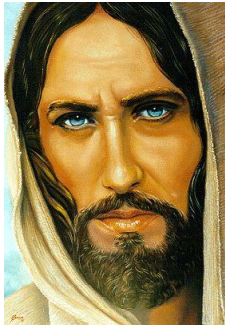


**SPIRIT OF LIFE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
BIBLE SCHOOL SESSION 7
UNDERSTANDING THE BEING OF GOD PART 4
JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD PART 1
THE DEITY AND HUMANITY OF JESUS CHRIST**

THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST



Christianity differs from all religions, because it is more than a religion – it is the life of the Son of God made living in man. Christ is Christianity, and Christianity is Christ. He is the supreme subject of each book of the New Testament and fulfills all the promises of God in the Old Testament, from His incarnation to His second Coming as “Lord of Lords and King of Kings” (*Revelation 17:14*). He is the God-Man, Christ Jesus, in glory, exalted above all creatures, having “all power in heaven and in earth” (*Matthew 28:18*)

During His earthly ministry, He claimed to be God incarnate (in human flesh). He is all that He claimed to be, or He is less than the least (*Rev. 1:8*). Before His claim can be denied, there are some things that must be accounted for:

1. His virgin birth (*Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-38*)
2. His holy, sinless life (*2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22; Hebrews 4:15; 1 John 3:5; Isaiah 53:9; 1 Peter 1:18-19*)
3. His many miracles; Water into Wine – *John 2:1-11*; Healing the Nobleman’s child - *John 4:46-54; Mark 1:21-28* – healed the demoniac - *Luke 8:26-39*; Healed Peter’s Mother-in-law – *Luke 4:38-39*; He also healed a leper; healed a centurion’s servant; healed a man with a withered hand and many more miracles, so many that the world itself could not hold them all! (*John 21:25*)
4. His vicarious death (substitutionary) (*2 Corinthians 5:21*)
5. His bodily resurrection (*Matthew 28:6; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:6; John 20:11-18*).

The deity of Jesus Christ or His God nature is well established in the New Testament. Some of the facts are:

1. He is called God by the Apostle John (*John 1:1*)

2. He is called God by the Apostle Thomas (*John 20:28*)
3. He is called God by God the Father (*Heb. 1:8*)
4. He claimed to be God in that He was with the Father before creation (*John 17:5*)
5. He claimed to be God in that He was before Abraham. ***“Abraham rejoiced to see my day”*** (*John 8:51-59*)
6. He received worship, and only God is to be worshiped (*Matthew 14:33*). Angels refused worship (*Rev 22:8,9*). Man refused worship (*Acts 10:25-26*).
7. He forgives sin (*Mark 2:5-11*). Only God can forgive sin.
8. He is creator, and maker of all things (*Col. 1:16*) Only God is creator.
9. He is sustainer of all things (*Hebrews 1:3*). Only God can control the universe.
10. He claimed to have ***“all power in heaven and in earth”*** (*Matt 28:18*). Only God has all power.
11. He walked upon the blue waters of Galilee. The winds and the waves obeyed His command. He healed the sick and raised the dead. He gave sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. He cast out demons and made the lame to walk. He turned water into wine and fed five thousand with the lunch of a lad.

Jesus is God incarnate!

THE HUMANITY OF JESUS CHRIST

The humanity of Jesus Christ is seen in His human parentage. In *Romans 1:3*, it states ***“concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh”***. Jesus had parents just like any other human being. (*Matthew 2:11*). He developed as a normal human being (*Luke 2:52*).

In Hebrews 4:15 the scripture states that Jesus was tempted in all points like we are, yet he did not sin. Some of the things that he was subject to like all mankind were:

1. He hungered (*Matthew 4:2*)
2. He was thirsty (*John 19:28*)

3. He was weary (**John 4:6**)
4. He wept (**John 11:35**)
5. He was tempted (**Hebrews 4:15**)

Jesus is man, yet He is more than man. He is not God and man, but the God-Man. **He is God in human flesh.** His two natures are bound together in such a way that the two become one, having a single consciousness and will.

Why was Jesus born of the flesh? In order to pay for sin, and in order to redeem mankind back from Satan sinless blood had to be shed by a man. No man born with Adam's blood could be that person because we all inherited Adam's sin nature through his blood line. One would have to never had Adam's sin nature but would have to be a human to qualify.

A kinsman-redeemer is a male relative, according to the various laws of the Pentateuch (first five books of the Bible) that could act on behalf of a relative who was in trouble, danger, or need. The Hebrew term is **go-el** means kinsman-redeemer. This person is one who delivers or rescues (**Genesis 48:16; Exodus 6:6**) or redeems property or a person (**Leviticus 27:9-25, 25:47-55**).

The kinsman who redeems or vindicates a relative is best illustrated in the book of Ruth. In this story the kinsman-redeemer is Boaz.

The story of Ruth and Boaz begins when Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi, return to Bethlehem from Moab where they had been living. Naomi's husband and both sons, one the husband of Ruth, had died, leaving the women penniless and without a male protector. Naomi decides to go back to Bethlehem, and upon arriving in Bethlehem, Naomi sends Ruth to glean in the fields of Boaz, a wealthy relative of Naomi. Through a series of divinely appointed circumstances, there is an appeal to Boaz as their **go-el**. Boaz is pleased with this, and willingly takes Ruth as his wife. He is her kinsman-redeemer. Ruth bears Boaz a son named Obed, who became the grandfather of David, the forefather of Jesus.

Jehovah is Israel's redeemer, the one who promises to defend and vindicate them. He is both Father and Deliverer (**Exodus 20:2**). There are numerous Old Testament appeals to God as rescuer of the weak and needy (**Psalms 82:4; Daniel 6:27; Jeremiah 20:13**); and the preserver of the sheep of Israel in **Ezekiel 34:10-12 and 22**.

In the New Testament, Jesus is often regarded as an example of a kinsman-redeemer because, as our brother (*Hebrews 2:11*), He also redeems us because of our great need--one that only He can satisfy. In *Ruth 3:9* we see a beautiful and poignant picture of the needy supplicant, unable to rescue herself, requesting that the kinsman-redeemer would cover her with his protection, redeem her and make her his wife. In the same way, when we call on Jesus to rescue us from the snares of Satan, he becomes our rescuer, or *Go-el*.

The Lord Jesus Christ bought us for Himself, out of the curse, out of our destitution; made us His own beloved bride; and blessed us for all generations. He is the true kinsman-redeemer of all who call on Him in faith. Jesus had to be born as a man, our brother to become our kinsman redeemer, rescuing us from the auction block of sin, and paying for it with his sinless blood.