

SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD & JESUS THE CHRIST

"THE END OF RIGHT LEARNING IS RIGHT LIVING;
THE FOUNDATION OF SOUND FAITH, IS SOUND KNOWLEDGE."

CAN YOU ANSWER
THESE REASONABLE QUESTIONS?

REASONABLE QUESTIONS REQUIRE A REASONABLE ANSWER.

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OF

JOHN'S PROLOGUE

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* IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS *
* WITH GOD, AND GOD WAS THE WORD. THE SAME WAS IN *
* THE BEGINNING WITH GOD. ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY *
* IT AND WITHOUT IT WAS NOTHING MADE THAT WAS MADE. *
* (Here, God - not Jesus the Christ - is the word.) *
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* John 1:1-3 *

See, Gen. 1 * "God said"

Isa. 55:11.

Psa. 33:6.

"The words of the Lord are pure words:
as silver tried in a furnace of earth,
purified seven times."

Psalm 12:6.

QUESTION

Is popular belief that JESUS CHRIST "was God" correct?

CONSIDER THESE QUESTIONS THOUGHTFULLY

1. Could God say: "I am God, and there is none else;" "there is no God beside ME", if the current teaching that Jesus the Christ "was God" is true?
2. Have you read Isaiah 45th. chapter, and 46:5, 9 ?
3. If the statements contained in them are true, why deny them by making Jesus the Christ "equal with God?"
4. When Scripture says that it was God Himself that formed the earth and made it"...He created it" (Isa. 45:18); and when Jesus the Christ speaks of "the creation which God created," (Mark 13:19)-; is it true to say that Jesus Christ created it?
5. If God the "Father", mentioned in John 17:3, is "the ONLY true God" would it be possible to have another true God?
6. Did JESUS the CHRIST ever claim to be God?
7. Did He not deny being GOD in John 10:36, when He said, "I am the Son of God"? He could not be both, could He?
8. Was Paul mistaken when he said, - "We KNOW..... there is NONE OTHER GOD but ONE"? (1 Cor. 8:4).
9. Was the same apostle wrong when he said, - "There is ONE GOD, and ONE Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus;" ? (1 Tim. 2:5).
10. Did not Paul make clear distinction between God, and Christ, in this text just quoted?

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11. If "none other God but one" (1 Cor. 8:4. A.V.) could it be possible for Jesus Christ also to be God?
12. A China Inland Mission publication says - - "God hung on the cross" and that "God died." Are these statements true?
13. If it is true that "God died," Who then raised Christ from the dead?
14. If, according to popular belief JESUS the CHRIST "was God", then God did die, did He not?
15. Does not the Bible say, "It is Christ that died?" Rom. 8:34.
16. And, is it not affirmed in Scripture that it was GOD(not Christ) Who raised Christ from the dead?
17. Did one Living God raise another dead God from the dead?
18. If there is "but one" God (1 Cor. 8:4), is it possible for Jesus the Christ to be both God and "the son of God"? (John 20:31).
19. In Deut. 32:40, God says, - "I live for ever." The prophet Habbakuk 1:12(R.V. marg.) says, "Thou diest not?" & the Psalmist says, "Thy years shall have no end." (Psalm 102:27) Were they correct?
20. If the above quotations are true, and if it is true that the Scriptures affirm that, "Christ died," do not these facts prove beyond doubt that "the Christ" was never God?
21. If JESUS the CHRIST "Was God", it follows does it not, that GOD'S name must be JESUS CHRIST? Could GOD be called "the Christ"?

22. Leaders in the Churches often speak of - "the eternal Deity of Jesus Christ". Can eternal Deity die?
23. The Psalmist says of Christ, - "He asked life of thee (God), thou gavest it him; even length of days for ever and ever." (Psalm 21:4. R.V.) If eternal life was given to Him, could He be eternal before that life was given?
24. Therefore according to Hebrews 7:7, Jesus the Christ cannot be "equal with God" can He?
25. According to popular theory JESUS Christ, had eternal life before He had mortal life. Could that be possible?
26. When JESUS was born of Mary, what happened to, the former personality? Did His pre-existent Personality die?
27. Did Jesus Christ then die a second time? Do not the Scriptures teach that He died but once - "once for all"?
28. You will agree that the promise was made that Christ should be of "the seed of Abraham" and of "the seed of David", and that His lineage is given in Matthew's Gospel and in Luke's. You will agree also that these generations lived for the express purpose that the Christ, might come into being according to promise. Was it possible for that process to be in actual course of fulfillment, eventuating in Mary, while JESUS the Christ was already in contemporaneous possession of another life previous to His birth; thus making two personalities?
29. Concerning Isaiah 9:6, some overzealous persons have said, - "The Child was born, but the Son was not born but given", and that "the Son -

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pre-existed the Child". It has been usual and still is, to speak of our "child" before we speak of our "son" or our "daughter". That too is the order in, Isaiah 9:6. Has anyone the right to reverse it?

30. Can anyone really dare to say that "the Son was not born" with Luke 1:35, carrying the record of His birth?
31. Christ claimed to be "Son of God" (John 10:36); He also claimed to have been "born" (18:37). Was He correct in so doing?
32. Have you ever known a son who was not born?
33. A correspondent medical missionary writes, - - - "As the son of man is man, and the son of fish is fish, therefore the Son of God must be God". Answer, - In the case of man, also of the fish, each produces their kind; they also increase their numbers - - there are more of each. but, in the case of the One who "shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:32) that is not so, there is no increase in kind; Scripture still continues to declare that "there is none other God but one". (1 Cor. 8:4). Further Christ Himself testifies that His Father is the "only God" "the only true God" (John 5:44, R.V. & John 17:3). Further, the son of man had a mother, so also the son of the fish; and to this we reverently add, - so also did the Son of God. As the mother of the fish was also fish; was Mary also God?
34. The son of our King (if he had one) could not be King while his father lived. Neither could the Son of God, be God while His Father lived. Scripture declares that God does not die.
35. It has never been necessary at a human birth to

say, "he shall be called the son of man", for he became that at birth. Further, the Greek words used to say, "he shall be called" are the same as in Matthew 5:9, in reference to peacemakers.

36. Where in the Bible can you find the expressions: "God the Father"; "God the Son"; and "God the Holy Ghost"? The first can be found, but the other two are NOT in the Scriptures.
37. If, as is said, - "the Father is God", "the Son is God", and "the Holy Ghost is God", have you not three Gods instead of one?
38. What is the personal name of the Holy Ghost?
39. Can one PERSON (God the Father), anoint another PERSON (God the Son), with another PERSON (God the Holy Ghost)? See, Acts 10:38.
40. In, 2 Corinthians 13:4, we are told that "he" (Christ) liveth (now) by the power of God". Can Christ then be "equal with God" if his very life is dependent on God?
41. Dr. Scheffield says, "the Son of God whose existence is co-equal with that of the Father throughout all eternity". Is it possible, for any son to be as old as his father?
42. IF God had not raised Christ from the dead, would Christ be living today?
43. In John 20:31, John gives us the purpose of, and reasons for, his Gospel, namely; - "that ye may believe that JESUS is the CHRIST the Son of God!" If Jesus "was God" both before His birth by Mary and after that, WHY did John omit mention of so important a fact when declaring the purpose of his gospel?

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44. WHY IS IT that John does not himself declare any where in his Gospel that JESUS either was, or is GOD? We are not forgetting John 10:33 or 20:28.
45. In Luke 11:13, the question is asked,- "How much more shall your heavenly Father GIVE the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him? IF the Holy Spirit is a PERSON is it reasonable to suppose that one PERSON of the Trinity can give another PERSON of the Trinity to anyone making request?
46. Some persons base their belief that "Jesus IS GOD" on the words that He spake, and the miracles He did, for "never man spake like this man", or did such mighty works. Why not accept the Scripture explanations of His unique doings? As to His words, see Deut. 18:18 & John 14:24. As to His works, see John 14:10 & Acts 2:22. Why not ACCEPT SUCH TESTIMONY? Surely it is sufficient.

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