



# Major Bible Themes

52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE  
SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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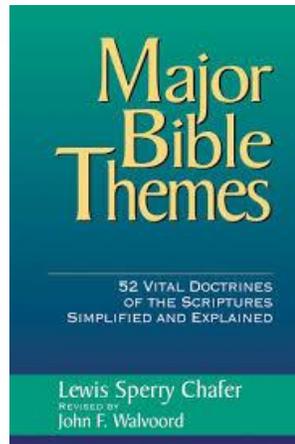
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## Chapter Seven: God the Son: His Deity and Eternity

# Step # One

## Find the Outline



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  2. The Angel of Jehovah in the OT is Christ
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  4. Implied in the fact that He has the attributes of God
  5. Implied in the fact that He is worshiped as God

# Understand It



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### A. Direct statements of the Eternity and Deity of the Son of God

The eternity and deity of Jesus Christ are directly stated in an extensive body of Scripture which affirms His infinite person and His eternal existence coequal with the other persons of the Godhead. This fact is not affected by His incarnation.

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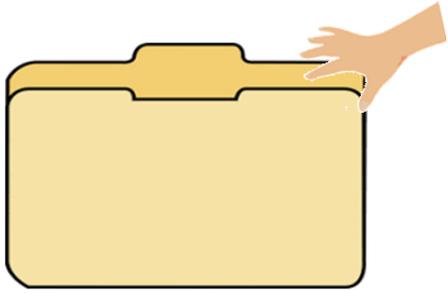


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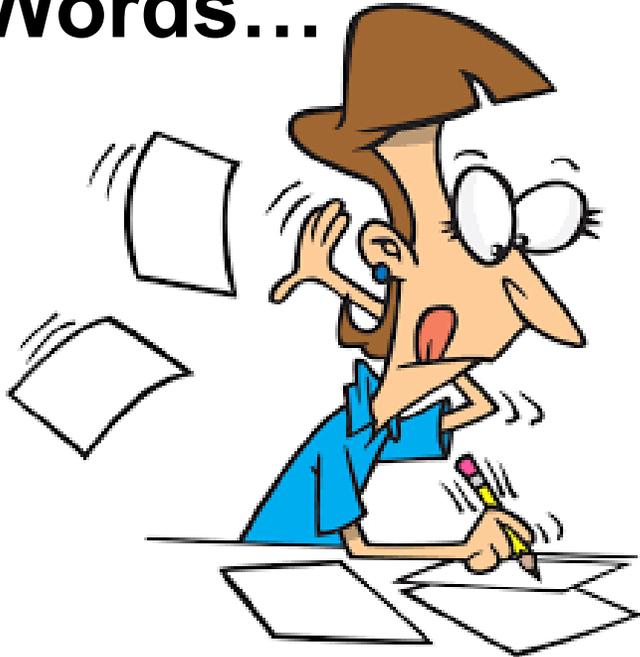
The Word of God constantly and consistently implies the preexistence and eternity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Among the obvious proofs of this fact several may be noted: (1) Works of Creation (2) Titles of Christ (3) Angel of Jehovah (4) Attributes of Christ (5) Worshiped as God.

To file it...



Write it Down

Underline Main  
Words...



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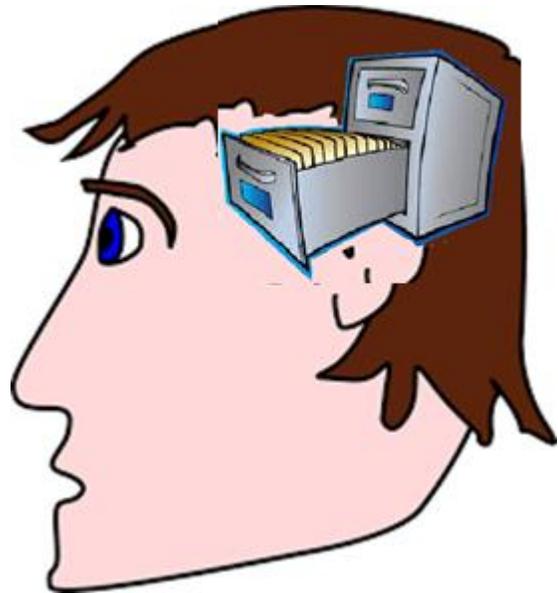
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# Memorize it



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# Here is an Acrostic to help you...

## God the Father ...



**B** Believers in Christ- Sons of the Father

**I** Intimate Relationship- With the Father

**C** Creation- The Father of Creation

**C** Christ- Son of the Father

**F** First Person- Is the Father

# Step # Two

**Read the Section and look up the passages**



## Christ was completely Man

**John 1:14** *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**Tim 3:16** *Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.*

**Heb 2:14-17** *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil...Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*

## The eternal Son was given at the incarnation

**Isa 9:6** *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

**Gal 4:4** *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,*

## A. Direct statements of the Eternity and Deity of the Son of God

**John 1:1-2** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.*

**Mic 5:2** *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.*

**Isa 7:14** *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

**John 8:58** *Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."*

**John 17:5** *And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.*

**Philippians 2:6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

**Col 1:15** *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

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**Heb 1:3** *He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*

## **B. Implications That the Son of God is Eternal**

1. The works of creation are ascribed to Christ

**John 1:3** *All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

**Col 1:16** *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.*

2.The Angel of Jehovah in the OT is Christ

## Hagar

**Gen 16:7** *The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur.*

**Gen 16:13** *So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me."*

## Moses

**Exodus 3:2-4** *And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed... When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."*

## Manoah

**Judges 13:18-19** *And the angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?" So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it on the rock to the LORD, to the one who works wonders, and Manoah and his wife were watching.*

3. The titles of the Lord Jesus Christ indicate His eternal being

He is precisely what His names imply. He is "The Son of God," "The Only Begotten Son," "The First and the Last," "The Alpha and Omega," "The Lord," "Lord of All," "Lord of Glory," "The Christ," "Wonderful," "Counsellor," "The Mighty God," "The Father of Eternity," "God," "God With Us," "Our Great God," and "God Blessed Forever."

These titles relate Him to the Old Testament revelation of Jehovah-God

**Mat 1:23** *"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).*

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**Mat 4:7** *Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"*

**Deut 6:16** *"You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.*

The New Testament names of the Son of God are associated with titles of the Father and the Spirit as being equal with them

**Mat 28:19** *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

**John 14:1** *"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.*

**Act 2:38** *And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

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**John 1:1** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

**Rom 9:5** *To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.*

**Tit 2:13** *waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*

**Heb 1:8** *But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.*

4. Implied in the fact that He has the attributes of God

## **Life**

**John 1:4** ***In him was life**, and the life was the light of men.*

## **Self-existence**

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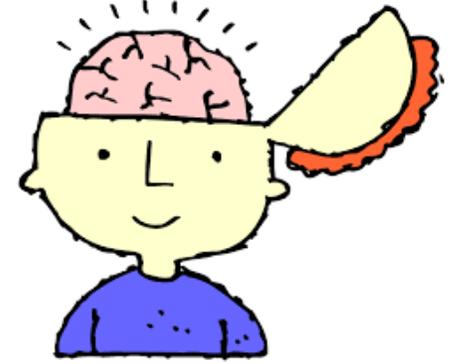
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# Step # Three

## Memorize one Passage per section



Learn general and specific later.

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**Step # Four      Take the Test at the end of the chapter**

## **Chapter Seven:**

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#### **1. Contrast the evidence for the human and the divine natures of Christ.**

The Scriptures present the Lord Jesus Christ as being at the same time perfectly human and perfectly divine. Because of this, He was both like and unlike other men. Jesus was revealed to be a man among men who was born, who lived, who suffered, and who died. Scripture is equally clear He was unlike man in that He was eternally preexistent, He was entirely sinless in His human life, His death was a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, and He manifested His divine power in His glorious resurrection and ascension.

## **2.What are some of the evidences for the eternity of the Son of God?**

He had no beginning because He was from all eternity. In Isaiah 9:6 the prediction was given, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." The distinction is obvious between a child who was born and the Son who was given. In like manner, it is stated in Galatians 4:4, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law." Accordingly, the eternal Son became in His incarnation "made of a woman."

## **3.How does the eternity of God prove His deity?**

Scripture states so often that Christ is eternal and that He is God. Only God can be eternal.

#### **4. What additional implications are there from His works that the Son of God is eternal?**

He antedates all creation therefore He must be eternal.

#### **5. How do the works of the Son of God prove His deity**

Only God could have created the Worlds.

## **6. How is the eternity of Christ supported by His titles?**

The titles of the Lord Jesus Christ indicate His eternal being. He is precisely what His names imply. He is "The First and the Last," "The Alpha and Omega," "The Father of Eternity."

## **7. How is the eternity of Christ supported by His other attributes?**

He is self-existent so he had no creation. He is said to have the attribute of Eternity. He is omniscient so if He knows all things He must have been present when knowledge began.

## **8.How do the attributes of Christ prove His deity**

Some of the attributes of God are mutually exclusive. For instance no two beings can be omnipresent. To say that Christ is omnipresent is to say He is God

## **9.How important to our Christian faith is the doctrine of the deity and eternity of Jesus Christ?**

Only God can die for sin, and only God can be eternal.