

The Deity of Christ - Seven Proofs

“I and the Father are one.” -John 10:30

1) Assertions

- “I and the Father are one.” John 10:30 (Marginal reading: “a unity”, or “one essence”)
- “The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.” John 10:33
- The Jews understood this to be a claim to deity and sought to stone Him

2) Accepts Worship

- “And he said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshiped Him.” John 9:38
- “Then Jesus *said to him, ‘Go, Satan! For it is written, “YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.”” Matthew 4:10
- Christ accepts worship without correction or reproach, necessitating His deity

3) Actions

- “Seeing their faith, He said, ‘Friend, your sins are forgiven you.’... 21 Who can forgive sins, but God alone?” Luke 5:20,21
- Indeed, only God can forgive sins, therefore Christ is deity

4) Attributes

- “But Jesus, aware of their reasonings...” Luke 5:22
- “For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man...” 1Co 2:11
- The LORD knows the thoughts of man... Psalm 94:11

5) Appellations

- “Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.” John 8:58
- “God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM...’” Exodus 3:14
- The Jews again took up stones, proving they understood this statement as a claim to deity

6) Assurances

- “... unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.” John 8:24
- Marginal reading in NASB: “Literally: I AM (v 28 note)” and for v 24: “Most authorities associate this with Ex 3:14, I AM WHO I AM” (differs based on translation)
- Christ can assure eternal life, and the text seems to connect this life to belief in His deity
- Caution is appropriate here, since the text is not definitive

7) Accolades

- “I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another...” Isa 42:8
- “...One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. 14 “And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed. Daniel 7:13,14
- Our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus is worthy of glory and honour

“For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form” Col 2:9

