at all times.*

John 3:13

And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came

down from heaven, even the Son of man which **is*** in heaven.

**While JESUS was speaking to Nicodemus on earth, His Spirit was also in Heaven simultaneously.*

JESUS Rules Over All*:

**JESUS, as the highest Ruler in the universe, has authority over everything and everyone, except the Father (1 Cor. 15:24-28) Though there is a clear hierarchy (i.e., the Son and Spirit submit to the Father) and division of roles within the Trinity, the Son and Spirit still share the same divine essence (nature, attributes) with the Father and thus are equal to GOD.*

1 Timothy 6:14-16

14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our **Lord Jesus Christ:** 15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and **only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;** 16 **Who only hath immortality,** dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

Revelation 19:16

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.** *

**That this title belongs to JESUS is made clear by a previous reference to Him (Rev. 19:13) as the "Word of GOD".*

John 5:22-23

22 For the Father judgeth no man, **but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:*** 23 That **all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father.**** He that

honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

**All judgment over every created being belongs to JESUS.*

***To give the same honor to the Son as to the Father is to imply that JESUS is equal to GOD.*

Philippians 2:9-11

9 Wherefore GOD also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 **That at the name of JESUS every knee should bow**, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that **every tongue should confess that JESUS CHRIST is LORD**, to the glory of GOD the Father.

Acts 10:36

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (**he is Lord of all:**)*

**Since GOD alone is LORD of all, by inference, JESUS must be GOD if He has the same authority.*

Matthew 12:8

8 For the Son of man is **LORD even of the Sabbath day.***

**Only GOD made the law, including the fourth commandment (i.e., the Sabbath). So, only GOD can be LORD over the Sabbath and decide what can be done on that day. Thus, if JESUS is LORD over the Sabbath day, He must be GOD.*

Hebrews 1:8-9

8 But **unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:** a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Revelation 1:5

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and **the prince [ruler] of the kings of the earth.** Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

2 Corinthians 5:10

10 For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Rom. 14:10-12

10 For we shall all stand before the **judgment seat of Christ**.* 11 For it is written, **AS I LIVE, SAITH THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL CONFESS TO GOD**.* So then every one of us shall give account of himself to **GOD**.*

**As these verses indicate, the judgment seat of Christ is the judgment seat of GOD, before whom all will give an account. Everyone will bow down to Jesus and confess Him as LORD.*

JESUS is Perfectly Holy and Sinless:

1 John 3:5

5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and **in him is no sin.**

1 Peter 2:21-22

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 **Who did no sin**, neither was guile found in his mouth:

2 Corinthians 5:21

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, **who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Luke 1:35

35 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**.

JESUS is Immutable (unchanging):

Hebrews 13:8

8 Jesus Christ **the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever**.

Hebrews 1:12

12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and **they shall be changed: but thou art the same**, and thy years shall not fail.

JESUS is the Son of God*:

**Sonship implies deity and sharing of divine attributes.*

Hebrews 1:5

5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, **Thou art my Son**, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave **his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 5:18

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that **God was his Father, making himself equal with God.***

**Even JESUS' enemies understood that JESUS' claim to be GOD's Son was the same as claiming to be GOD.*

John 1:49

49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, **thou art the Son of God**; thou art the King of Israel.

Luke 1:35

35 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**.

Mark 3:11

And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, **Thou art the Son of GOD**.

JESUS Receives Worship*:

**The 1st and 2nd commandments limit worship to GOD alone. Therefore, if JESUS accepts worship, He is acknowledging that He is GOD.*

Hebrews 1:6

6 And again, when he [GOD the Father] bringeth in the first begotten [JESUS] into the world, he saith, And **let all the angels of God worship him [JESUS]**.

Revelation 5:11-14

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels

round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 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.** 13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. 14 And the four beasts said, Amen. **And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.**

Matthew 14:33

33 Then they that were in the ship came and **worshipped him**, saying, Of a truth thou art the **Son of GOD.**

John 9:38

38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And **he worshipped him [JESUS].**

Matthew 28:9

9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold **JESUS** met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and **worshipped him.**

Luke 24:51-52

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52 And **they worshipped him**, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

JESUS Grants Eternal Life:

John 10:28

28 And **I give unto them eternal life**; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

John 5:21

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth [gives life to] them; even so **the Son quickeneth whom he will**.

John 17:1-2

1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, **that he should give eternal life** to as many as thou hast given him.

John 6:33, 35

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and **giveth life unto the world**.

35 And **Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life**: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 11:25-26

25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live**:

26 And **whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die**. Believest thou this?

John 14:6

6 **Jesus saith** unto him, **I am** the way, the truth, and **the life**: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 1:4

4 **In him was life**; and the life was the light of men.

John 5:28

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which **all that are in the graves shall hear his [JESUS'] voice**,
29 **And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life**; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

JESUS is Truth

John 14:6

6 **JESUS saith** unto him, **I am** the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 8:31-32

31 Then said **JESUS** to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in **my word**, then are ye my disciples indeed;
32 And **ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free**.

John 18:37

37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? **JESUS answered**, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and **for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth**. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

John 1:14

14 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.**

John 1:17

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and **truth came by JESUS CHRIST.**

Revelation 19:11

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; **and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True,** and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

JESUS is Loving

John 15:12-13

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, **as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.***

**JESUS demonstrated the greatest love possible by laying down His life for His people, though they are sinful and undeserving.*

Matthew 5:43-44

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. 44 But **I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;***

** This was part of JESUS' teaching from the "Sermon on the Mount".*

Ephesians 5:25

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as **Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

**JESUS loves His people so much that He sacrificed Himself on the cross for their sins, so they could be set free from sin and eternal punishment.*

Romans 8:35, 37

35 Who shall separate us from the **love of CHRIST?** shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through **him that loved us.**

1 John 3:16

16 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.

Revelation 1:5

5 And from **JESUS CHRIST,** who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. **Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,**

Ephesians 3:19

19 And to know the **love of CHRIST, which passeth knowledge,** that ye might be filled with all the fullness of GOD.

John 13:1

1 Now before the feast of the Passover, when **JESUS** knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this

world unto the Father, **having loved his own** which were in the world, **he loved them unto the end.**

John 15:9

9 As the Father hath loved me, **so have I loved you:** continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

John 14:21

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and **I will love him***, and will manifest myself to him.

**Though JESUS has a general love for the world, He has a special love for His people or those who keep His commandments.*

JESUS is Merciful

Hebrews 2:17

17 Wherefore in all things it behooved 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.

Luke 23:33-34

33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, **there they crucified him**, and the malefactors [criminals], one on the right hand, and the other on the left. 34 Then **said JESUS, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.** And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

**JESUS is so merciful, that He even asked the Father to for-*

give His enemies that put Him on the cross.

John 1:14

14 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.

Matthew 18:21-22

21 Then came Peter to him, and said, LORD, **how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?** till seven times? 22 **JESUS saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.**

Luke 19:10

10 For the **Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.***

**JESUS is very merciful and came to save the lost (unsaved) from eternal destruction.*

Matthew 14:14

14 And **JESUS** went forth, and saw a great multitude, and **was moved with compassion** toward them, and he healed their sick.

Luke 7:13

13 And when **the LORD** saw her, **he had compassion on her,*** and said unto her, Weep not.

**JESUS' great mercy led Him to comfort the widow of Nain and raise her only son from the dead.*

Mark 1:40-41

40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 41 And **JESUS, moved with**

compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

Mark 8:1-2

1 In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, **JESUS called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them, 2 I have compassion on the multitude***, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat:

**JESUS demonstrated His compassion by feeding thousands of hungry people miraculously.*

John 8:10-11

When JESUS had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? 11 She said, No man, Lord. And JESUS said unto her, **Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more***.

**JESUS rescued this adulterous woman from her accusers, who were ready to stone her, and mercifully forgave her.*

Luke 5:31-32

31 And JESUS answering said unto them, They that are whole [healthy] need not a physician; but they that are sick. 32 **I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.***

**JESUS has a special heart for the lost and desires that all repent and be saved.*

Conclusion:

If you have read this tract and believe Scripture's assertion that JESUS is GOD, what significance does it have, and how does this affect you personally? If JESUS is truly GOD,

and not merely a man, it has a great impact on your life.

First, it means that JESUS is your Creator and Sustainer. And if He created you and daily provides you with all that you need to live, don't you owe Him your very life, and at minimum, your gratitude?

Second, if JESUS is GOD, it means that He is all-powerful and able to overcome any problem you may encounter, no matter how difficult it is. Shouldn't He be the One you depend on to help you with all your troubles, instead of mere men?

Third, if JESUS is GOD, it means He is sovereign (ruler) over everything in the universe, including your life. Not a day goes by without Him controlling every aspect and detail of your life. There is no such thing as chance, though we often use the term. JESUS planned out your entire life. Being sovereign, He also has the power to send you to heaven or to hell. With such great authority, shouldn't you acknowledge Him as LORD and humbly bow the knee to Him in reverent worship and submission?

Fourth, if JESUS is GOD, it means that He is all-wise and knows all things, including everything you do, even your secret sins. Knowing this, wouldn't it be wise to fear and obey Him, realizing that some day you will have to give an account for everything you ever did in this life, as you stand before His throne of judgment?

Fifth, if JESUS is GOD, it means that He is perfectly holy and just. As such, He hates sin and punishes it with physical and eternal death. Wouldn't a right response be to repent of your sins, turn toward righteousness, and beg His forgiveness before it's too late?

Sixth, if JESUS is GOD, it means that He is also loving

and merciful. He promises to save and forgive the sins of those who believe in Him as their LORD and SAVIOR. How you respond to His offer of grace (i.e., acceptance or rejection of it) will determine your eternal destiny.

Seventh, if JESUS is GOD, it means that all that He says is true, and you can trust His Word.

What does His Word say? His Word tells us that we were made in GOD's image to glorify, worship, and serve Him. We were also made to enjoy GOD by experiencing a close and loving relationship with Him for eternity. That is our purpose in life. However, we have all failed in fulfilling this purpose, because we have all sinned and broken GOD's holy and perfect law. As lawbreakers, we are separated from GOD and rebels in His kingdom. And GOD, who is perfectly holy and just, punishes sin with both physical and eternal death. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of GOD" (Rom. 3:23). "For the wages [payment, punishment] of sin is death, but the gift of GOD is eternal life through JESUS CHRIST our LORD" (Rom. 6:23).

Thankfully, though, GOD is also loving and merciful and offers a way of salvation or deliverance, both from the enslaving power of sin and eternal punishment. This way of salvation can only be found through JESUS CHRIST. "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name [JESUS] given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

How can we be saved through JESUS?

First, we must believe that we are saved only by His grace (undeserved kindness or unmerited favor) and not by our good works. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of GOD; not of

works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). None of us is perfect. Therefore, we cannot earn our way to Heaven through our good deeds. Apart from GOD, no human effort (e.g., baptism, church membership, serving in ministry, giving, etc.), can gain entrance to Heaven.

Second, we must believe that GOD loved us so much that He sent His Son JESUS to take the punishment for our sins, which we deserved, by dying on the cross in our place. "But GOD commendeth [demonstrates] His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, CHRIST died for us" (Rom. 5:8). "For GOD so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Third, we must believe that JESUS was resurrected from the dead on the third day and now reigns in Heaven, some day to return. "CHRIST died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3-4).

Fourth, we must repent or turn away from our sins toward righteousness, as JESUS commanded. "From that time JESUS began to preach and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). True repentance also includes surrendering our lives to JESUS' control and denying ourselves for His sake. We must be willing to suffer and give up whatever He asks us to. "Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple [follower]" (Luke 14:27, 33).

Fifth, we must believe that the only way we can be saved is to be regenerated or made born again by GOD's power and grace. When He gives us new hearts and puts His

Spirit within us, we are transformed from spiritual death (i.e., a spiritual condition marked by enslavement to sin and Satan and separation from GOD) to spiritual life (i.e., freedom from sin and Satan's dominion and reconciliation with GOD). By GOD's grace alone, we are able to repent and trust in JESUS as our LORD and SAVIOR. If we are truly born again, we will evidence it by living our lives for Christ, walking in love and obedience to His will. "Therefore if any man be in CHRIST, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17).

What impact would it have on us if JESUS were not GOD (GOD forbid!)? Most importantly, it would mean that JESUS died in vain, since only someone who is both GOD and man could qualify as our Savior and die as our substitute in our place. Without such a Savior, it would mean that we would all die in our sins and suffer eternal punishment. We would be without any hope at all.

Thankfully, though, this is not the case, and JESUS is indeed GOD, as the above verses demonstrate. The question now is what will you do with this knowledge? Will you believe it and bow the knee to JESUS as your LORD and SAVIOR? Or will you ignore this truth or refuse to believe it, as so many do, and perish in your sins? May GOD mercifully open your heart and mind to accept the undeniable truth that JESUS is GOD.

"Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts" (Heb. 4:7). Come boldly before His throne of grace that you may obtain mercy and find grace.

Thank you for reading this tract. We hope that you were blessed by it. If you have any questions or would like a free New Testament, please contact:

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