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GOD IN THE FLESH (PART THREE)

Lesson 15C

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In this chapter we will see the testimony of others within the pages of the word of God concerning the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. In earlier chapters we saw the testimony of the prophet Isaiah concerning the coming of the Everlasting Father, Mighty God to this earth in a body of flesh. We have looked at the testimony of the angelic beings, including Gabriel, in Matthew 1 and Luke 1 that the baby that was born of Mary, according to their testimony, GOD WITH US.

As we think of the testimonies of others concerning Jesus Christ as God in the flesh, this testimony will range from devils to God Himself. The miraculous works of Jesus Christ testify of His deity. Even though Jesus Christ did not perform these miracles in the power of His inherent deity, but in the power of the Holy Spirit, the fact that God bestowed upon Him such great power proves that God was well pleased with Him. God could not have been well pleased with His claims of being God in the flesh, forgiving sin and accepting worship, unless He really was who He claimed to be. John 5:17-18 *But Jesus answered them (these are the Jews who sought to slay Him), My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. 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.* When Jesus used the title "the Son of God," It was plainly understood by the leaders of the nation of Israel, that He was claiming His deity.

The testimony of God, speaking from heaven, is that the Lord Jesus Christ is His beloved Son. (Matthew 3:13-17)

On the Mount of Transfiguration *While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him* (Matthew 17:1-5).

Twice God the Father speaks from heaven and declares the Lord Jesus Christ to be His Son. God the Father spoke from heaven that His Son would, indeed, be glorified, as He was glorified before He came down to this wicked, sinful earth. (John 12:27-30).

Then in 2 Peter 1 we have further evidence. The Bible said in Matthew 17 that Peter, James and John were with the Lord Jesus Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration when He was seen before them in His shining glory, and the Father spoke from heaven. Peter recalls the incident with these words: *For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came*

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such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount (2 Peter 1:16-18).

The strongest of all the testimonies of God the Father to the deity of His Son, is found in Hebrews 1. The Bible says, Hebrews 1:3-5 *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; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.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?* Read also (Hebrews 1:2-8). God the Father calls God the Son "God."

Next we read the declaration of the angels: *And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God 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 (Luke 1:30, 35).*

Even the disciples of Jesus knew he was of God: *He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:15-16).* Upon Peter's statement, Jesus said the truth he declared would be the foundation of the New Testament church.

In John 1 we read, *John 1:31-34 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.* The testimony of John the Baptist is unmistakable: the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God, equal to God, God manifest in the flesh.

As Jesus Christ hung on the cross and the end of His crucifixion the soldier who watched him die, spoke saying: *Truly this was the Son of God (Matthew 27:54)* Note the word "*truly*" there was no question in his mind, who he really is. He saw and he believed.

Next we see what devils say about Jesus Christ. In Luke 4:41 we read, *And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.* The powers of darkness, the devils, and unclean spirits, testified that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

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According to John 5:17 and 18, Jesus shows His equality with the Father. His deity, His rightful place in the Godhead, is testified from the mouth of many witnesses.

Lastly let us consider how the miracles of Christ give evidence of His deity. The Lord's miracles range from raising the dead to stilling the storms of the sea. They show beyond any question that He is God. In John we read of Jesus going to the graveside of a man who had been dead for four days and had already begun to decompose: *Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus with unto them, Loose him, and let him go. Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him* (John 11:41-45). This is the power of God, seen by the raising of the dead simply by the word of His mouth. Consider other cases where Jesus did something only God could do, by just speaking. Matthew 8:23-27; John 4:50-53; John 2:6-10; Luke 5:4-6 and many others.

Only GOD manifest in the flesh could command the winds, the waves, and the sea, opened the eyes of a man blind from birth. Consider what the Bible says in Psalms 146:8. *The LORD* (Jehovah of the Old Testament is indicated by "the LORD" in block capital letters) *openeth the eyes of the blind* Who opened the eyes of the blind in John, chapter 9:7? Jesus!

The Lord Jesus Christ of the New Testament is the LORD God Jehovah of the Old Testament. God the Father said so, angels declared, disciples testified, soldiers announced, devils and unclean spirits cried in fear of the very God our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ.

The high priest asked Jesus Christ "Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" He answered just as He spoke to Moses out of the burning bush: I AM! If Jesus were not God, all He would need to have done at His trial was to deny this charge and He would have been free. On the contrary, He acknowledged the charge to be true.

Friend, you need to come to God and trust HIM for your soul's salvation. He has suffered, bled, and died to pay for your sins. You must be willing to humble yourself with a sincere believing heart, call upon the Lord Jesus Christ, confess to Him that you are a sinner who needs to be saved, and acknowledge who He is and what He has done for you!

Notes

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6. What did Peter's statement in Matthew 16:15-16 declare about the New Testament Church?
7. What does the Bible indicate when the LORD's name is in block capital letters?
8. How did Jesus respond to the high priest when questioned about His deity ?
9. Where does Jesus show His equality with the Father?
10. Comparing the Mount of transfiguration with mount Calvary, what are the 5 opposite similarities?
Example:
 - a. Transfiguration - Mark 9:4 He was accompanied by two great men
Calvary - Luke 23:32 He was accompanied by two wicked men
 - b. Transfiguration -
Calvary -
 - c. Transfiguration -
Calvary –
 - d. Transfiguration -
Calvary -
 - e. Transfiguration -
Calvary –

True/False

- Jesus Christ is the I AM.
- Evidence of the deity of Jesus Christ are shown by His miracles.
- Satan cannot give life.



Scripture memorization Titus 1:2; Hebrews 1:3-5 (write out these verses on the back of this page) must be in KJV

Any questions?