



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,
- It is essential, therefore, that believers have a firm foundation in Scripture relating to this teaching. (2 John 1:7)

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- Interpretations of Jesus are fraught with bias.
 - ~ Gnostics - Deity & flesh are incompatible -
 - ~ Unitarianism, Modalism, Arianism - The concept that "God is one excludes the possibility of the Son being God."
- The biblical teaching about Jesus constitutes a powerful cumulative case regarding Jesus as our Lord and God. (Titus 2:13)

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*John 5:23 (NKJV)
all should honor the Son just
as they honor the Father.*

■ **Worship / Praise -**

- ~ Condemned worshipping & serving anyone but God - Mat. 4:10
- ~ Commanded men to worship and serve Him - John 5:23;
- ~ Received worship from men and angels before His death and after His resurrection - Mat 14:32,33; 28:9,16,17; John 20,28,29; Luke 24:51,52; Heb 1:6; Rev 1:13-18; 5:8-14

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- **Eternal Existence** - John 1:1-3; John 3:13; 6:62; 8:58; 17:5; Phil 2:6-8; Heb 1:1-12; 1 John 1:2; Rev 22:16
- **Power** - Mat 29:18,19; John 1:1-3; Col. 1:15-19; Heb 1:2,3,10-12;
- **Glory** - John 17:5,24; Phil 2:6; Heb 1:3; Rev 5:9-14
- **Source of Life** - John 5:26; 7:37,38; 14:6; Col. 3:4; 1 John 1:1-3; Rev 21:6; 22:1,17

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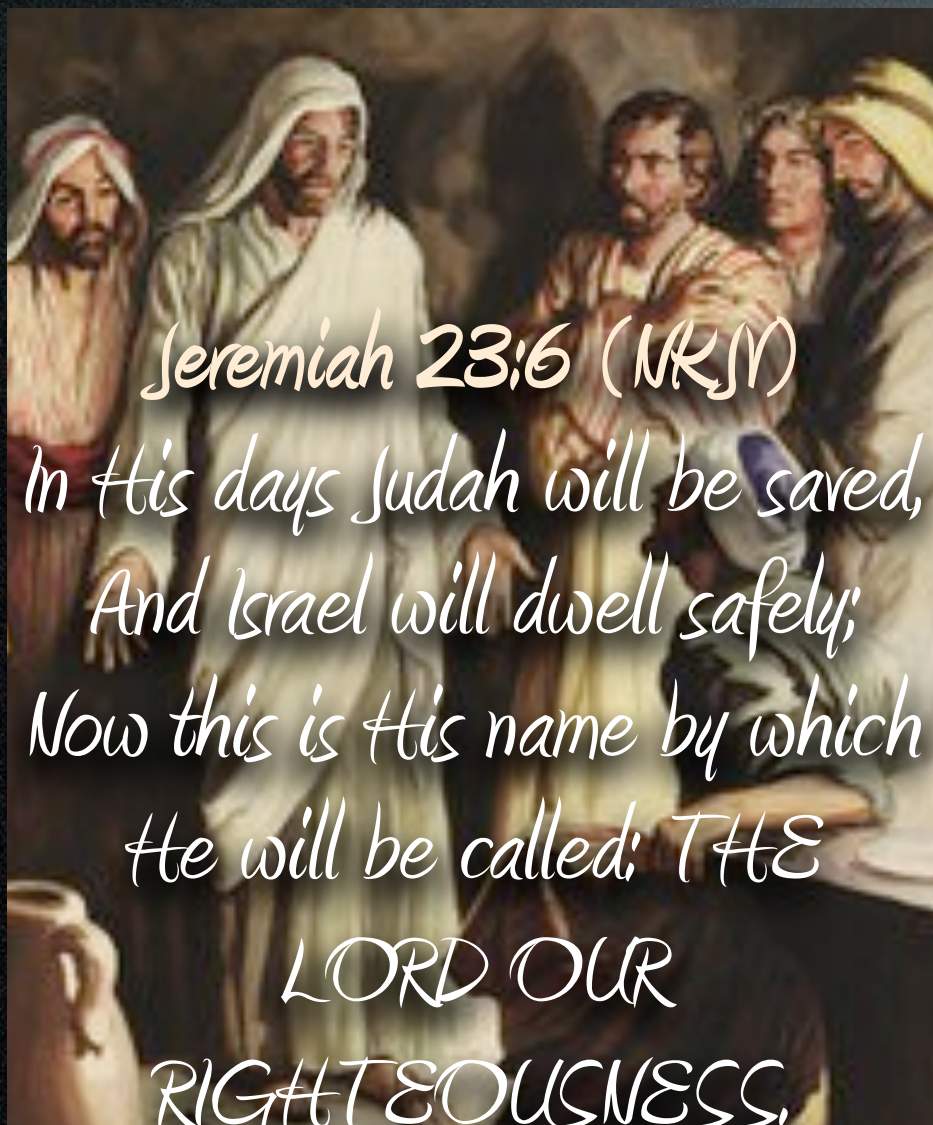
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■ **Descriptions of Deity**

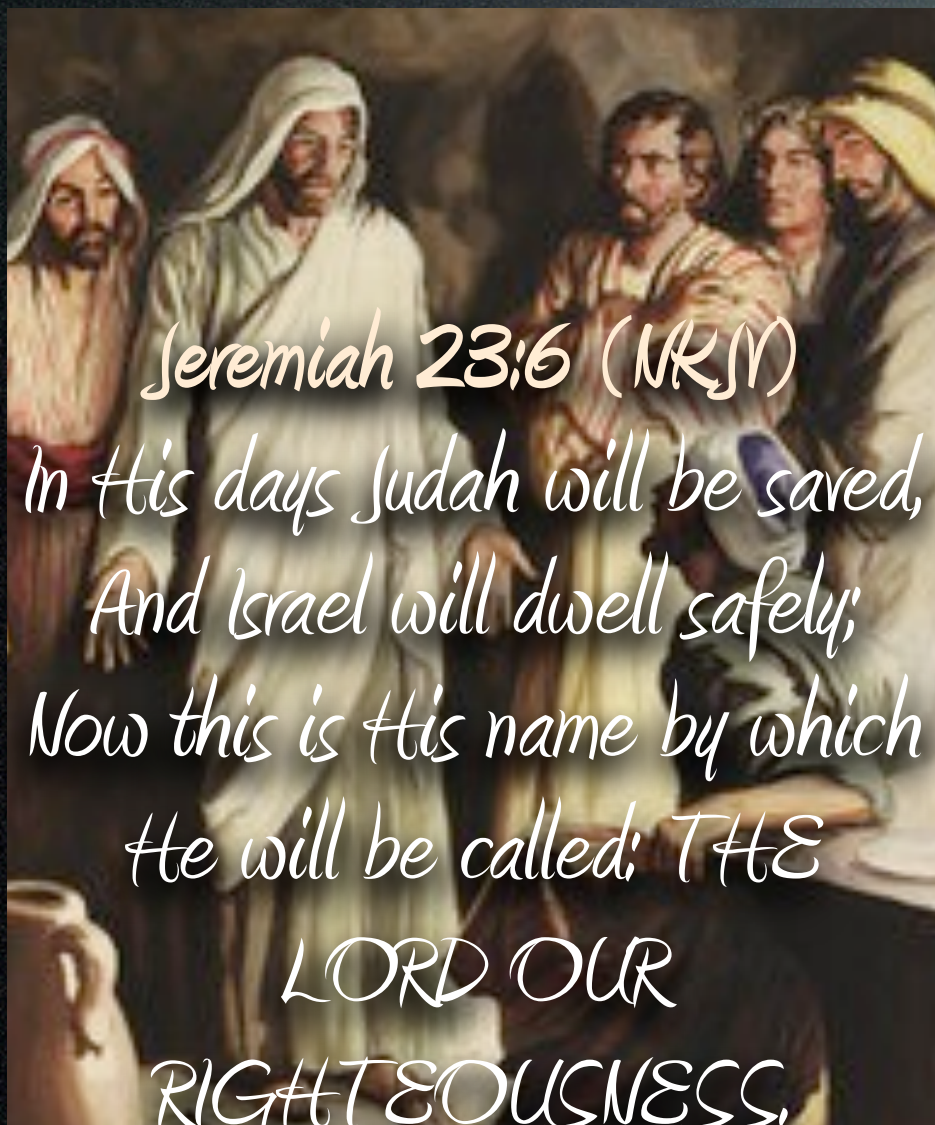
- ~ **The LORD our Righteousness** - Jeremiah 23:6; 33:16
- ~ **The Light of the world** - John 1:4-8; 3:19; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46
- ~ **Our Life** - John 1:4; 5:40; 6:27,33,35; 1 John 5:11; etc.
- ~ **The Good Shepherd** - Jn 10:2, 11,12, 14,16; Heb 13:20; 1 Pt 2:25; 5:4; cf. Ps23
- ~ **The True Vine** - John 15:1-8



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■ Descriptions of Deity

- ~ "Mighty God." - Isaiah 9:6
- ~ "Immanuel," meaning "God with us." - Isa 7:14; Mat 1:23
- ~ The Almighty - Revelation 1:8
- ~ The "I Am." - John 8:58 w/ Ex 3:14
- ~ "My Lord and my God!" - John 20:28
- ~ The "Alpha and Omega" - Isaiah 44:6; 48:12; Rev 1:8, 11, 17; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13
- ~ "The Son of God" - Mat 17:5; Mark 1:1; Luke 1:35; 1 John 4:15



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Titus 2:13 (NKJV)

looking for the blessed
hope and glorious
appearing of our great God
and Savior Jesus Christ,

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- **Names:** Jesus shares the names / descriptions of God.
- **Deeds:** Jesus shares in the deeds that God does.

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- **Belief in the deity of Jesus is not merely a matter of assigning to him the label "God" or any of the other divine names.**
- **We have seen that Jesus is worthy of receiving all divine honors and that he possesses the divine attributes.**
- **We will now see that Jesus does everything for us that God does.**



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The Father

(Acts 4:24; 14:15; 17:24)



■ **Creator & Sustainer**

Revelation 4:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ “You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honor
and power;

For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist
and were created.”



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Jesus

ἀρχή^c, ἥς *f*: one who or that which constitutes an initial cause—'first cause, origin.' ἡ ἀρχὴ τῆς κτίσεως τοῦ θεοῦ 'the origin of what God has created' Re 3:14.
(Louw Nida 89:16)

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3. "that by which anything begins to be, the origin, active cause"...

ἡ ἀρχὴ τῆς κτίσεως, of Christ as the divine λόγος, Revelation 3:14
Thayer Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament.

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Isaiah 44:24 (NKJV)

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;



God / YHWH

Gen 1:1; 2:7; Ps. 95:5-7;
100:3; 102:25; Neh 9:6;
Is. 37:16; 40:12,25,26;
42:5; Jer. 10:16; 51:19;
etc.

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John 1:1-3 (NKJV)

- ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- ² He was in the beginning with God.
- ³ *All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

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

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Colossians 1:15-18 (NKJV)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

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² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, **through whom also he created the world. . . .**

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Hebrews 1:10-13 (NKJV)

¹⁰ And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

¹¹ They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment;

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Major premise: Only Yahweh participated in creation;

Minor premise: Christ is one who participated in creation;

Conclusion: Christ is also Yahweh.



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The Father

(God in OT: Psalm
104:24-28; Job 12:10;
Ps 36:9)

*"And He is before all things,
and in Him all things consist."*

■ **Creator & Sustainer**

Acts 17:28 (NKJV)

for in Him we live and
move and have our being,
as also some of your own
poets have said, 'For we are
also His offspring.'



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"The change of verb tense from the aorist to the perfect form indicates creation's ongoing existence. In other words, not only were all things created but they also remain in their created existence through Christ and for Christ."

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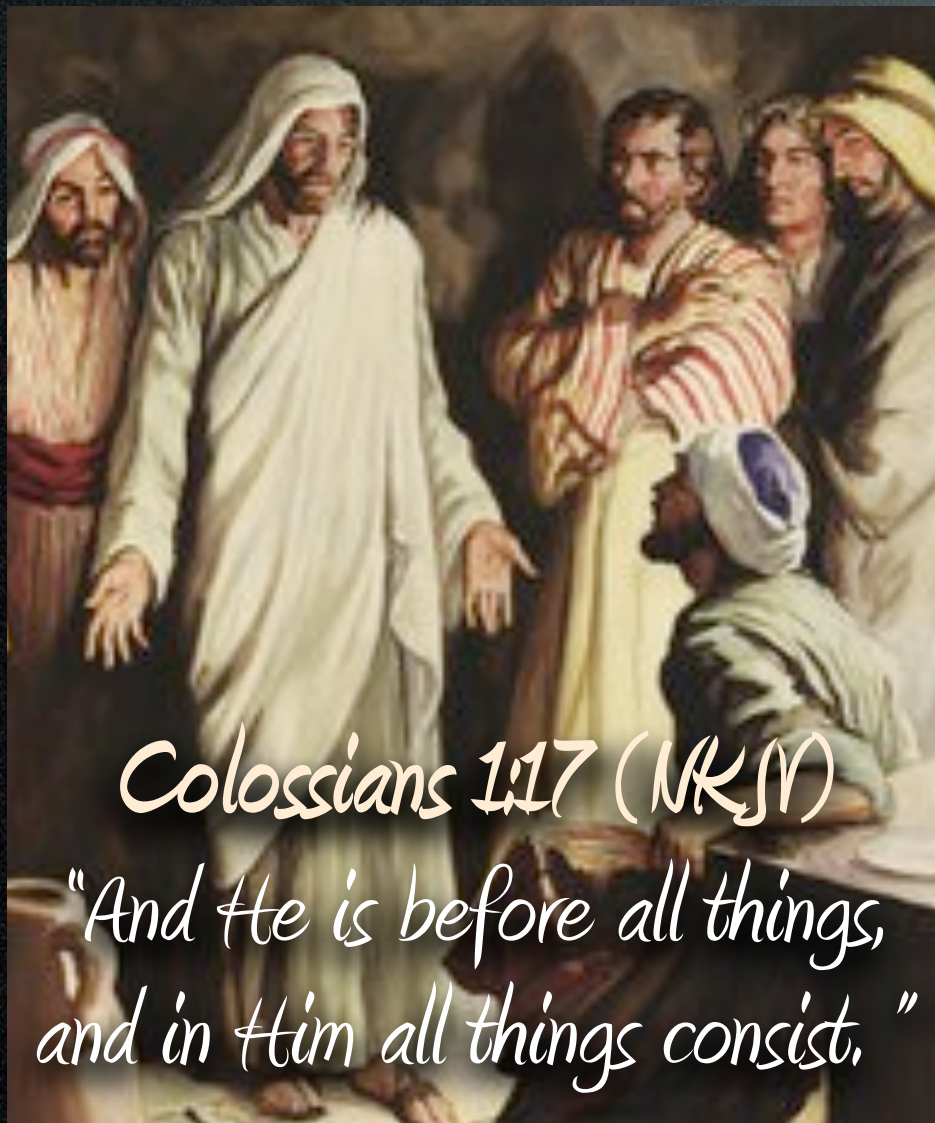
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Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV)

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 at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

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YHWH

Redeemer

(Isaiah 43:14; 44:6;
48:17; 49:7,26; 54:5;
60:16; 63:16; etc)

■ **Redeemer & Savior**

Isaiah 44:24 (NKJV)

Thus says the LORD, your
Redeemer, And He who
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am the LORD, who makes all
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Job 19:25 (NKJV)

*"For I know that my
Redeemer lives, And He
shall stand at last on the
earth"*

(Luke 1:68; 24:21)

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Jesus

Redeemer

(Eph 5:2; Eph 1:7;
Col. 1:14; Tit 2:14;
Heb 10:4; 1 Pet
1:18,19; etc)

■ **Redeemer & Savior**

Hebrews 9:12 (NKJV)

Not with the blood of goats
and calves, but with His
own blood He entered the
Most Holy Place once for
all, *having obtained
eternal redemption.*

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Revelation 5:9 (NKJV)

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,



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(Isaiah 12:2; 43:11;
Psalm 65:5; Hos. 13:4;
Mic. 7:7; etc.)

■ Redeemer & Savior

Isaiah 45:21-23 (NKJV)

²¹ Tell and bring forth your case;
Yes, let them take counsel
together. Who has declared this
from ancient time? Who has told
it from that time? Have not I, the
LORD? And there is no other God
besides Me, *A just God and a
Savior; There is none besides Me.*

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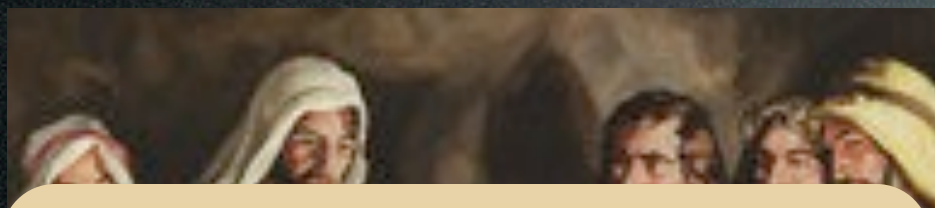
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²² "Look to Me, and be saved, All you
ends of the earth! For I am God, and
there is no other. ²³ I have sworn by
Myself; The word has gone out of My
mouth in righteousness, And shall
not return, That to Me every knee
shall bow, Every tongue shall take
an oath.



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Jesus

Savior & Redeemer
(Luke 1:47; 2:11; John
10:9,28-30; 14:6; Acts
4:12; Titus 3:4-6; 2 Pet
3:18; 1 John 4:14; 5:20;
Rev 7:10-12)

■ **Redeemer & Savior**

1 Timothy 1:15 (NKJV)

This is a faithful saying
and worthy of all
acceptance, that **Christ
Jesus** came into the world
to save sinners, of whom I
am chief.



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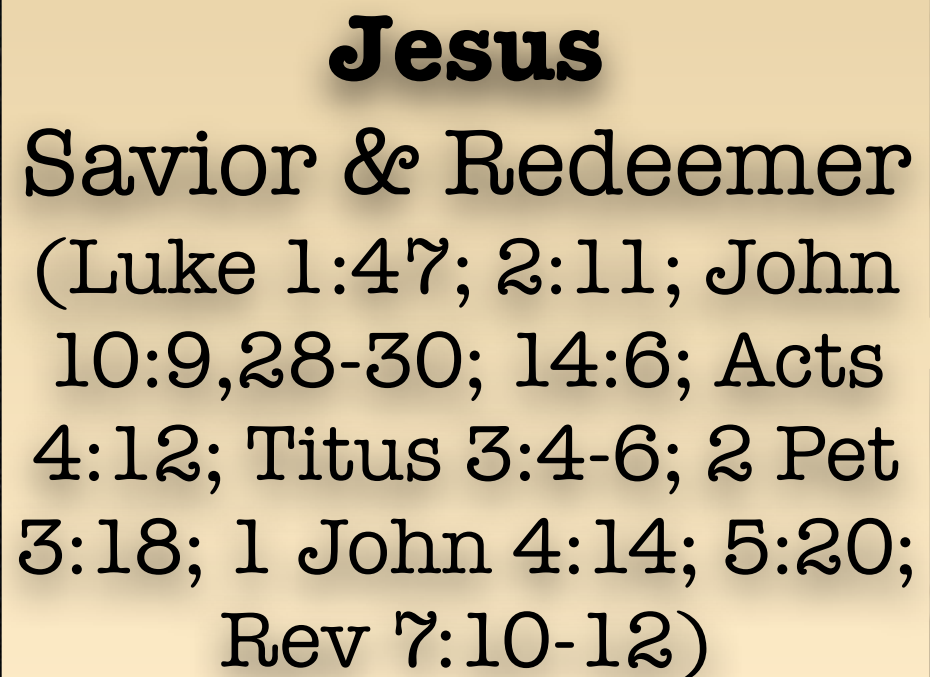
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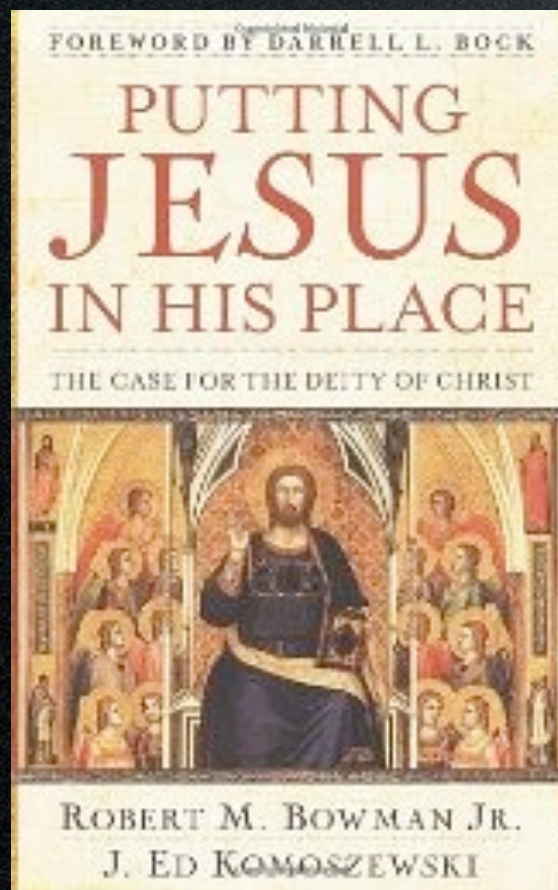
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¹³ looking for the blessed hope
and glorious appearing of our
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Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us,
that He might redeem us from
every lawless deed and purify for
Himself His own special people,
zealous for good works.

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“Through his death, Jesus “became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him” (Heb. 5:9). In the context of the Old Testament religious and theological tradition, such a claim for Jesus is every bit as much an indication of deity as the claim that he made the universe. A heavenly or supernatural being to whom one looked as the source of deliverance or salvation is by definition one's God.’ . . . (Exod. 15:2; cf. Ps. 118:14, 21)”

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■ Authority to forgive sins

Luke 7:47,48 (NKJV)

⁴⁷ Therefore I say to you, **her sins, which are many, are forgiven**, for she loved much.

But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." ⁴⁸ Then He said to her, **"Your sins are forgiven."**

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Luke 7:47 (NKJV)

*"Therefore I say to you, her sins,
which are many, are forgiven"*

■ **Authority to forgive sins**

Mark 2:5-12 (NKJV)

⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." ⁶ And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

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Mark 2:5-12 (NKJV)

⁸ But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?"

⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, '**Your sins are forgiven you,**' or to say, '**Arise, take up your bed and walk**'?

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*"We are not talking here about
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whom he had personal
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Jesus forgiving persons of
every sin they had ever
committed."*

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John 5:17 (NKJV)

But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

- **Miracles confirming His ability to provide for His people**
- **Miracles confirming His authority over demons**
- **Miracles confirming His authority over nature**
- **Miracles confirming His power over sickness, infirmities & death**
- **Miracles confirming His right to forgive sins**

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- **Jesus created and sustains the universe,**
- **Jesus saves people from their sins,**
- **Jesus provides men with every spiritual blessing,**
- **Jesus speaks with absolute truth and authority,**
- **Jesus raises the dead,**
- **Jesus judges all humanity.**

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- **Seat:** Jesus shares the seat of God's throne.

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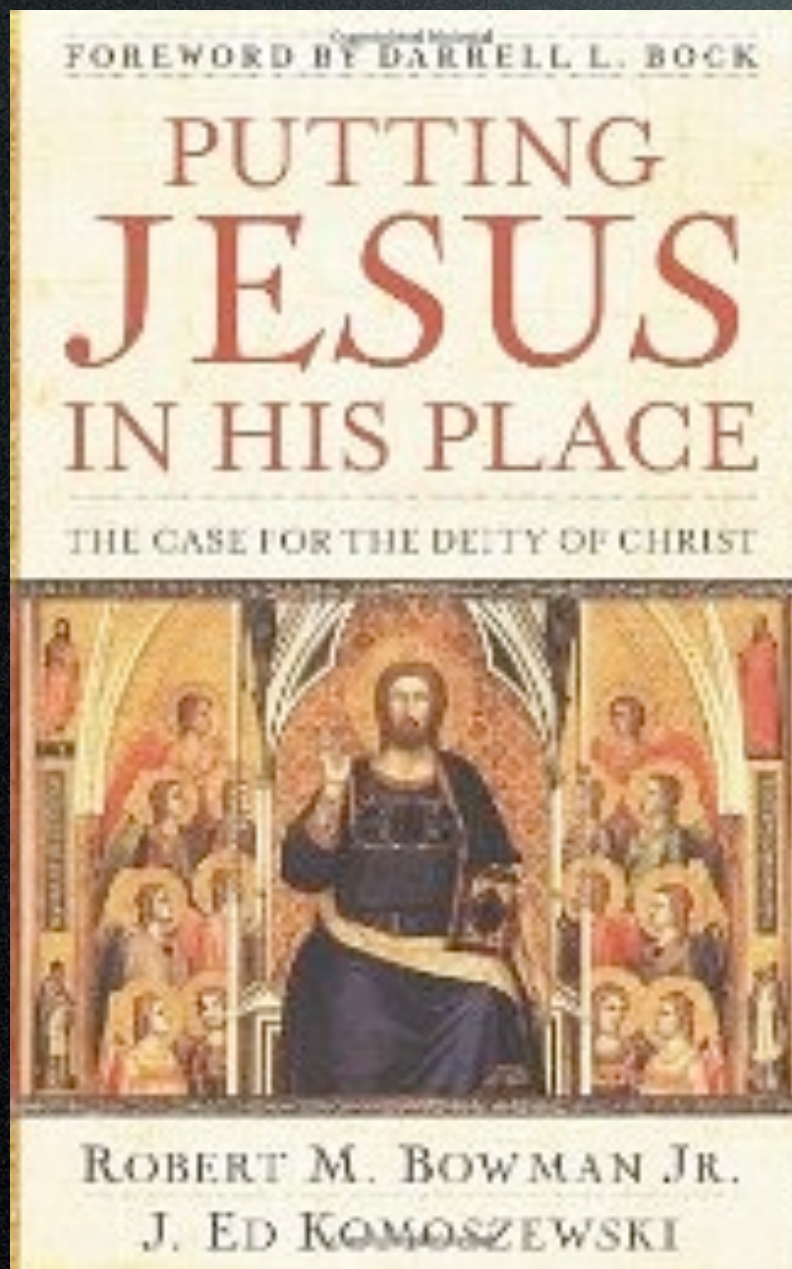
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- JESUS IS WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP & PRAISE
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- JESUS IS WORTHY OF OUR LOVE & DEPENDANCE

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No real atonement -

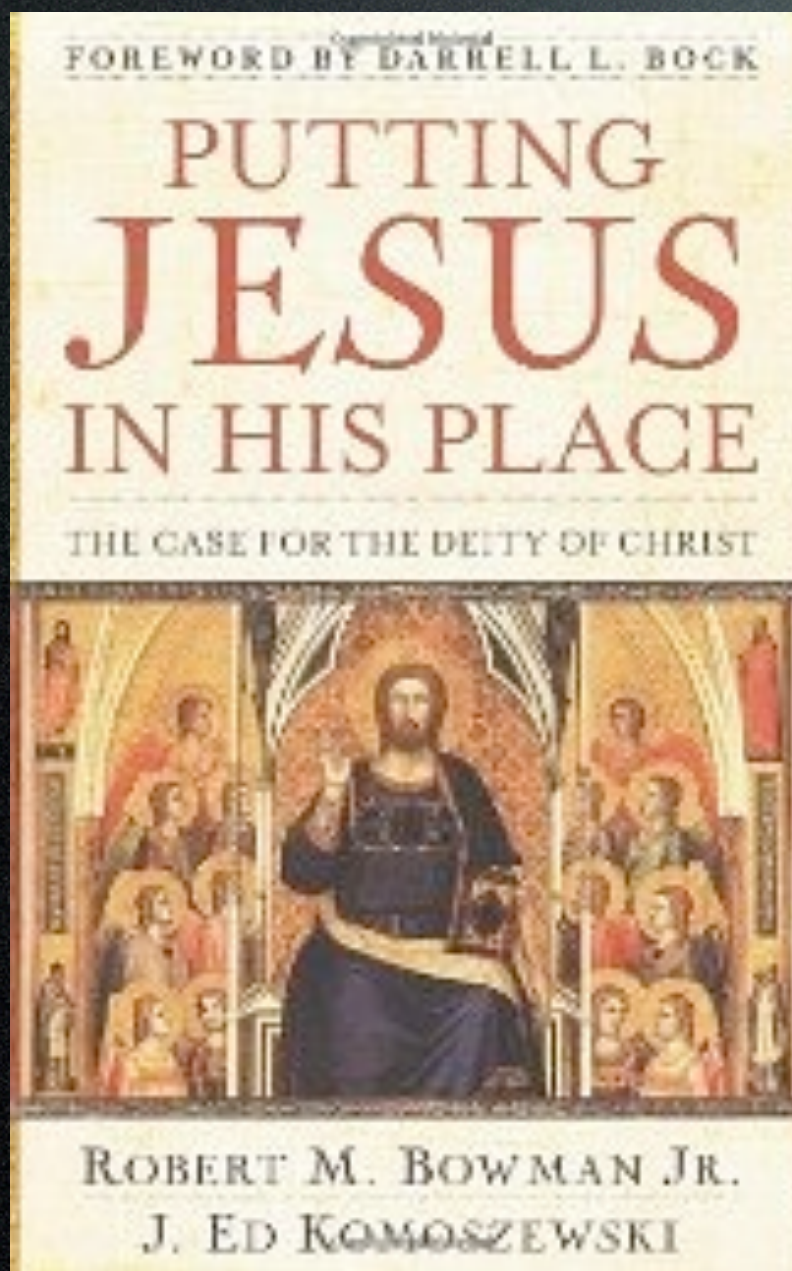
Jesus could not be the one
and only mediator -

Jesus is not the only way
to the Father -

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If Jesus Is Deity



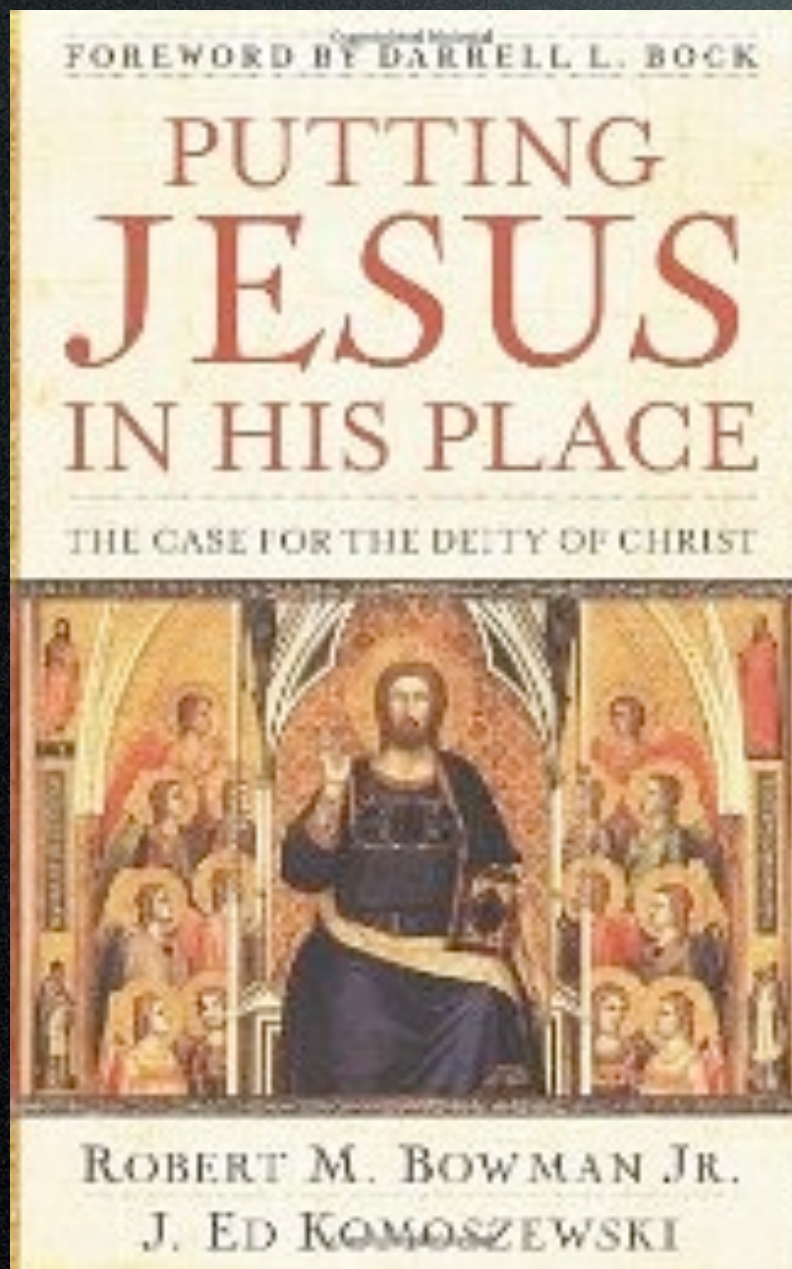
Real atonement / *A sacrifice demonstrating both the love & justice of God - A sacrifice worthy of taking away the sins of the world - Rom 5:8-10; 1 John 2:1,2*

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 call upon the name of the LORD by being buried with Him in baptism?



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