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of CHRIST

The Case for the Deity of Christ



"Putting Jesus in His Proper Place"



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- The doctrine of the deity of Jesus is one of the most basic tenets of Christian belief,
 - *Teaching of the scriptures perverted by many cults falsely assuming the name of "Christian" (i.e., Jehovah's Witnesses [Arianism]; Unitarianism, [Socinianism], Oneness Pentecostalism, [Modalism or Sabellianism], etc.), and "twisting the scriptures to their own destruction."*
- It is essential, therefore, that believers have a firm foundation in Scripture relating to this teaching. (2 John 1:7)



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2 John 1:7 (NKJV)

For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.



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- Interpretations of Jesus are fraught with bias.
 - ~ *Animal-rights activists imagine a vegetarian Jesus.*
 - ~ *New Agers make him an example of finding the god within.*
 - ~ *Radical feminists strip him of divinity so that Christianity doesn't appear sexist.*
 - ~ *Dan Brown & "The Da Vinci Code," no more than a man, and a fraud at that - a great conspiracy*
- The biblical teaching about Jesus constitutes a powerful cumulative case regarding Jesus as our Lord and God.

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- **Restrictions of the Law -**
Ex 20:2-6
- **Statement of Jesus -**
Mat 4:10
- **Reaction of Peter, Barnabas & Paul -**
Acts 10:25; 14:8-18
- **Reaction of angel -**
Rev 22:8,9

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Matthew 8:2,3 (NKJV)

² And behold, a leper came and **worshiped Him**, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." ³ Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

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Matthew 9:18 (NKJV)

While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and **worshiped Him**, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live."

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John 9:35-38 (NKJV)

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" ³⁶ He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" ³⁷ And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." ³⁸ Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And **he worshiped Him.**

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Matthew 14:32,33 (NKJV)

³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³ Then those who were in the boat came and

worshiped Him, saying,

"Truly You are the Son of God."

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Matthew 28:9 (NKJV)
And as they went to tell
His disciples, behold,
Jesus met them, saying,
"Rejoice!" So they came
and held Him by the feet
and **worshiped Him.**

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Matthew 28:16,17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.

¹⁷ When they saw Him, they **worshiped Him**; but some doubted.

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Luke 24:51-52 (NKJV)

⁵¹ Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

⁵² And they **worshiped Him**, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

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John 5:22-23 (NKJV)

²² For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,

²³ that **all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father**. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

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John 20:28,29 (NKJV)

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "**My Lord and my God!**"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, **you have believed.** Blessed are those who have not seen and **yet have believed.**"

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Hebrews 1:6 (NKJV)

But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

Quoting Deut 32:43 LXX or

Psalm 97:7

Both are descriptions of YHWH

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Revelation 1:13–18 (NKJV)

¹³ and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

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Revelation 1:13–18 (NKJV)

¹⁵ His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; ¹⁶ He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

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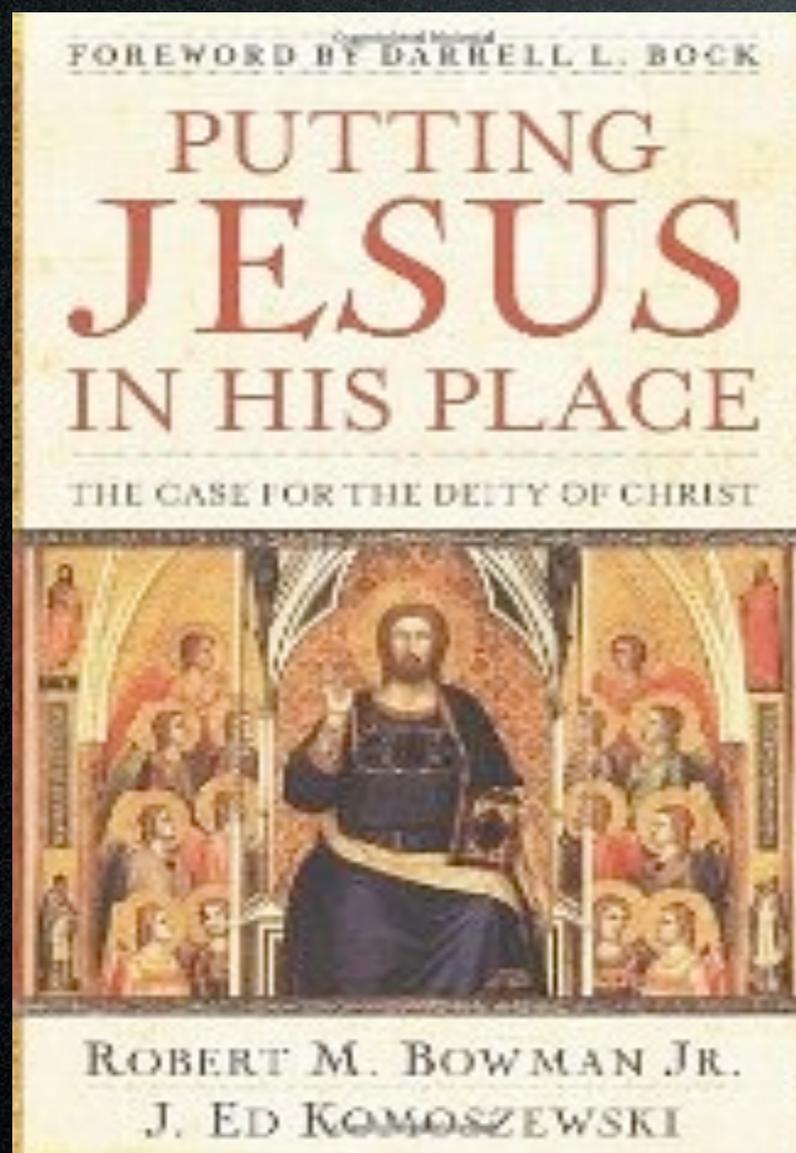
¹⁷ And when I saw Him, **I fell at His feet as dead.** But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.



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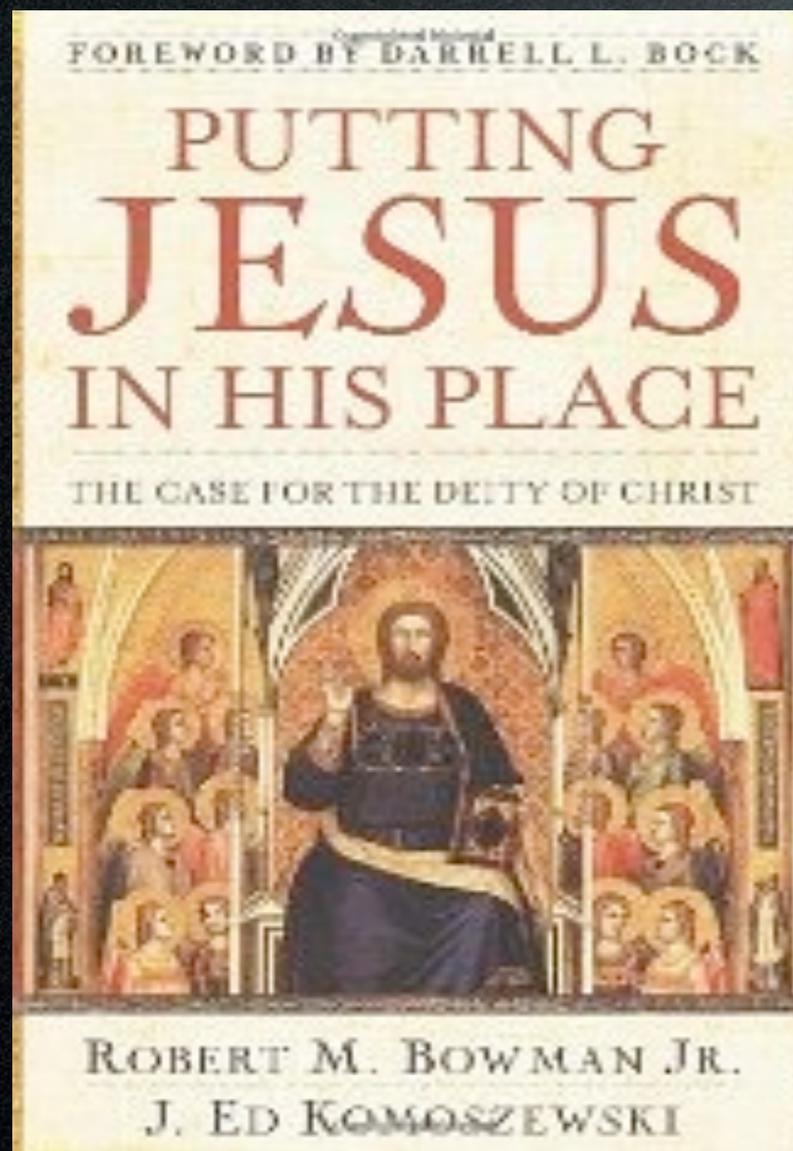
“The repudiation of giving angels worship in Revelation, then, reflects the broader first-century Jewish cultural norm. “The reprimand, put into the mouth of the angel himself, serves to define the devotion to the one God of Israel more precisely: even allied beings who serve God's purposes must not be worshiped”



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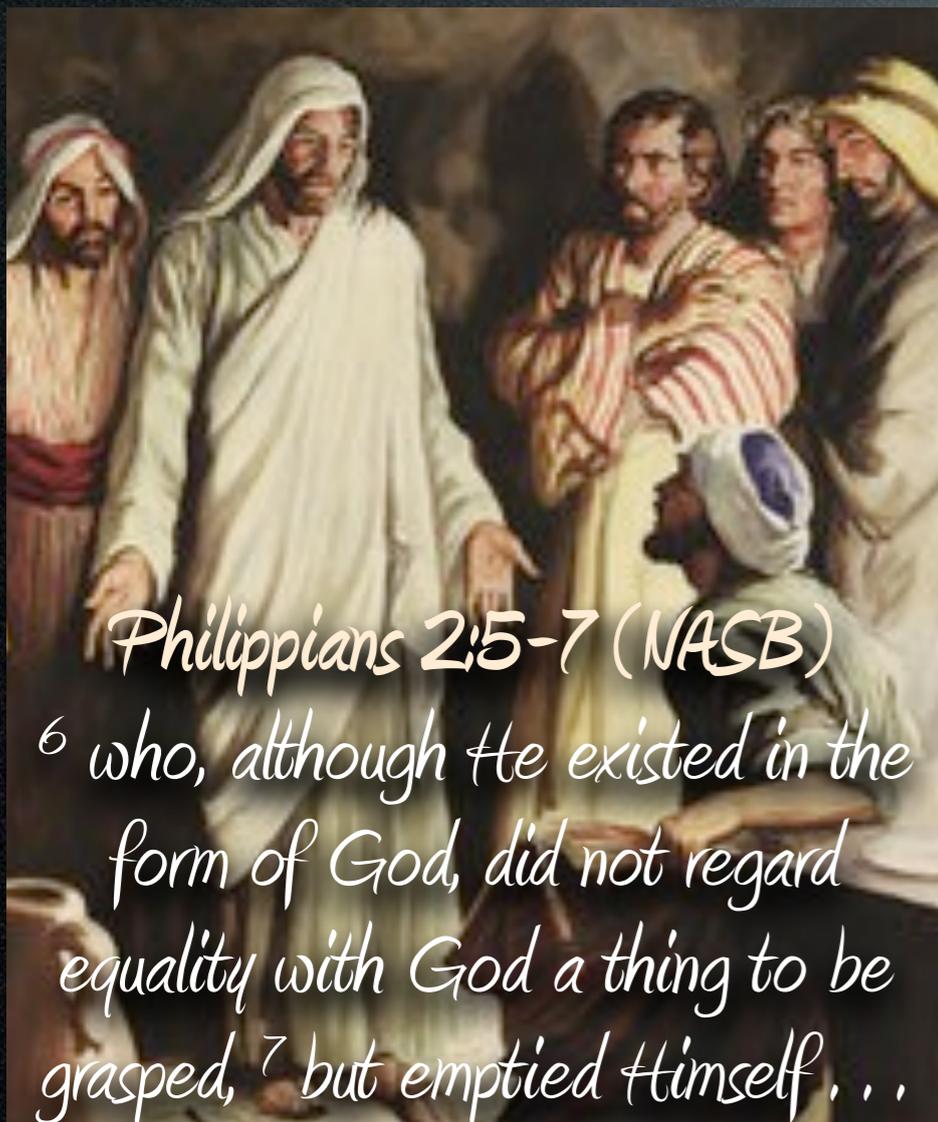
“ . . .By rejecting the practice of worshiping angels, the book of Revelation makes it even clearer that the practice of worshiping Jesus puts him on a par with God.”

Robert Bowman; J. Ed Komoszewski. *Putting Jesus in His Place: The Case for the Deity of Christ* (Kindle Locations 390-393). Kindle Edition.

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Philippians 2:5-7 (NASB)

⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, . . .

■ **Omniscience** -

Qualities limited during His earthly ministry

■ **Omnipotence** -

John 1:1-3; 14; Phil

■ **Omnipresence** -

2:5-7; Heb 1:6-10;

2:9-18; 4:15

Position & limitations
voluntarily assumed does
NOT relinquish equality of
essence!

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*John 6:62 (NKJV)
What then if you should see the
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before?*

■ Pre-Existence

- ~ Genesis 1:26; 3:22; 11:7 ("... us ... our ... our ...");
- ~ Micah 5:2;
- ~ Philippians 2:5,6;
- ~ John 6:32-34; 38,41,58,62; 16:28
- ~ Hebrews 2:9,14-18; 10:5-7
- ~ Revelation 1:8,11,17; 3:14; 22:13,16
- ~ Matthew 22:41-46

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Matthew 22:43-45 (NKJV)

⁴³ He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: ⁴⁴ 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool" ' ? ⁴⁵ "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?"

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Revelation 5:5 (NKJV)

But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."



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Revelation 22:16 (NKJV)

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."



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Root - Strong's # <G4491> - *Original Word: ῥίζα, rhiza*

Usage Notes: is used (a) in the natural sense, Matt. 3:10; Matt. 13:6, 21; Mark 4:6, 17; Mark 11:20; Luke 3:9; Luke 8:13; (b) metaphorically (1) of "cause, origin, source," said of persons, ancestors, Rom. 11:16-18 (twice); of things, evils, 1 Tim. 6:10, RV, of the love of money as a "root" of all "kinds of evil" (marg., "evils;" AV, "evil"); bitterness, Heb. 12:15; (2) of that which springs from a "root," a shoot, said of offspring, Rom. 15:12; Rev. 5:5; Rev. 22:16.

Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words.

“Son of David” was a title often used when He was ministering on earth (see Matt. 1). But He is also the Root of David, which means He brought David (and David’s line) into existence. As far as His humanity is concerned, Jesus had His roots in David (Isa. 11:1, 10); but as far as His deity is concerned, Jesus is the Root of David. This speaks, of course, of our Lord’s eternality; He is indeed the “Ancient of Days.” How the Messiah could both be David’s Lord and David’s son was a problem Jesus presented to the Pharisees, and they could not (or would not) answer Him (Matt. 22:41-46).

Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible exposition commentary*. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.



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■ Pre-Existence

John 8:56-59 (NKJV)

⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷ Then the Jews said to

Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."



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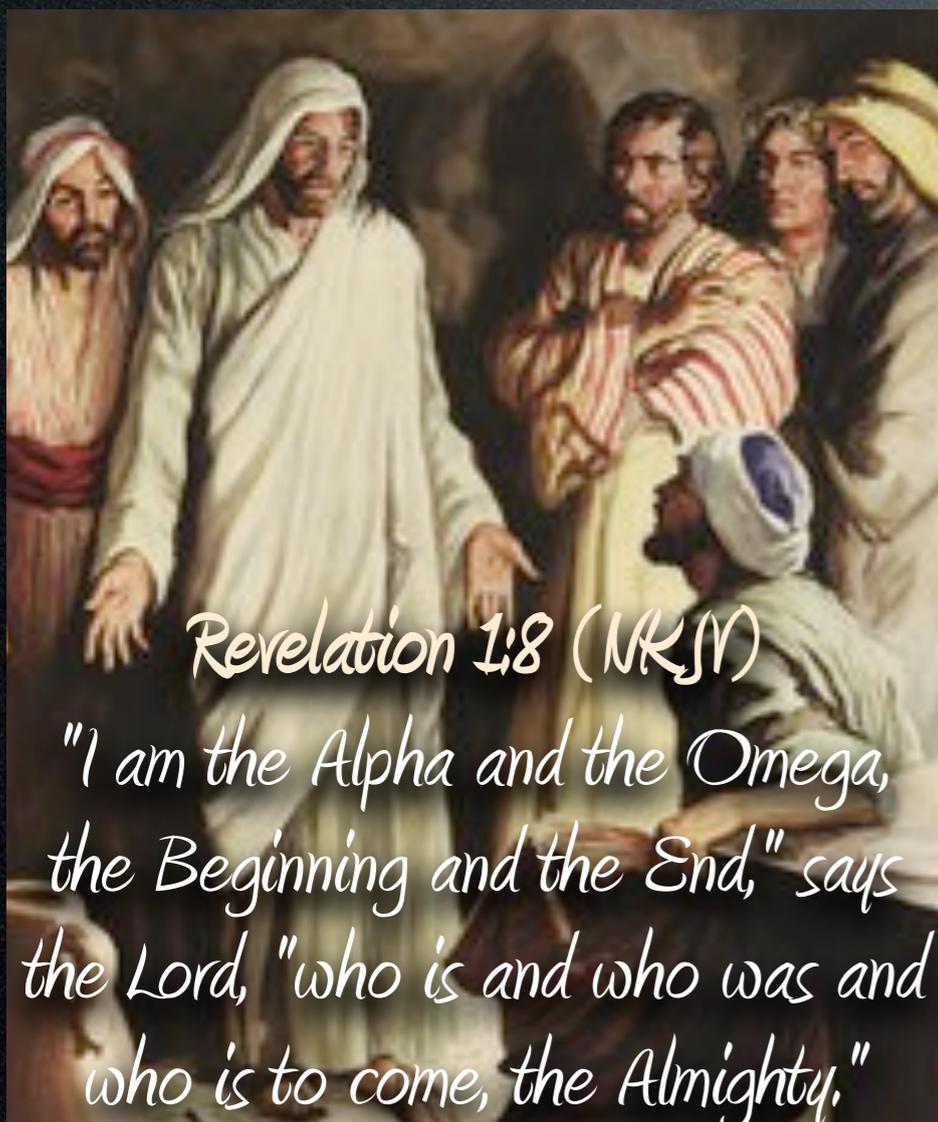
John 17:5 (NKJV)

And now, O Father,
glorify Me together with
Yourself, with the glory
which I had with You
before the world was.

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■ Eternal / Creator -

Revelation 1:8,11,17; 3:14; 22:13,16

- ~ "I am the first and the last . . .
- ~ Who is, who was, and who is to come,
- ~ the Almighty . . . the beginning of the creation of God . . .

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Colossians 1:16 (NKJV)
*"For by Him all things were
created that are in heaven and that
are on earth, . . ."*

■ **Eternal / Creator -**

~ John 1:1-3

~ Romans 11:36

~ 1 Corinthians 8:6

~ Ephesians 3:9

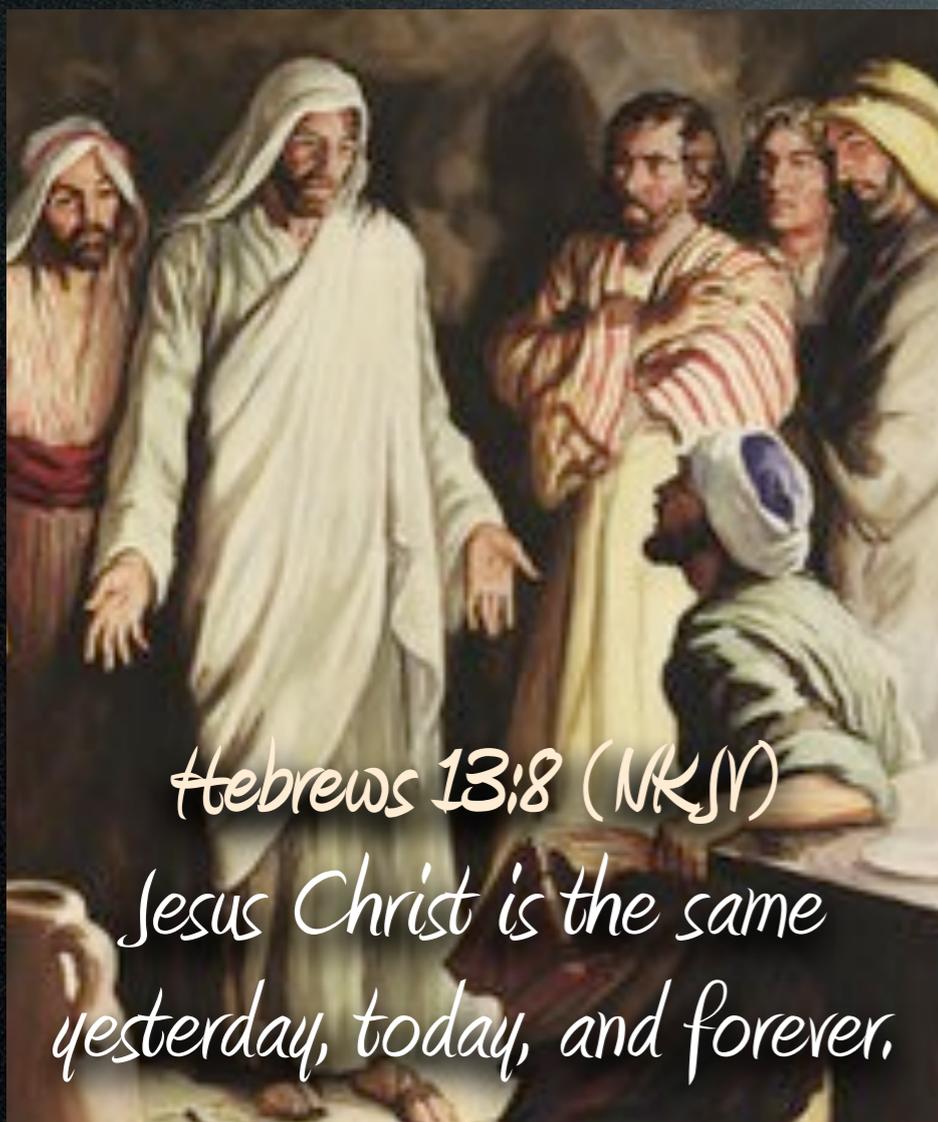
~ Colossians 1:15-19;

~ Hebrews 1:2,10-12; 3:3,4

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■ Eternal / Unchanging

- ~ Hebrews 1:12 - "You are the same . . ."
- ~ Hebrews 13:8 - "same yesterday, today, and forever." - (cf. Mal 3:6)
- ~ Revelation 1:4,8 - Who is, who was, and who is to come

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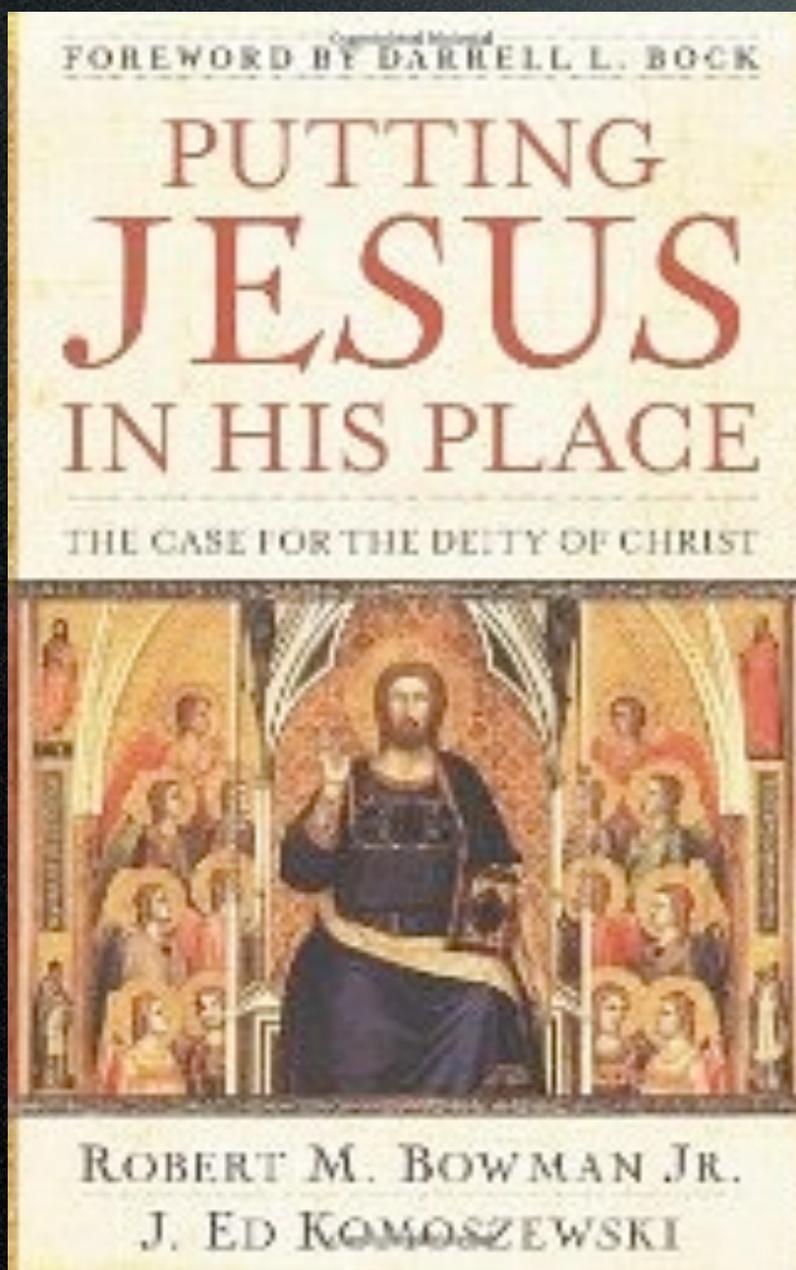


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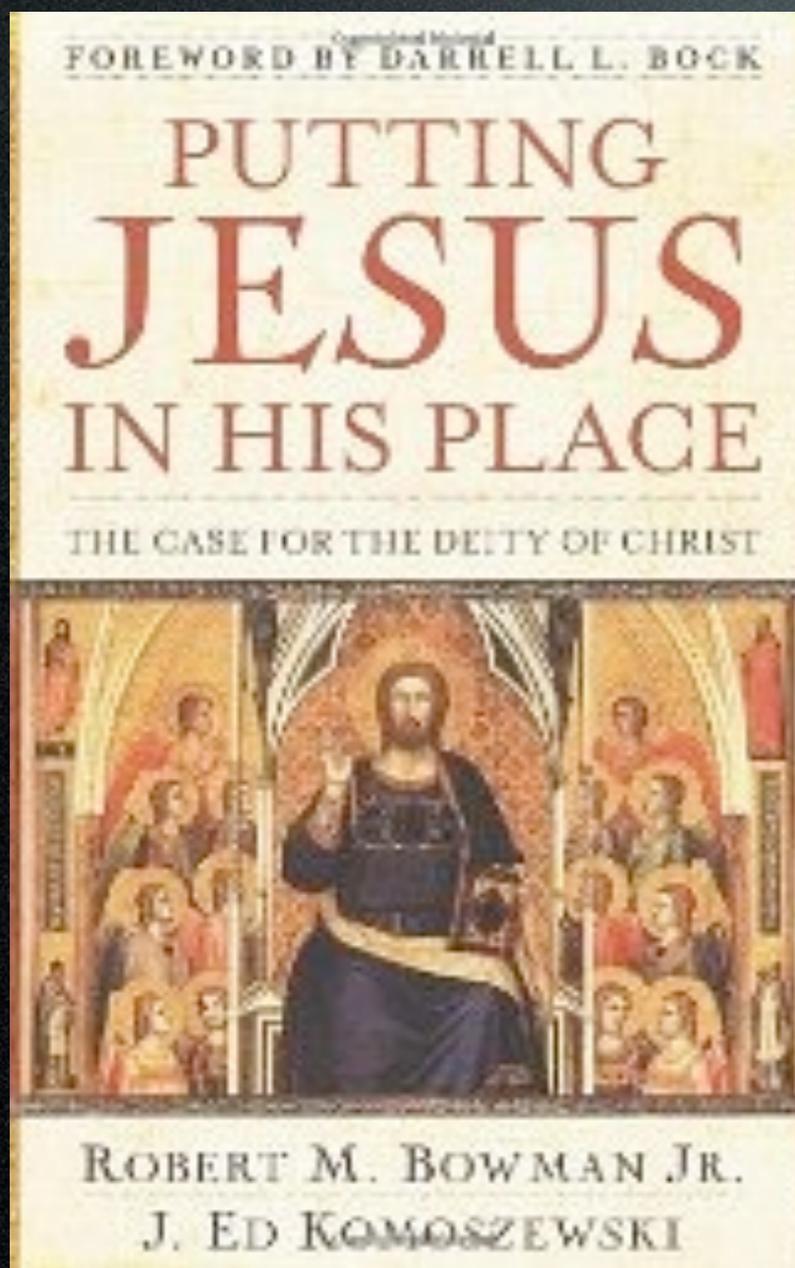
Jesus is not the only way
to the Father -



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If Jesus Is Deity



Real atonement / *A sacrifice demonstrating both the love & justice of God - A sacrifice worthy of taking away the sins of the world - Rom 5:8-10; 1 John 2:1,2*

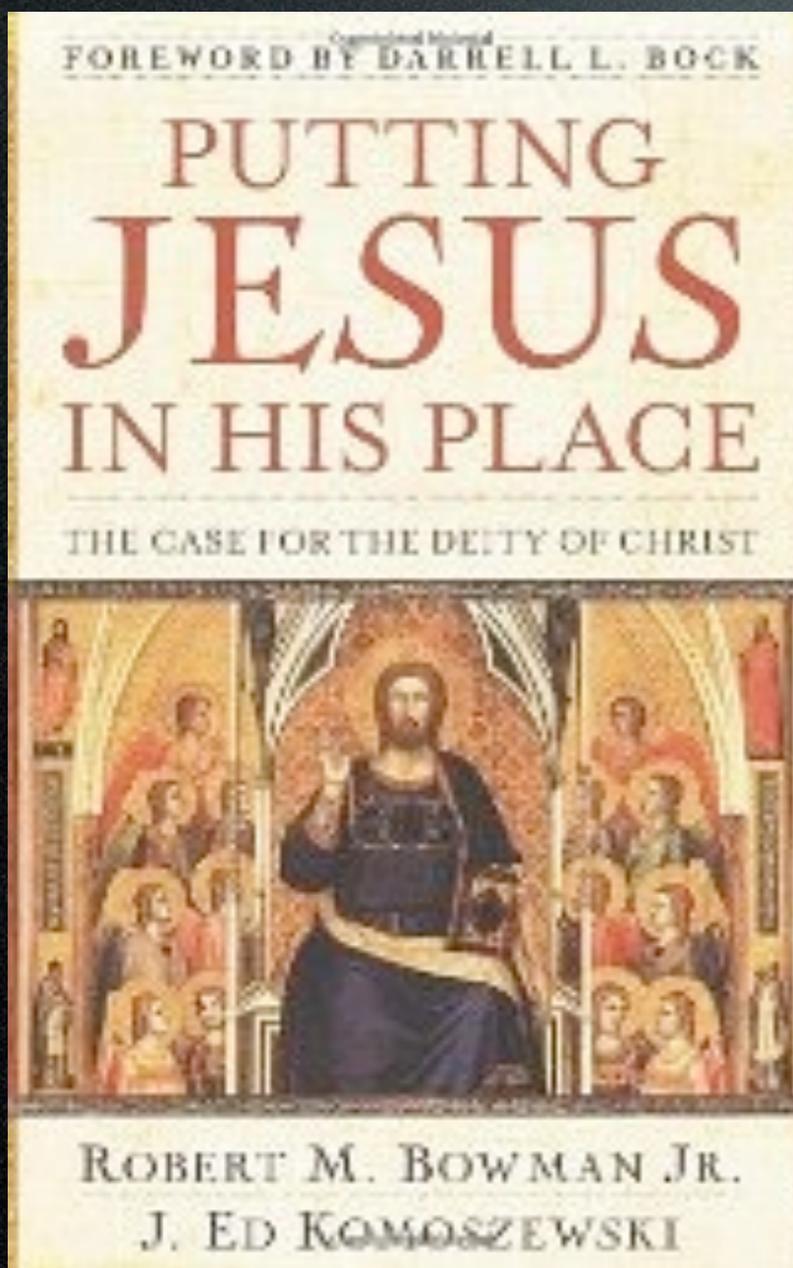
Jesus is qualified to be our one and only mediator / *capable of equally representing both parties - 1 Tim 2:5; Heb 8:6; 9:15; 12:24*

Jesus is the only way to the Father -
"Except you believe that I am He you will die in your sins"
- John 14:6; 8:24; 10:9; Acts 4:12



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Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God?
Are you willing to confess that faith just as Peter & Thomas did?

Will you turn from your sins and yield your heart and life to the teaching of Jesus and honor Him?

Will you be buried with Him in baptism and be raised to walk in newness of life?



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Revelation 5:8-14 (NKJV)

⁸ Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

Revelation 5:8-14 (NKJV)

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, 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 who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

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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, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power *Be* to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!” ¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.