



he manifested the identity of the divinity and the unity of his nature" (St. Athanasius, AD 295-373).

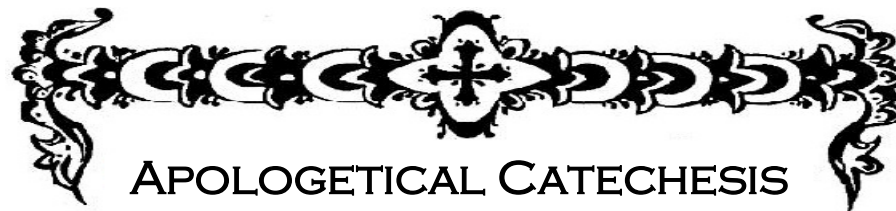
"There is one God, without beginning or cause, circumscribed by any pre-existent or future thing, infinite, embracing time, great Father of the great and holy only-begotten Son. He is the most pure Spirit, who suffered nothing in the Son that the Son suffered in the flesh. The only God, distinct in Person but not in divinity, is the divine Word. He is the living image of the Father, the only Son of Him who has no beginning, only proceeds from the one alone, equal to the point that while He alone is fully Father, the Son is also the creator and ruler of the world, the strength and intelligence of the Father" (St. Gregory of Nazianzus, AD 331-394).

"Believe also in the one and only Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, God begotten of God, begotten as the life of life, as light of light, like the Father in all things, who did not begin to be in time, but was begotten from eternity before all ages and before all that can be thought... In reality he has the royal dignity from the beginning of his existence (though he has been begotten from all eternity): being God, his wisdom, and his power, he sits by the Father's side, as has already been said; He reigns together with the Father and governs all things with him. He lacks absolutely nothing of the divine dignity, and he has a perfect knowledge of Him by whom he was begotten, just as he is in turn known by him who begot him" (St. Cyril †386).

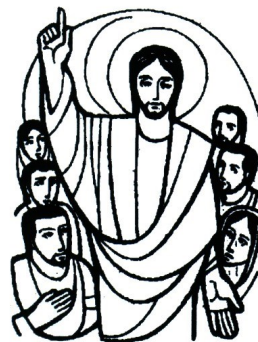
"Our God, Jesus Christ, was conceived in the womb of Mary... God manifested himself in human form to confer the newness of eternal life" (St. Ignatius of Antioch †A.D. 110, Letter to the Ephesians).

"Now Christ is Lord and God" (St. Justin Martyr A.D. †165).

"Truly one cannot but marvel at hearing those who admit one God the Father, and one God the Son, and one Holy Spirit, called atheists, showing their power in unity and their distinction in order" (Athenagoras, A.D. 177).



IS JESUS, GOD?



Some religious groups teach that Jesus is not God. They believe that Christ was created, or that He is a god, or that He was simply a prophet. Some even teach that Jesus is Archangel Michael.

To prove this, they quote a few isolated verses from the Bible, or they dare to twist the text of the Holy Scriptures, producing versions of the Bible that say what they want.

Does the Bible teach that Jesus is God? Romans 9:5 says, "... Christ ... who is over all, God blessed for ever."

In John 1:1-3 we can read the following: "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, **and the Word was God.** The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made...*"

We all know that the Word of God is Jesus. And of the Word John tells us, "*And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we have beheld his glory, which he receives from the Father as an only Son, full of grace and truth*" (John 1:14). And John 6:27: "*Work not for perishable food, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give you, for it is him whom the Father God has marked with his seal.*"

The Holy Scriptures speak clearly to us about the reality of Jesus and his divinity: "*For in him **dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily***" (Colossians 2:9). In view of the clarity of this verse, it has been necessary for those who deny the Divinity of Christ to invent a capricious and false translation of this verse of the Bible.



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What should we know and expect as orthodox Christians about Jesus?

"But we know that the Son of God has come and given us understanding, that we may know the True One. We are in the True One, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life" (1 John 5:20).

DOES JESUS HAVE THE SAME POWERS AS THE FATHER?

"I and the Father are one" (John 10:30).



The Bible tells us that Jesus is one with God, that He is equal to God, and that He chose to take the form of a servant for our sake.

"He who has seen me has seen the Father... Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?... Believe me, I am in the Father, and the Father is in me" (John 14:9-11).

"Who, being of divine form, did not greedily retain to be equal with God. But he emptied himself and took the form of a servant, becoming like men and appearing in his bearing as a man" (Philippians 2:6-7).

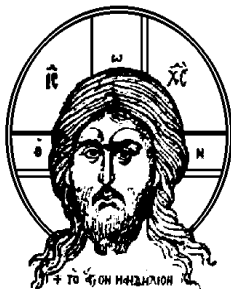
*"... let us live wisely, righteously, and godly in the present age, waiting for the happy hope and the Manifestation of the glory of the **great God and Savior our Jesus Christ**" (Titus 2:12-13).*

*"... for in him were created all things, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, thrones, dominions, principalities, powers: **all things were created by him** and for him, he exists before everything, and everything has its consistency in him" (Colossians 1:16-17).*

The Bible tells us that the Son created all things and that He is the great God and Savior because Jesus is God and in Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead.

The Scriptures clearly show this.

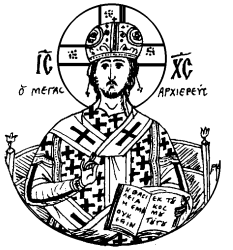
Now we can read Genesis 1:1, *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"* as, *"In the beginning Jesus created the heavens and the earth."*



So, are Jesus and God the Lord, one and the same?

That's what the Bible says!

When Philip asked Jesus to show him the Father, he replied, *"I have been with you so long, and you have not known me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father. How do you say, 'Show us the Father?'" (John 14:9).*



"Don't you think that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?" (John 14:10). And these verses show us that Jesus is equal to the Father, and that whoever sees the Son has seen the Father.



DID JESUS LITERALLY SAY HE WAS GOD?

Not literally. But he said, *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25); and to assert this without being God would be blasphemous and impossible.*

WHAT DO THE CHURCH FATHERS AND TRADITION SAY?

"The Son is in the Father, so far as we can comprehend Him, for the whole being of the Son is a thing proper to the nature of the Father, as the brightness is of light, and the stream of the fountain. Thus, he who sees the Son sees that which is proper to the Father, and understands that the being of the Son, proceeding from the Father, is in the Father. In the same way the Father is in the Son, because the Son is that which is proper to the Father, just as the sun is in its brightness, the mind is in the word, and the fountain in the stream. Thus, he who beholds the Son contemplates that which is proper to the nature of the Father, and thinks that the Father is in the Son. For the form and divinity of the Father is the being of the Son, and therefore the Son is in the Father, and the Father in the Son. For this reason, having rightly said first, 'I and the Father are one' (John 10:30), he added, 'I in the Father and the Father in me' (John 14:10): thus,

