

# Major Bible Themes

## 52 Vital Doctrines of the Scriptures Simplified and Explained

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### God the Son: His Deity and Eternity

- Introduction
  - The Scriptures present the Lord Jesus Christ as being at the same time perfectly human and perfectly divine.
  - Because of this, Jesus is both like and unlike other men.
    - ✦ Jesus was revealed to be a man among men who was born, who lived, suffered, and died (John 1:14; 1 Tim 3:16; Heb 2:14-17).
    - ✦ He is unlike other men in that He is eternally preexistent, He was entirely sinless in His human life, His death was a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, and He demonstrated His divine power in His glorious resurrection and ascension.
  - On the human side, He had a beginning and was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary.
  - On the divine side, He was from all eternity.
  - Isaiah 9:6 says, “a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us” which clearly distinguishes between the child which is *born* and the Son who is *given*.
  - Gal 4:4 tells us that God *sent forth* His Son, *born* of a woman.
  - The eternity and deity of Christ are established by two lines of revelation:
    - ✦ Direct statements
    - ✦ Implications from Scripture
- Direct Statements of the Eternity and Deity of the Son of God
  - In the beginning was the Word (John 1:1-2).
  - From long ago, from the days of eternity (Micah 5:2).
  - Before Abraham was born, I am (John 8:58).
  - Glory which I had with you before the world was (John 17:5).
  - Before all things (Col 1:15-17).
  - Was with the Father and was manifested to us (1 John 1:2).
  - Before the foundation of the world (Eph 1:4).
- Implications that the Son of God is Eternal
  - The works of creation (John 1:3; Col 1:16; Heb 1:10).
  - The titles of the Lord Jesus Christ:
    - ✦ Son of God

- ✦ The Only Begotten Son
  - ✦ The First and the Last
  - ✦ The Alpha and the Omega
  - ✦ God with Us (Emmanuel)
- He is called God (John 1:1; Rom 9:5; Ti 2:13; Heb 1:8).
- His attributes:
  - ✦ Life (John 1:4)
  - ✦ Immutability (Heb 13:8)
  - ✦ Truth (John 14:6)
  - ✦ Love (1 John 3:16)
  - ✦ Holiness (Heb 7:26)
  - ✦ Eternity (Col 1:17; Heb 1:11)
  - ✦ Omniscience (Col 2:3)
  - ✦ Omnipotence (Rev 1:8)
- He is worshiped as God (John 20:28; Acts 7:59; Heb 1:6).
- Questions
  - Contrast the evidence for the human and the divine natures of Christ.
  - What are some of the evidences for the eternity of the Son of God?
  - How does the eternity of the Son of God prove His deity?
  - What additional implications are there from His works that the Son of God is eternal?
  - How do the works of the Son of God prove His deity?
  - How is the eternity of Christ supported by His titles?
  - How is the eternity and deity of Christ supported by His attributes?
  - How important to our Christian faith is the doctrine of the deity and eternity of Christ?