

The Deity Passages

John was not alone in his declarations that Jesus Christ was God incarnate. Both the Old and New Testaments contain so many witnesses to the deity of Christ that it makes it virtually impossible to read the scriptures and miss this important truth. The following is a chart that organizes and tracks the biblical references to the deity of Christ. It is certainly not exhaustive but is ample enough to back any arguments for the deity of Christ. Since many of these passages are repeated in the topical headings we will also include at the end a list of all the relevant passages dealing with the deity of Christ.

Preexistence

Ephesians 1:4 Chosen us in him before the foundation of the world.

Philippians 2:5-8 Made himself of no reputation...Being found in fashion as a man.

Colossians 1:17 He is before all things.

2 Timothy 1:9 Called us...before the world began.

Hebrews 1:2 By whom also He made the worlds.

Creator

John 1:3 All things were made by him, without him not anything was made ...

I Corinthians 8:6 Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things.

Ephesians 3:9 God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:16 By him were all things created...by him all things consist.

Hebrews 1:2 By whom also He made the worlds.

Hebrews 1:10 You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth.

Divinity

Matthew 1:23 Call his name Immanuel, which means, God with us.

Acts 20:28 Feed the church of God which he has purchased with his own blood.

Romans 9:5 Who is over all, God blessed forever.

Philippians 2:6-8 Being in the form of God.

Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of God.

Colossians 2:9 In him dwells all the fullness of the godhead bodily.

I Timothy 3:16 God was manifest in the flesh.

I Timothy 6:15 Blessed and only Potentate, King of kings, and Lord of lords.

Titus 2:13 Looking for...glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 1:8 Unto the Son he says, Your throne O God is forever and ever.

I John 5:20 This is his Son Jesus Christ, the true God, and eternal life.

Jude 25 To the only wise God our Savior.

Eternity

Colossians 1:17 Who is before all things.

II Timothy 1:9 Our calling...given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

I Peter 1:20 Who was foreordained before the foundation of the world.

I John 1:1 That which was from the beginning.

I John 2:13 You have known him that is from the beginning.

Exalted Position

Philippians 2:9-11 Highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name.

Power to Forgive

Matthew 9:2-8 Jesus heals sickness and forgives sins.

Mark 2:10 Son has power on earth to forgive sins.

Luke 5:24 Son has power on earth to forgive sins.

Luke 7:49 They asked, Who is this that forgives sins also?

Worshipped

Matthew 2:11 The Magi worshipped him.

Matthew 14:33 The disciples worshipped him after he stilled the sea.

Matthew 28:9, 17 The disciples worshipped him after the resurrection

Luke 24:52 The disciples worshipped him after the resurrection.

John 20:28 Thomas calls him "My Lord and my God."

Hebrews 1:6 "All the angels of God worship him."

Philippians 2:9-11 "Every knee shall bow."

Power over nature

Matthew 28:18 All power is given unto me in heaven and earth

Colossians 1:17 By him all things consist

Ephesians 3:20-21 Exceeding greatness of his power

Key Deity Passages

New Testament Passages

1. Matthew 1:23
2. John 1:1-18 (and all John passages) 5:18-23, 8:52-59, 14:6-11, 17:5-24, 20:28
3. Colossians 1:15-17
4. Philippians 2:5-11
5. 1 Timothy 3:16
6. 1 Timothy 6:15-16
7. Hebrews 1:1-13
8. Revelation 1:8-18

Old Testament Passages

1. Isaiah 7:14
2. Isaiah 9:6
3. Micah 5:2

You ought to be able to remember these passages in order to call them to remembrance in the hour that you would need them. Strive to be familiar enough with each of them that you can give the gist of the passage without using your bible. I would also encourage you to write these passages in the fly leaf of your bible so that they will be handy when you need them. Know these!