

# Christ: The Eternal, Self-Existent, Co-Equal, Divine Saviour

*A Bible Study on the Godhead of Christ*

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

*Exodus 6:2-3 "And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD (YHWH): 3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH (YHWH) was I not known to them."*

*"In Jesus is our life derived. In Him is life that is original, unborrowed, underived life. In us there is a streamlet from the fountain of life. In Him is the fountain of life. Our life is something that we receive, something that the Giver takes back again to Himself. If our life is hid with Christ in God, we shall, when Christ shall appear, also appear with Him in glory. And while in this world, we will give to God, in sanctified service, all the capabilities He has given us." Ellen White, Letter 309, 1905.7.*

This is the second of a multi-part series of Bible studies on the Godhead.

## *Introduction & Lines of Evidence*

In this second section of the Bible study on the Godhead, we will consider the overwhelming evidence for the deity of Christ as an eternal, self-existent, co-equal Person of the Eternal Godhead.

The lines of evidence will include

- Christ being one of three Persons who make up the Godhead;
- Christ's appropriation of the title "I Am";
- Irrefutable evidence of Christ's deity during His earthly sojourn;
- Christ being clearly identified as God throughout the Scriptures;
- Christ's communicative role after the fall of man;
- Christ accepting the worship of many people in His day;
- The command to worship Christ, the Creator, in the last days.
- Christ being welcomed as God at the second coming;
- Christ being worshipped as God in Heaven;
- Christ being the object of many Bible prophecies;
- Christ performing many supernatural works;
- Christ making many claims that only Deity could make;
- Christ giving many assurances that only Deity could give;
- Scriptural and Spirit of Prophecy evidence for...
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  - His pre-existence and everlasting life;
  - His self-existence and equality with God;
  - His attributes;
  - His human/divine life on earth;
  - His supernatural, transformative work in our days, including welcoming our prayers;
  - His soon return.

We will look at the evidence and consider what to do with it.

Unless indicated otherwise, quotations come from the writings of Ellen G. White.

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## *Christ: a Distinct Person of the Godhead*

1 Christ is one of three Persons who make up the Godhead.

2 Matthew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them  
3 in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

4 Christ applied the title “I Am” to Himself.

5 Exodus 3:14 “And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he  
6 said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me  
7 unto you.”<sup>1</sup>

8 \*John 8:58 “Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you,  
9 Before Abraham was, I am.”<sup>2</sup>

10 Christ gave irrefutable evidence of four witnesses of His  
11 deity to angry opposers in His day.”

12 *Responding to the angry religious leaders who reacted against His*  
13 *many claims of deity (John 5:31-40), Christ pointed to four irrefutable*  
14 *“witnesses” of his deity: the witness of John the Baptist, the witness of*  
15 *the “works” His Father had given Him to do, the witnessing*  
16 *assertions of His Father—at His baptism for example, and other*  
17 *times<sup>3</sup>; and the witness of the Scriptures, particularly pointing to the*  
18 *writings of Moses.*

19 \*John the Baptist: John 5:32-35 “There is another that beareth witness  
20 of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.  
21 33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. 34 But I  
22 receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might  
23 be saved. 35 He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing

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1. “I AM means an eternal presence; the past, present, and future are alike with God. He sees the most remote events of past history, and the far distant future with as clear a vision as we do those things which are transpiring daily.” Letter 119, 1895.12.

2. The following came from a section of a letter speaking of Christ: “The Lord must be believed and served as the great “I AM,” and we must trust implicitly in Him. (Exodus 3:14.)” Letter 119, 1895.20. [Text and parentheses in the original document]

3. See Luke 3:22; 9:35; John 12:28.

24 for a season to rejoice in his light.”<sup>4</sup>

25 \*His “Works”\*: John 5:36 “But I have greater witness than that of  
26 John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same  
27 works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.”

28 \*Father’s Assertions\*: John 5:37 “And the Father himself, which hath  
29 sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at  
30 any time, nor seen his shape.”<sup>5</sup>

31 \*The Scriptures\*: John 5:39 “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think  
32 ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. ... 45 Do  
33 not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth  
34 you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. 46 For had ye believed Moses, ye  
35 would have believed me: for he wrote of me. 47 But if ye believe not  
36 his writings, how shall ye believe my words?”

37 Christ is known and referred to as God in the Bible.

38 \*John 1:1,2 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with  
39 God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with  
40 God.”<sup>6</sup>

41 \*Isaiah 9:6 “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the  
42 government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called  
43 Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The  
44 Prince of Peace.”

45 Isaiah 44:6 “Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer  
46 the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside  
47 me there is no God.”

48 Isaiah 48:12 “Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called;  
49 I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.”

50 \*Matthew 1:23 “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring  
51 forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being  
52 interpreted is, God with us.”

53 Luke 8:39 “Return to thine own house, and shew how great things  
54 God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published  
55 throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.”

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4. See John 1:7,8,15-18,26,27,29-36.

5. See Matthew 3:17; 17:5; John 12:28.

6. Revelation 19:13 identifies “The Word” as Christ: “His name is called The Word of God.”

56 \*John 1:14 “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.”

57 \*John 20:28-29 “And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord  
58 and my God. 29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen  
59 me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet  
60 have believed.”

61 \*Romans 9:5 “Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the  
62 flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.”

63 \*Philippians 2:6 “Who, being in the form of God, thought it not  
64 robbery to be equal with God.”

65 \*1 Timothy 3:16 “And without controversy great is the mystery of  
66 godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of  
67 angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received  
68 up into glory.”

69 \*Titus 2:13 “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing  
70 of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”

71 \*Hebrews 1:8 “But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for  
72 ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy  
73 kingdom.”

74 1 John 1:1-2 “That which was from the beginning, which we have  
75 heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon,  
76 and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2 (For the life was  
77 manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you  
78 that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto  
79 us;).”

80 \*Jude 1:24-25 “Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling,  
81 and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with  
82 exceeding joy, 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and  
83 majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”

84 Revelation 1:17-18 “And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead.  
85 And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the  
86 first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I  
87 am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”

88 Revelation 4:11 “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and  
89 honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy  
90 pleasure they are and were created.”

91 Revelation 19:13 “And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:



92 and his name is called The Word of God.”

93 Revelation 21:6-7 “And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and  
94 Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst  
95 of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall  
96 inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”

## 97 Christ, Heaven's Chief Communicator

98 Christ took over all communication with humankind after  
99 the fall and therefor appears many more times in the  
100 Scriptures than might be expected.

101 *As a result of the fall of man, and the Father no longer communicating*  
102 *with humankind, Christ took over all communication with planet*  
103 *earth. As a result, we find numerous instances in the Old Testament*  
104 *Scriptures where Christ is revealed as God.*

105 • No Man has seen the Father since the fall.<sup>7</sup>

106 Exodus 33:20 “And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there  
107 shall no man see me, and live.”

108 \*John 1:18 “No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten  
109 Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”

110 \*1 Timothy 6:16 “Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light  
111 which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can  
112 see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.”

113 • Christ was anticipated and written about in the Old Testament.

114 John 1:45 “Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have  
115 found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write,  
116 Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

117 \*John 5:39 “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal  
118 life: and they are they which testify of me.”

119 Luke 24:27 “And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he  
120 expounded unto them [the disciples on the road to Emmaus] in all the  
121 scriptures the things concerning himself.”

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7. “After the transgression of Adam, the Lord spoke no longer directly with man; the human race was given into the hands of Christ, and all communication came through him to the world.” *Review and Herald*, November 28, 1893, par. 4.

122 • In Exod 6:3 Christ spoke of Himself as “Almighty God” and  
 123 YHWH.

124 *In Exodus 6:3 Christ spoke of appearing as “Almighty God” to*  
 125 *Abraham (Genesis 17:1), Isaac and Jacob (Genesis 35:11). In the*  
 126 *same passage—Exodus 6:3—Christ spoke of revealing Himself as*  
 127 *YHWH—the most holy name of God—to Moses. Christ continued to*  
 128 *communicate throughout the Old Testament period using a variety of*  
 129 *names including YHWH.<sup>8</sup>*

130 *Here is Exodus 6:2-3 along with some of the verses referred to the*  
 131 *passage.*

132 \*Exodus 6:2-3, 6 “And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I  
 133 am the LORD (YHWH): 3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac,  
 134 and unto Jacob, *by the name of God Almighty* (emphasis added), but  
 135 *by my name JEHOVAH* (emphasis added) (YHWH) was I not known  
 136 to them. ... 6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, *I am the LORD*  
 137 (emphasis added) (YHWH), and I will bring you out from under the  
 138 burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I  
 139 will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments.”

140 Abraham: Genesis 17:1 “And when Abram was ninety years old and  
 141 nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, *I am the*  
 142 *Almighty God* (emphasis added); walk before me, and be thou  
 143 perfect.”

144 Isaac: Genesis 28:3 “And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee  
 145 fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of  
 146 people.”<sup>9</sup>

147 Jacob: Genesis 35:11 “And God said unto him, *I am God Almighty*  
 148 (emphasis added): be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of  
 149 nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins.”

150 • Other occasions when Christ was active as “YHWH.”  
 151 - When Adam and Eve were hiding in the garden.

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8. It is significant that Christ revealed Himself as YHWH on the occasion of Moses’ calling to return and deliver His people from Egyptian oppression. The name YHWH was already familiar to Moses since he wrote the book of Genesis, which includes the name in several places. The contest with Pharaoh was entering a very serious phase, however, and the introduction of the name must have greatly encouraged Moses as he pursued the badly needed deliverance. Later, other highly relevant titles would be used for God.

9. There is no record of God using the name “Almighty God” with Isaac, however Isaac used it in a blessing which indicates his familiarity with the term.

152 \*Genesis 3:8-9 “And they heard the voice of the LORD (YHWH) God  
153 walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife  
154 hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees  
155 of the garden. 9 And the LORD (YHWH) God called unto Adam, and  
156 said unto him, Where art thou?”

157 - When Abraham was told to go to a land that God would show Him.

158 Genesis 12:1 “Now the LORD (YHWH) had said unto Abram, Get  
159 thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's  
160 house, unto a land that I will shew thee.”

161 \*Genesis 18:17 “And the LORD (YHWH) said, Shall I hide from  
162 Abraham that thing which I do.”

163 - When Jacob was fleeing from his home.

164 Genesis 28:13-16 “And, behold, the LORD (YHWH) stood above it,  
165 and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of  
166 Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy  
167 seed; ... 15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all  
168 places whither thou goest, ... 16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep,  
169 and he said, Surely the LORD (YHWH) is in this place; and I knew it  
170 not.”

171 - When Moses turned aside to see the burning bush and was called by  
172 God to lead His people back to Canaan.

173 Exodus 3:4-5 “And when the LORD (YHWH) saw that he turned  
174 aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and  
175 said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. 5 And he said, Draw not  
176 nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon  
177 thou standest is holy ground.”<sup>10</sup>

178 Exodus 4:2 “And the LORD (YHWH) said unto him, What is that in  
179 thine hand? And he said, A rod.”

180 - Christ is seen as YHWH, leading the people through the desert.

181 \*Exodus 13:21 “And the LORD (YHWH) went before them by day in  
182 a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of  
183 fire, to give them light; to go by day and night.”

184 \*1 Corinthians 10:4 “And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for  
185 they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock

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10. “When Moses saw the burning bush in Mount Horeb, and turned aside to see why the bush was not consumed, Christ revealed Himself to Moses and told him what he must do to deliver the children of Israel from Egypt.” Letter 38, 1907.15.

186 was Christ.”

187 - When God was calling Moses to receive the Ten Commandments.

188 Exodus 24:12 “And the LORD (YHWH) said unto Moses, Come up to  
189 me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone,  
190 and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest  
191 teach them.”

192 - Following the worship of the golden calf.

193 Exodus 32:9 “And the LORD (YHWH) said unto Moses, I have seen  
194 this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people.”

195 Exodus 32:33 “And the LORD (YHWH) said unto Moses, Whosoever  
196 hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.”

197 - When Joshua received assurances on two occasions of God’s  
198 blessings.

199 \*Joshua 3:7 “And the LORD (YHWH) said unto Joshua, This day will  
200 I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know  
201 that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.”<sup>11</sup>

202 Joshua 5:14 “And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the  
203 LORD (YHWH) am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the  
204 earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his  
205 servant?”

206 - When the people were seeking direction for the conquest of Canaan.

207 Judges 1:1-2 “Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the  
208 children of Israel asked the LORD (YHWH), saying, Who shall go up  
209 for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them? 2 And the  
210 LORD (YHWH) said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the  
211 land into his hand.”

212 - At the time of Gideon’s calling.

213 Judges 6:14 “And the LORD (YHWH) looked upon him, and said, Go  
214 in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Mid-  
215 anites: have not I sent thee?”

216 - When David was seeking direction.

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11. Ellen White provides helpful direction in identifying an angel visitor as Christ. Referring to Joshua's experience, “The angel had veiled the divine glory of his presence, but it was no other than Christ, the Son of God. When a prophet or an angel delivered a divine message, his words were, “The Lord saith, *I will do* (emphasis added) this,” but it is stated of the Person who talked with Gideon, “The Lord said unto him, I will be with thee.” *Signs of the Times*, June 23, 1881, Art. A, par. 16.

217 2 Samuel 2:1 “And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of  
218 the LORD (YHWH), saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Ju-  
219 dah? And the LORD (YHWH) said unto him, Go up. And David said,  
220 Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.”

221 2 Samuel 21:1 “Then there was a famine in the days of David three  
222 years, year after year; and David enquired of the LORD (YHWH).  
223 And the LORD (YHWH) answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody  
224 house, because he slew the Gibeonites.”

225 - Responding to Solomon’s dedicatory prayer.

226 \*2 Chronicles 7:12 “And the LORD (YHWH) appeared to Solomon  
227 by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen  
228 this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.”

229 - In connection with the promise of the Messiah in Isaiah.

230 Isaiah 43:10-11 “Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD (YHWH), and  
231 my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me,  
232 and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, nei-  
233 ther shall there be after me. 11 I, even I, am the LORD (YHWH); and  
234 beside me there is no saviour.”

235 - In the book of Malachi

236 Malachi 3:1 “Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare  
237 the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come  
238 to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight  
239 in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD (YHWH) of hosts.”

240 • Parallels of Old and New Testament references that point to Christ.

241 \*Psalms 45:6-7 “Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre  
242 of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. 7 Thou lovest righteousness, and  
243 hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the  
244 oil of gladness above thy fellows.”

245 Compare

246 \*Hebrews 1:8-9 “But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for  
247 ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.  
248 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God,  
249 even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy  
250 fellows.”

251 \*Psalms 102:25-27 “Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth:

252 and the heavens are the work of thy hands. 26 They shall perish, but  
253 thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a  
254 vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: 27 But  
255 thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.”

256 Compare

257 \*Hebrews 1:10-12 “And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the  
258 foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:  
259 11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as  
260 doth a garment; 12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they  
261 shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.”

262 Sometimes the people involved recognized the presence  
263 of God.

264 - When Jacob was wrestling with an unknown assailant.

265 Genesis 32:29-30 “And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray  
266 thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after  
267 my name? And he blessed him there. 30 And Jacob called the name of  
268 the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is  
269 preserved.”

270 - Delivering Israel from the Egyptians

271 Exodus 14:19 “And the angel of God, which went before the camp of  
272 Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went  
273 from before their face, and stood behind them.”

274 - When Moses and a group of men went up on Mt. Sinai.

275 Exodus 24:9-10 “Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu,  
276 and seventy of the elders of Israel: 10 And they saw the God of Israel:  
277 and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire  
278 stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.”

279 Christ is also referred to as the Angel of the Lord and  
280 other similar names.

281 *Christ, Heaven's primary communicator after man's fall, is sometimes*  
282 *referred to as the angel of the Lord. Christ also gave ongoing*  
283 *direction. Proof of Christ's presence is shown in a variety of ways, the*  
284 *primary ones being (1) the messenger being seen could not have been*  
285 *the Father, as noted in the texts that immediately follow; (2) the*  
286 *supernatural assurances given; and (3) the worship accepted. There is*

287 *further confirmation in the writings of Ellen White.*<sup>12</sup> *Within the*  
288 *conversations that take place one can often tell that Christ is speaking*  
289 *through the personal assurances given.*

290 A reminder that no man has seen the Father!

291 \*John 1:18 “No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten  
292 Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”

293 John 6:46 “Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of  
294 God, he hath seen the Father.”

295 Human and celestial beings, and Christ are referred to as “angel”  
296 messengers.<sup>13</sup>

297 - Human.

298 Galatians 4:14 “But received me [Paul] as an angel of God, even as  
299 Christ Jesus.”

300 - Angels.<sup>14</sup>

301 Daniel 8:16 “And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai,  
302 which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the  
303 vision.”

304 Luke 1:26 “And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from  
305 God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth.”

306 - Pre-incarnate Christ was sometimes referred to as the “angel of the  
307 Lord.”

308 Genesis 16:10 “And the *angel of the LORD* (emphasis added) said  
309 unto her, *I will multiply*(emphasis added) thy seed exceedingly, that it  
310 shall not be numbered for multitude.”

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12. For example, “It was Christ who spoke with Abraham under the oaks at Mamre; with Isaac as he went out to pray in the fields at the eventide; with Jacob on the hillside at Bethel; with Moses among the mountains of Midian; and with the boy David as he watched his flocks.” *The Desire of Ages*, 290.3.

13. Because there are sometimes efforts to use this particular subject to demote Christ, I have included a section showing that Christ is sometimes referred to as an angel, even though He was/is all the while a self-existent and eternal member of the Godhead.

14. When we come to angels, we must recall that each person has an angel assigned to them (Matt 18:10). They are working on our behalf. The Holy Spirit is also working. Knowing the difference between their work can be challenging, but doesn't negate the activity of either party. Note the following: “Brother Haskell, you need never feel that you are alone. Angels of God are your companions. The Holy Spirit is your Comforter.” Letter 100, 1895.9.

311 Here are examples of Pre-incarnate Christ communicating as the “an-  
312 gel of God” or “angel of the Lord.”

313 *Recall that “I” statements indicate Christ communicating. I have itali-  
314 cized short phrases of some of the Scriptures in this regard.*

315 - Hagar, when she was being encouraged.

316 \*Genesis 21:17-18 “And God heard the voice of the lad; and *the angel*  
317 *of God* (emphasis added) called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto  
318 her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of  
319 the lad where he is. 18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine  
320 hand; for *I will make him* (emphasis added) a great nation.”

321 - Abraham when he was stopped from sacrificing Isaac.

322 \*Genesis 22:11-12,17-18 “And *the angel of the Lord* (emphasis added)  
323 called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he  
324 said, Here am I. 12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad,  
325 neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest  
326 God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. ...  
327 17 That in blessing *I will bless thee* (emphasis added), and in  
328 multiplying *I will multiply thy seed* (emphasis added) as the stars of  
329 the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed  
330 shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 And in thy seed shall all the  
331 nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast *obeyed my voice*”  
332 (emphasis added).

333 - When Jacob was told to return home.

334 \*Genesis 31:11-13 “The *angel of God* (emphasis added) spake unto  
335 me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I. 12 And he said,  
336 Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle  
337 are ringstraked, speckled, and grised: for I have seen all that Laban  
338 doeth unto thee. 13 *I am the God of Bethel* (emphasis added), where  
339 thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me:  
340 now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy  
341 kindred.”

342 - Moses at the burning bush.

343 Acts 7:30-33 “And when forty years were expired, there appeared to  
344 him in the wilderness of mount Sinai *an angel of the Lord* (emphasis  
345 added) in a flame of fire in a bush. 31 When Moses saw it, he  
346 wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of  
347 the Lord came unto him, 32 Saying, *I am the God* (emphasis added) of  
348 thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of



349 Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold. 33 Then said the  
350 Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou  
351 standest is holy ground.”

352 - When the angel of God was guiding the Israelites through the desert.

353 Exodus 14:19 “And *the angel of God* (emphasis added), which went  
354 before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the  
355 pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind  
356 them.”

357 - When Christ was communicating with the children of Israel during  
358 their wilderness wanderings.

359 Judges 2:1-4 “And an *angel of the LORD* (emphasis added) came up  
360 from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, *I made you to go up out of Egypt*  
361 (emphasis added), and have brought you unto the land which *I sware*  
362 *unto your fathers* (emphasis added); and I said, *I will never break my*  
363 *covenant* (emphasis added) with you. ... 3 Wherefore I also said, I will  
364 not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your  
365 sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. 4 And it came to pass,  
366 when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children  
367 of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.”

368 - Gideon, when he was being called to his mission.

369 \*Judges 6:20-23 “And *the angel of God* (emphasis added) said unto  
370 him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this  
371 rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. 21 Then the angel of the  
372 LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched  
373 the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the  
374 rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes.... 22 And  
375 when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon  
376 said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the  
377 LORD face to face. 23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto  
378 thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.”

379 - Manoah and her husband.

380 Judges 13:19-22 “So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and  
381 offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously;  
382 and Manoah and his wife looked on. 20 For it came to pass, when the  
383 flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that *the angel of the*  
384 *LORD ascended* (emphasis added) in the flame of the altar. And  
385 Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the  
386 ground. 21 But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah

387 and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the  
388 LORD. 22 And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die,  
389 because we have seen God.”

390 Christ is also referred to as Michael the archangel.

391 The archangel Michael.

392 - A mention of Michael in Jude 1 parallels a mention in Zechariah 3.

393 Jude 1:9 “Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil  
394 he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a  
395 railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.”

396 Compare

397 Zechariah 3:1-2 “And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing  
398 before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to  
399 resist him. 2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee,  
400 O Satan.”

401 - Other verses mentioning Michael the Archangel.

402 \*Daniel 10:13 “But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me  
403 one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one (*'echâd*) of the chief  
404 princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of  
405 Persia.”<sup>15</sup>

406 Compare

407 Genesis 1:5 “And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called  
408 Night. And the evening and the morning were the first (*'echâd*) day.”

409 Genesis 8:13 “And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year,  
410 in the first month, the first (*'echâd*) day of the month, the waters were  
411 dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark,  
412 and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.”

413 Daniel 10:21 “But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture  
414 of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but  
415 Michael your prince.”<sup>16</sup>

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15. The word “one” comes from the Hebrew word *'echâd* and can be translated in multiple ways including “first,” as in Genesis 1:5 and Genesis 8:13.

16. Other verses referring to Christ as “Prince”: Isaiah 9:6 (Prince of Peace), Acts 3:14-15 (Prince of Life), Acts 5:30-31 (Prince and Saviour).

416 Compare

417 Daniel 9:25: “Know therefore and understand, that from the going  
418 forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the  
419 Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two  
420 weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous  
421 times.”

422 \*Daniel 12:1 “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince  
423 which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time  
424 of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that  
425 same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one  
426 that shall be found written in the book.”

427 Compare

428 Acts 5:30-31 “The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew  
429 and hanged on a tree. 31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to  
430 be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and  
431 forgiveness of sins.”

432 Mention is made of Christ descending from heaven with a shout and  
433 the voice of the archangel at the time of the second coming.

434 \*1 Thessalonians 4:16 “For the Lord himself shall descend from  
435 heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the  
436 trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.”

437 Compare

438 John 5:28-29 “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which  
439 all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth;  
440 they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that  
441 have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”

## 442 *Christ Accepted the Worship Of Many People*

443 Christ accepted Peter’s confession and worship.

444 \*Matthew 16:15-17 “He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?  
445 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of  
446 the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art  
447 thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto

448 thee, but my Father which is in heaven.”<sup>17</sup>

449 Christ allowed many individuals to worship Him in spite  
450 of clear prohibitions otherwise.

451 • It was/is unlawful to worship anyone but God.

452 \*Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

453 \*Exodus 34:14 “For thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord,  
454 whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.”

455 Isaiah 42:8 “I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not  
456 give to another, neither my praise to graven images.”

457 Luke 4:8 “And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me,  
458 Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him  
459 only shalt thou serve.”

460 Acts 10:25-26 “And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and  
461 fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. 26 But Peter took him up,  
462 saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.”

463 Acts 14:13-15 “Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city,  
464 brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done  
465 sacrifice with the people. 14 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and  
466 Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people,  
467 crying out, 15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are  
468 men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn  
469 from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and  
470 earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein.

471 Revelation 19:9-10 “And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they  
472 which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith  
473 unto me, These are the true sayings of God. 10 And I fell at his feet to  
474 worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy  
475 fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus:  
476 worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

477 Revelation 22:8-9 “And I John saw these things, and heard them. And

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17. “Peter did not speak these words in an ordinary tone, but with inspired fervor, as if he indeed beheld the glory of Christ. ... Peter felt the glory of God shining into his soul. His heart burned with him. He could not keep silent, and in language of adoration said, ‘Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ ... He had commended Peter for his belief in his divinity, and had assured him that God had led him to make this acknowledgment. He had accepted the title of Son of God.” Manuscript 202, 1899.3 and 11.

478 when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of  
479 the angel which shewed me these things. 9 Then saith he unto me, See  
480 thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the  
481 prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship  
482 God.”

483 • Christ allowed individuals to worship Him in Old Testament times.  
484 Genesis 17:3 “And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him.”

485 Exodus 3:4-6 “And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see,  
486 God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses,  
487 Moses. And he said, Here am I. 5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither:  
488 put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest  
489 is holy ground. 6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the  
490 God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses  
491 hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.”

492 \*Exodus 34:8 “And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward  
493 the earth, and worshipped.”

494 \*Joshua 5:14-15 “And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the  
495 Lord am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did  
496 worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? 15  
497 And the captain of the Lord's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe  
498 from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And  
499 Joshua did so.”

500 • Christ allowed individuals to worship Him during His earthly  
501 sojourn.

502 Matthew 2:10-11 “When they saw the star, they rejoiced with  
503 exceeding great joy. 11 And when they were come into the house, they  
504 saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and  
505 worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they  
506 presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.”

507 \*Matthew 8:2 “And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him,  
508 saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.”

509 \*Matthew 9:18 “While he spake these things unto them, behold, there  
510 came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even  
511 now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.”

512 \*Matthew 14:30-33 “But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was  
513 afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31 And  
514 immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said

515 unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? 32 And  
516 when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. 33 Then they that  
517 were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art  
518 the Son of God.”

519 \*Matthew 28:9 “And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus  
520 met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet,  
521 and worshipped him.”

522 \*Matthew 28:16-17 “Then the eleven disciples went away into  
523 Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17 And  
524 when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.”

525 Mark 5:5 “And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in  
526 the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. 6 But when he saw  
527 Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him.”

528 \*Luke 24:51-52 “And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was  
529 parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped  
530 him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.”

531 \*John 9:35-38 “Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he  
532 had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of  
533 God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe  
534 on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it  
535 is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he  
536 worshipped him.”

537 John 11:32 “Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw  
538 him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst  
539 been here, my brother had not died.”

540 Demons recognized the deity of Christ.

541 \*Mark 3:11 “And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down  
542 before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God. 12 And he  
543 straitly charged them that they should not make him known.”

544 \*Luke 4:34 “Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou  
545 Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou  
546 art; the Holy One of God.”

547 Luke 4:41 “And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying,  
548 Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them  
549 not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.”

550 We are called to worship Christ the creator as His second

551 coming approaches.

552 Revelation 14:7 “Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory  
553 to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that  
554 made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”

555 Christ will be acknowledged and welcomed as God at the  
556 second coming.

557 *Christ being welcomed as God at the time of the second coming, is ad-*  
558 *ditional strong proof that Christ is part of the Godhead.*

559 \*Isaiah 25:9 “And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we  
560 have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have  
561 waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”<sup>18</sup>

562 Titus 2:13 “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing  
563 of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”

564 Revelation 1:7-8 “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall  
565 see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth  
566 shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. 8 I am Alpha and Omega,  
567 the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was,  
568 and which is to come, the Almighty.”

569 Christ will be worshipped in heaven.

570 \*Philippians 2:10-11 “That at the name of Jesus every knee should  
571 bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the  
572 earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is  
573 Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

574 Revelation 5:13 “And every creature which is in heaven, and on the  
575 earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in  
576 them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be  
577 unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and  
578 ever.”<sup>19</sup>

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18. “Shall we not strive to be among that number who will welcome Christ with the words, “Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us; this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.” *Signs of the Times*, April 12, 1905, par. 18.

19. “As the saints in the kingdom of God are accepted in the beloved, they hear: “Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” [Matthew 25:34.] And then the golden harps are touched, and the music flows all through the heavenly host, and they fall down and worship the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Manuscript 139, 1906.32.

580 Christ was the object of many prophecies.

581 *Some of the strongest evidence of the deity of Christ is found in the*  
 582 *many prophecies pointing to Him, of which there are more than 200—*  
 583 *one well known writer of the past actually lists more than 400*  
 584 *prophecies pointing to Christ. This is but a small sampling of such*  
 585 *prophecies.*<sup>20</sup>

586 Genesis 3:15 “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and  
 587 between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt  
 588 bruise his heel.”

589 Genesis 22:18 “And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be  
 590 blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”

591 Genesis 26:4 “And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of  
 592 heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed  
 593 shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; 5 Because that Abraham  
 594 obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my  
 595 statutes, and my laws.”

596 Genesis 49:8-10 “Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise:  
 597 thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children  
 598 shall bow down before thee. 9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey,  
 599 my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and  
 600 as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? 10 The sceptre shall not depart  
 601 from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come;  
 602 and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.”

603 Jude 1:14 “And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of  
 604 these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his  
 605 saints.”

606 \*Numbers 24:17 “I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but  
 607 not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise  
 608 out of Israel, and all the children of Sheth.”

609 Job 19:25 “For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand  
 610 at the latter day upon the earth.”

611 Psalms 16:10 “For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt

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20. “The miracles of Jesus are a proof of His divinity; but the strongest proofs that He is the world's Redeemer are found in the prophecies of the Old Testament compared with the history of the New.” *Signs of the Times*, October 6, 1909, par. 1.



612 thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.”

613 Psalms 22:1 “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art  
614 thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?”

615 Psalms 22:16 “Dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked  
616 have inclosed me: they pierced my hands.”

617 \*Psalms 22:18 “They part my garments among them, and cast lots  
618 upon my vesture.”

619 \*Psalms 34:20 “He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.  
620 21 Evil shall slay the wicked.”

621 Psalms 55:12-14 “For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I  
622 could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify  
623 himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: 13 But it  
624 was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. 14 We  
625 took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in  
626 company.”

627 \*Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign;  
628 Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name  
629 Immanuel.”

630 Isaiah 11:1-2 “And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of  
631 Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the  
632 Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the  
633 spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of  
634 the Lord.”

635 Isaiah 9:2 “The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:  
636 they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the  
637 light shined.”

638 Isaiah 42:2-3 “He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be  
639 heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the  
640 smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto  
641 truth.”

642 \*Isaiah 53:4 “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:  
643 yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he  
644 was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities:  
645 the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we  
646 are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every  
647 one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us

648 all.”

649 Isaiah 53:9 “And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich  
650 in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit  
651 in his mouth.”

652 \*Isaiah 61:1-3 “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the  
653 Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath  
654 sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the  
655 captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To  
656 proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of  
657 our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 To appoint unto them that mourn  
658 in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for  
659 mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they  
660 might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he  
661 might be glorified.”

662 Jeremiah 33:15-16 “In those days, and at that time, will I cause the  
663 Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute  
664 judgment and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days shall Judah  
665 be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name  
666 wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.”

667 \*Daniel 9:24-27 “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and  
668 upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of  
669 sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in  
670 everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and  
671 to anoint the most Holy. 25 Know therefore and understand, that from  
672 the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem  
673 unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and  
674 two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in  
675 troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah  
676 be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall  
677 come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall  
678 be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are  
679 determined. 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one  
680 week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the  
681 oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall  
682 make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined  
683 shall be poured upon the desolate.”

684 \*Micah 5:2 “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little  
685 among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto  
686 me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of

687 old, from everlasting.”

688 Haggai 2:7 “And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations  
689 shall come:’ and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of  
690 hosts.”

691 Zechariah 11:12-13 “And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me  
692 my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty  
693 pieces of silver. 13 And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter:  
694 a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces  
695 of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.”

696 Malachi 4:2 “But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of  
697 righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth,  
698 and grow up as calves of the stall.”

699 *Supernatural Works and Claims*

700 *Supernatural Works*

701 Christ created/sustains.

702 \*John 1:3 “All things were made by him; and without him was not any  
703 thing made that was made.”

704 Colossians 1:16-17 “For by him were all things created, that are in  
705 heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be  
706 thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were cre-  
707 ated by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him  
708 all things consist.”

709 Hebrews 1:2 “Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,  
710 whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the  
711 worlds.”

712 Christ performed numerous miracles.

713 *Around 40 specific miracles are recorded, but there were many more,*  
714 *since scores of people came to be healed, whose stories were not given*  
715 *individually. There were miracles having to do with nature as well.*

716 Here is a sampling of these supernatural feats.

717 • Water being turned into wine: John 2:1-11.

718 • Healing of the official’s son: John 4:46-54.

719 • Healing the demon-possessed man in Capernaum: Mark 1:21-28.

- 720 • Healing of Simon Peter's mother: Luke 4:38-39.
- 721 • Healing the great crowd of sick people: Luke 4:40.
- 722 • Healing a leper: Luke 5:12-15.
- 723 • Healing the centurion's servant: Luke 7:1-10.
- 724 • Healing a withered hand: Luke 6:6-20.
- 725 • Raising a widow's son back to life: Luke 7:11-17.
- 726 • The healing of many women: Luke 8:2,3.
- 727 • Feeding thousands people: Matthew 14:15-21; 15:32-39; Mark  
728 8:1-19, Luke 9:10-17.
- 729 • Scores of people were healed in the crowd of 5,000 men: Luke 9:11.
- 730 • Healing a woman of an 18 year illness: Luke 13:10-13.
- 731 • Restoring Lazarus to life: John 11:1-44.
- 732 • Withering the fig tree that failed to yield fruit: Mark 11:12-14.
- 733 • Restoring the ear that was cut off: Luke 22:45-54..
- 734 Miracles were performed following Christ's ascension to  
735 heaven.
- 736 • Peter healed the lame man: Acts 3:7-11.
- 737 • God used an earthquake to free Peter from prison: Acts 4:31.
- 738 • Signs and wonders were done by the apostles: Acts 5:12-16.
- 739 • Stephen was greatly used of God: Acts 6:8.
- 740 • Philip performed miracles: Acts 8:6,7.
- 741 • Elymas was made blind by Paul: Acts 13:11-12.
- 742 • In Lystra Paul healed a crippled man: Acts 14:8-18.
- 743 • Paul healed a demon-possessed woman: Acts 16:18.
- 744 • Paul raised Eutychus from the dead: Acts 20:8-12.
- 745 • Many were healed on the island of Malta: Acts 28:8,9.
- 746 Christ was able to grant supernatural power to others.
- 747 \*Matthew 10:1 "And when he had called unto him his twelve  
748 disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out,

749 and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”

750 Matthew 14:28-29 “Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter  
751 answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on  
752 the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out  
753 of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.”

754 Luke 9:1,6 “Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave  
755 them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. ... 6  
756 “So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel  
757 and healing everywhere.”

758 \*Ephesians 1:19 “And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to  
759 us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.”

760 Colossians 1:11 “Strengthened with all might, according to his  
761 glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.”

762 2 Peter 1:3 “According as his divine power hath given unto us all  
763 things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of  
764 him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

765 Christ commanded demons to depart from people.

766 \*Luke 4:35 “And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and  
767 come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he  
768 came out of him, and hurt him not.”

769 Christ raised the dead.

770 John 11:43-44 “And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud  
771 voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 And he that was dead came forth,  
772 bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about  
773 with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.”<sup>21</sup>

774 Nature obeyed Him.

775 \*Mark 4:41 “And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another,  
776 What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey  
777 him?”

778 Matthew 17:27 “Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou  
779 to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up;  
780 and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of  
781 money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.”

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21. Find stories of Christ raising the dead in Luke 7:12-17 and Luke 8:50-56.

782 John 21:6 “And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the  
783 ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not  
784 able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.”

## 785 *Supernatural Claims and Assurances*

### 786 Claims of Deity

787 *Christ claimed many things that only Deity could claim.*

788 Christ claimed to have seen the Father.

789 John 5:19 “Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I  
790 say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth  
791 the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the  
792 Son likewise.”

793 Christ claimed to know the Father.

794 John 1:18 “No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son,  
795 which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”

796 John 10:15 “As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father:  
797 and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

798 Christ claimed to share the Father’s glory.

799 Matthew 16:27 “For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His  
800 Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his  
801 works.”

802 Luke 9:26 “For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words,  
803 of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his  
804 own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.”

805 Christ claimed to have angels.

806 Matthew 13:41 “The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they  
807 shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which  
808 do iniquity.”

809 Christ claimed to have all power.

810 Matthew 28:18 “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All  
811 power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”

812 Christ claimed to be Lord of the Sabbath.

813 Luke 6:5 “And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of  
814 the sabbath.”

815 Christ claimed the role of judge.  
816 John 5:22 “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all  
817 judgment unto the Son.”

818 Christ claimed the right to be lifted up—idolatry if He had not been  
819 God.  
820 John 12:32 “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men  
821 unto me.”

822 Christ claimed the right to call people to come to Him.  
823 John 5:39-40 “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have  
824 eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. 40 And ye will not  
825 come to me, that ye might have life.”

826 Christ claimed the right to forgive sins.  
827 Mark 2:5 “When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the  
828 palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.”

829 Christ claimed to be the “bread of life.”  
830 John 6:48 “I am that bread of life.”

831 Christ claimed to be the “light of the world.”  
832 John 9:5 “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

833 Christ claimed to be “the good shepherd.”  
834 John 10:14 “I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am  
835 known of mine.”

836 Christ claimed to have perfect comprehension of the Father’s will.  
837 John 5:21 “For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them;  
838 even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.”

839 Christ claimed to have power to raise the dead.  
840 \*John 5:21 “For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth  
841 them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.”

842 John 5:25 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now  
843 is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that  
844 hear shall live.”

845 John 11:43 “And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud  
846 voice, Lazarus, come forth.”

847 Rejecting Christ’s teachings brought the loss of salvation.  
848 John 15:24 “If I had not done among them the works which none

849 other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and  
850 hated both me and my Father.”

851 Christ claimed that those who did not honor Him, did not honor the  
852 Father.

853 John 5:23 “That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour  
854 the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father  
855 which hath sent him.”

## 856 Assurances of Deity

857 Christ gave many assurances that only Deity could make.

858 Christ promised rest.

859 Matthew 11:28-30 “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy  
860 laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn  
861 of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto  
862 your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

863 Christ promised keeping.

864 John 10:28 “And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never  
865 perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”

866 Christ gave assurances of salvation.

867 \*Luke 23:42-43 “And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when  
868 thou comest into thy kingdom. 43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I  
869 say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.”

870 Acts 10:43 “To him give all the prophets witness, that through his  
871 name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.”

872 Christ promised life that resided in Himself.

873 John 6:47 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath  
874 everlasting life.”

875 John 14:6 “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

876 Christ promised to save to the uttermost.

877 John 10:28 “And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never  
878 perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”

879 Christ promised to answer prayer.

880 John 16:23-24 “And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily,  
881 I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will  
882 give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and



883 ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”

884 Christ promised to prepare a heavenly home, to which He would bring  
885 His followers one day.

886 John 14:1-3 “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God,  
887 believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it  
888 were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3  
889 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive  
890 you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

## 891 *Christ: a Distinct, Eternal Deity, Equal With God*

892 Christ is a person.

893 Hebrews 1:2-3 “Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,  
894 whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the  
895 worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image  
896 of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when  
897 he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the  
898 Majesty on high.”

899 Christ is clearly distinct from His Father.<sup>22</sup>

900 Some Old Testament Scriptures of Christ's distinctness coupled with  
901 their New Testament parallels.

902 Psalms 45:6-7 “Thy throne, O God (*'ēlōhîm*), is for ever and ever: the  
903 sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. 7 Thou lovest righteousness,  
904 and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee  
905 with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”<sup>23</sup>

906 Compare

907 \*Hebrews 1:8-9 “But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for  
908 ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.  
909 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God,  
910 even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy  
911 fellows.”

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22. “The Lord Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, existed from eternity, a distinct person, yet one with the Father.” *Review and Herald*, April 5, 1906, par. 7. “These words [John 17:18-23] show that God and Christ are two personalities, distinct and separate.” Letter 52, 1906.23.

23. Two persons share the name of God in Psalms 45:6-7.

912 Psalms 110:1 “The LORD (YHWH) said to my Lord (*'ādôn*), “Sit at  
913 My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

914 Compare

915 Matthew 22:41-45 “While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus  
916 asked them, 42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he?  
917 They say unto him, The Son of David. 43 He saith unto them, How  
918 then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, 44 The LORD said  
919 unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy  
920 footstool? 45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?”

921 Isaiah 61:1-2 “The Spirit of the Lord GOD (YHWH) is upon me;  
922 because the LORD (YHWH) hath anointed me to preach good tidings  
923 unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to  
924 proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them  
925 that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD  
926 (YHWH), and the day of vengeance of our God (*'ēlōhîm*); to comfort  
927 all that mourn.”

928 Compare

929 Luke 4:18-19 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath  
930 anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal  
931 the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and  
932 recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,  
933 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

934 Scriptures in the Gospels where the distinctness is seen.

935 \*Matthew 3:17 “And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my  
936 beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

937 Matthew 17:5 “While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud  
938 overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said,  
939 This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.”

940 \*John 6:38-39 “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own  
941 will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the Father's will  
942 which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose  
943 nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.”

944 John 8:17-18 “It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two  
945 men is true. 18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father

946 that sent me beareth witness of me.”

947 \*John 17:1 “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to  
948 heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy  
949 Son also may glorify thee.”

950 Scriptures in Revelation where the distinctness is seen.<sup>24</sup>

951 \*Revelation 1;1 “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave  
952 unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to  
953 pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John.”

954 Revelation 1:2 “Who bare record of the word of God, and of the  
955 testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.”

956 Revelation 3:12 “Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the  
957 temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon  
958 him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which  
959 is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God:  
960 and I will write upon him my new name.”

961 \*Revelation 3:21 “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me  
962 in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my  
963 Father in his throne.”

964 Revelation 5:13 “Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto  
965 him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.”

966 Revelation 6:16 “And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and  
967 hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the  
968 wrath of the Lamb.”

969 Revelation 7:10 “And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our  
970 God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.”

971 Revelation 20:6 “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first  
972 resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be  
973 priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand  
974 years.”

975 Revelation 21:22 “And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God  
976 Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.”

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24. See Edwin Reynolds, “The Trinity in the Book of Revelation,” *Journal of the Adventist Theological Society*, 17/1 (Spring 2006):1-3. There are about 80 references to Christ in Revelation, using a variety of names, according to a study by Edwin Reynolds of Southern Adventist University. These are only a sampling of references in Revelation where the distinctness between Christ and the Father is seen.

977 Christ was pre-existent.

978 Revelation 19:13 “And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:  
979 and his name is called The Word of God.”

980 \*John 1:1-2 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with  
981 God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with  
982 God.”<sup>25</sup>

983 John 1:29-31 “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and  
984 saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the  
985 world. 30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is  
986 preferred before me: for he was before me. 31 And I knew him not:  
987 but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come  
988 baptizing with water.”

989 \*John 8:58 “Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you,  
990 Before Abraham was, I am.”<sup>26</sup>

991 \*John 17:5 “And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self  
992 with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”

993 John 17:24 “Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be  
994 with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast  
995 given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.”

996 \*Colossians 1:17 “And he is before all things....”

997 Revelation 13:8 “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him,  
998 whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from  
999 the foundation of the world.”

1000 Christ is eternal.<sup>27</sup>

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25. Regarding John 1:1’s “In the beginning,” “The Greek phrase lacks the definite article, but is nevertheless definite in meaning. If the definite article were used in the Greek it would tend to imply some particular point of time, or “beginning.” Without the definite article, and in the context of vs. 1–3, the phrase denotes the most remote time conceivable, before the creation of “all things” (v. 3), before any and every other “beginning,” that is, eternity past.” See *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* on John 1:1.

26. When Christ made the claim of equality to the Jews in John 5:17-18 they became exceedingly angry at his assertion. When Christ made the “I am” claim in John 8:58, they responded by taking up rocks to stone Him. Either Christ was saying the truth both times or He was lying. If it is true then we must take His equality and Eternal existence as true. If it is not true, we must entirely reject Christ.

27. Ellen White used phrases like “from all eternity,” “from eternity,” existed from eternity,” “from eternal ages,” “from the beginning,” “never was a time,” “everliving,” “Eternal Presence,” “Eternal Word,” “Everlasting Father,” “Eternal Son of God,” “Eternal

1001 \*Psalms 90:1-2 “Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all  
1002 generations. 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou  
1003 hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to  
1004 everlasting, thou art God.”

1005 Isaiah 9:6 “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the  
1006 government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called  
1007 Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The  
1008 Prince of Peace.”

1009 \*Micah 5:2 “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little  
1010 among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto  
1011 me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of  
1012 old, from everlasting.”

1013 \*John 8:58 “Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you,  
1014 Before Abraham was, I am.”

1015 \*Hebrews 1:8 “But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for  
1016 ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy  
1017 kingdom.”

1018 \*Hebrews 7:1-3 “For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the  
1019 most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the  
1020 kings, and blessed him; 2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of  
1021 all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that  
1022 also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; 3 Without father, without  
1023 mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of  
1024 life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.”

1025 \*Hebrews 7:15-16 “And it is yet far more evident: for that after the  
1026 similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, 16 Who is  
1027 made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power  
1028 of an endless life.”

1029 \*1 John 1:1-2 (KJV) 1 That which was from the beginning, which we

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Godhead,” “Eternal Wisdom,” “eternal throne,” “everlasting throne,” “from everlasting,”  
“from everlasting to everlasting,” “set up from everlasting,” “A life unreckoned by human  
computation or measured by figures,” “never a time when He was not in close fellowship  
with the eternal God,” “in the presence of the Father from the beginning,” “who from the  
beginning was equal with the Father,” “Never-ending life that existed before the worlds  
were made,” “familiarity and ease of eternal habitude,” “One of the eternal dignitaries”  
and “uncreated Lord” to establish the “everlasting to everlasting” limitless nature of His  
existence. You can find the quotes that go with these phrases at this link: <https://www.discipleheart.com/godhead---the-father-the-son-the-holy-spirit/christ-the-eternal-pre-existent-divine-saviour/scriptures-and-quotes-on-the-eternal-existence-of-christ>

1030 have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked  
1031 upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2 (For the life  
1032 was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto  
1033 you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested  
1034 unto us;)"

1035 1 John 2:13 "I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him  
1036 that is from the beginning."

1037 \*Revelation 1:10-11 "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard  
1038 behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11 Saying, I am Alpha and  
1039 Omega, the first and the last."

1040 Christ is the Alpha and the Omega.

1041 Isaiah 44:6 "Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer  
1042 the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there  
1043 is no God."

1044 \*Isaiah 48:12 "Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am  
1045 he; I am the first, I also am the last."

1046 Revelation 22:13 "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end,  
1047 the first and the last."

1048 Christ is self-existent, with "original, unborrowed,  
1049 underived" life.

1050 \*John 1:4 "In him was life."

1051 John 2:19 "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple,  
1052 and in three days I will raise it up."

1053 John 5:21, 26 "For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth  
1054 them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. ... 26 For as the Fa-  
1055 ther hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in  
1056 himself."28

1057 \*John 8:58 "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Be-  
1058 fore Abraham was, I am."

1059 \*John 10:17-18 "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay  
1060 down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me,  
1061 I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power

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28. The Father "giving" to the Son to have life in Himself is by way of permission, since Christ had so fully humbled and submitted Himself before the Father, that He would only use the self-existent power resident within Himself with the permission of His Father.

1062 to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.”

1063 • What did Ellen White mean when she spoke of life that was original,  
1064 unborrowed and underived?

1065 *\*One of the best known statements on the self-existence of Christ by*  
1066 *Ellen White is found in the *The Desire of Ages*, page 530.1, where she*  
1067 *speaks of Christ's life being “original, unborrowed and underived.”*  
1068 *The statement, which was repeated in other writings of hers, was con-*  
1069 *sidered astonishing and revolutionary, so much so, that one of the*  
1070 *leading theologians of the church at the time, M. L. Andreason, trav-*  
1071 *eled to Elmshaven to see for himself if she had really written the*  
1072 *words. Examining the documents, finding her handwritten notes, he*  
1073 *realized she had indeed written the statement. Ellen White did not re-*  
1074 *fute what he was saying, and in fact had already used the phraseology*  
1075 *in other writings (1896 and 1897), and would continue to do so: twice*  
1076 *in 1898, a letter in 1905, and in 1912 and 1914. Accordingly, we have*  
1077 *strong evidence that Ellen White believed in the self-existence of*  
1078 *Christ. Recounting his experience, Andreason stated:*

1079 • “I remember how astonished we were when *Desire of Ages* was first  
1080 published, for it contained some things that we considered unbeliev-  
1081 able, among others the doctrine of the trinity which was not then  
1082 generally accepted by the Adventists. . . . I was particularly interest-  
1083 ed in [the] statement in *Desire of Ages* (page 530) which at one time  
1084 caused great concern to the denomination theologically: ‘In Christ  
1085 is life, original, unborrowed, underived.’ That statement may not  
1086 seem very revolutionary to you, but to us it was. We could hardly  
1087 believe it, but of course we could not preach contrary to it. I was  
1088 sure Sister White had never written, ‘In Christ is life, original, un-  
1089 borrowed, underived.’ But now I found it in her own handwriting,  
1090 just as it had been published.” Andreason would later publish a mar-  
1091 velous collection of quotes on Christ as a member of the Godhead  
1092 in his book on Hebrews. M. L. Andreasen, “The Spirit of Prophe-  
1093 cy,” Chapel Talk, Loma Linda, California, November 30, 1948.

1094 Christ is equal with God.<sup>29</sup>

1095 \*John 5:18 “The Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only  
1096 had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making  
1097 himself equal with God.”

1098 \*Philippians 2:6 “Who, being in the form of God, thought it not  
1099 robbery to be equal with God.”

1100 Christ had previously shared the glory of the Father.

1101 John 17:5 “And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self  
1102 with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”

1103 Christ was in perfect unity with His Father.<sup>30</sup>

1104 \*Deuteronomy 6:4 (NKJV) “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the  
1105 Lord is one!”

1106 \*John 10:30 “I and my Father are one.”

1107 John 17:21-23 “That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me,  
1108 and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may  
1109 believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me  
1110 I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in  
1111 them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that  
1112 the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as  
1113 thou hast loved me.”

1114 Christ was the Father’s only begotten, “one-of-a-kind,”  
1115 Son.

1116 \*John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only  
1117 begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but  
1118 have everlasting life.”

1119 \*1 John 4:9 “In this was manifested the love of God toward us,  
1120 because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we

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29. “Christ did not seek to be thought great, and yet He was the Majesty of heaven, equal in dignity and glory with the infinite God. He was God manifested in the flesh.” White, Letter 8a-1890.9 “Only One equal with the Father could make the sacrifice for the lost race. Divinity alone could exalt the sinner to sonship with God and make him a partaker of the divine nature.” Manuscript 139, 1907.4.

30. “Believers are to [have] a confirmed, settled faith in a personal God and a personal Christ. The Father and the Son are perfect in their individual identity, and at the same time, they are perfect in their oneness.” Letter 343, 1905.15.



1121 might live through him.”

1122 Hebrews 11:17 “By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up  
1123 Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only  
1124 begotten son.”<sup>31</sup>

1125 Thoughts on “begotten” from the SDA Bible Commentary.  
1126 “The only begotten. Gr. monogenēs, from two words meaning “only”  
1127 and “kind,” and thus properly translated “unique,” “only,” “only one  
1128 of a kind.” As with the title Logos (see on v. 1), only John uses the  
1129 word monogenēs of Christ (see John 1:18; 3:16, 18; 1 John 4:9).  
1130 Absence of the definite article in the Greek either makes monogenēs  
1131 indefinite, “an only one,” or makes it an expression of quality, in  
1132 which case John would be saying, “glory as of an only one [who had  
1133 come] from beside the Father.” This seems evidently the sense here.  
1134 See on Luke 7:12; 8:42, where monogenēs is translated “only.” In  
1135 Heb. 11:17 monogenēs is used of Isaac, who was by no means  
1136 Abraham’s “only begotten,” or even his first-born. But he was the son  
1137 of the promise, and as such, the one destined to succeed his father as  
1138 heir to the birthright (Gen. 25:1–6; Gal. 4:22, 23). “Similarly in  
1139 respect to the five texts in John’s writings of Christ, the translation  
1140 should be one of the following: ‘unique,’ ‘precious,’ ‘only,’ ‘sole,’ ‘the  
1141 only one of his kind,’ but not ‘only begotten’” (Problems in Bible  
1142 Translation, p. 198). The translation “only begotten,” here and  
1143 elsewhere, apparently originated with the early Fathers of the Catholic  
1144 Church, and entered early English translations of the Bible under the  
1145 influence of the Latin Vulgate, the official Bible of the Catholic  
1146 Church. Accurately reflecting the Greek, various Old Latin  
1147 manuscripts which antedate the Vulgate read “only” rather than “only  
1148 begotten.” ... The idea that Christ was “begotten” by the Father at  
1149 some time in eternity past is altogether foreign to the Scriptures....  
1150 Properly understood of Christ’s unique status as the Son of God, the  
1151 word monogenēs distinguishes between Him and all others who,  
1152 through faith in Him, are given “power to become the sons of God” (v.  
1153 12), and who are specifically declared to be “born ... of God” (v. 13).  
1154 Christ is, and always has been, very “God” (see on v. 1), and by virtue  
1155 of this fact we “become the sons of God” when we receive Christ and  
1156 believe on His name.”<sup>32</sup>

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31. Note that Isaac was conferred “only begotten” status even though Abraham had another son.

32. *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, Vol. 5, p. 902.

1158 In Christ dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead.<sup>33</sup>

1159 \*Colossians 2:9 “For in him dwelleth all the ful[l]ness of the Godhead  
1160 bodily.”

1161 Christ is unchanging (immutable).

1162 Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for  
1163 ever.”

1164 Christ is all-knowing (omniscient).

1165 Matthew 11:27 “All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no  
1166 man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the  
1167 Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.”

1168 \*John 21:17 “He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas,  
1169 lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third  
1170 time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all  
1171 things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my  
1172 sheep.”

1173 Colossians 2:3 “In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and  
1174 knowledge.”

1175 Christ is all-powerful (omnipotent).

1176 Hebrews 1:3 “Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express  
1177 image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his  
1178 power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right  
1179 hand of the Majesty on high.”

1180 Christ is infinitely good.

1181 Acts 3:14 “But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a  
1182 murderer to be granted unto you.”

1183 Christ searches hearts and minds.

1184 1 Kings 8:39 “Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and  
1185 forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose  
1186 heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all

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33. “Christ had not ceased to be God when He became man. Though He had humbled Himself to humanity, the Godhead was still His own.” *The Desire of Ages*, 663.5. “Christ was seeking to lead them from their low condition of faith to the experience they might receive if they truly realized what He was,—God in human flesh.” *The Desire of Ages*, 664.2.

1187 the children of men;).”

1188 Revelation 2:23 “And I will kill her children with death; and all the  
1189 churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts:  
1190 and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.”

1191 Judgment has been committed to Christ.

1192 \*John 5:22 “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all  
1193 judgment unto the Son.”

1194 John 5:26 “For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to  
1195 the Son to have life in himself; 27 And hath given him authority to  
1196 execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.”

1197 John 8:7-11 “So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself,  
1198 and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast  
1199 a stone at her. 8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.  
1200 9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience,  
1201 went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and  
1202 Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When  
1203 Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto  
1204 her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned  
1205 thee? 11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I  
1206 condemn thee: go, and sin no more.”

1207 Christ shares the glory of God.

1208 \*John 17:5 “And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self  
1209 with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”

1210 \*Matthew 16:27 “For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his  
1211 Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according  
1212 to his works.”

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1214 Isaiah 42:8 “I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not  
1215 give to another, neither my praise to graven images.”

1216 Isaiah 48:11 “For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it:  
1217 for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory  
1218 unto another.”

1220 Christ came to fulfill a plan ordained before the foundation of the  
1221 world.

1222 1 Peter 1:19-20 "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb  
1223 without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained be-  
1224 fore the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times  
1225 for you."

1226 Christ came to perfectly reveal the Father, offer a perfect sacrifice and  
1227 provide a perfect example of victorious dependent living.

1228 John 1:18 "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son,  
1229 which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."

1230 Hebrews 1:2 "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,  
1231 whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the  
1232 worlds."

1233 Hebrews 10:14 "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them  
1234 that are sanctified."

1235 1 Peter 2:21 "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also  
1236 suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his  
1237 steps."

1238 Christ voluntarily humbled Himself in coming to earth.<sup>34</sup>

1239 \*Isaiah 53:2-3 "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and  
1240 as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and  
1241 when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 3  
1242 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted  
1243 with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised,  
1244 and we esteemed him not."

1245 \*John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and  
1246 we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,)  
1247 full of grace and truth."

1248 Romans 1:3 "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was  
1249 made of the seed of David according to the flesh."

1250 Romans 8:3 "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak

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34. "After Christ had condescended to leave His high command, step down from an infinite height and assume humanity, He could have taken upon Him any condition of humanity He might choose. But greatness and rank were nothing to Him, and He selected the lowest and most humble walk of life." White, Manuscript 9, 1896.12.

1251 through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful  
1252 flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.”

1253 \*Philippians 2:6-8 “Who, being in the form of God, thought it not  
1254 robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation,  
1255 and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness  
1256 of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself,  
1257 and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”

1258 Hebrews 2:14 “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh  
1259 and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through  
1260 death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the  
1261 devil.”

1262 Hebrews 2:16-17 “For verily he took not on him the nature of angels;  
1263 but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it  
1264 behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a  
1265 merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make  
1266 reconciliation for the sins of the people.”

1267 Christ took upon Himself our infirmities.<sup>35</sup>

1268 \*Matthew 8:17 “That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias  
1269 the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our  
1270 sicknesses.”

1271 Hebrews 2:17 “Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like  
1272 unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest  
1273 in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the  
1274 people.”

1275 Christ had two distinct natures while He was on earth.

1276 *This was one of the most encouraging aspects discovered in studying*  
1277 *about the Godhead!*

1278 \*Romans 1:20 (NASB95) “For since the creation of the world His  
1279 invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been  
1280 clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that  
1281 they are without excuse.”<sup>36</sup>

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35. “For four thousand years the race had been decreasing in physical strength, in mental power, in moral worth; and Christ took upon Him the infirmities of degenerate humanity. Only thus could He rescue man from the lowest depths of degradation.” Manuscript 113, 1902.8.

36. “Christ had two natures, the nature of a man and the nature of God. In Him divinity and humanity were combined. ... He exhibited a perfect humanity, combined with Deity; and by preserving each nature distinct He has given to the world a representation of the

1282 \*2 Peter 1:4 “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious  
1283 promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,  
1284 having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”<sup>37</sup>

1285 Christ’s incarnation is a mystery.<sup>38</sup>

1286 Luke 1:31-35 “And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and  
1287 bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. 32 He shall be great,  
1288 and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give  
1289 unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the  
1290 house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34  
1291 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a  
1292 man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost  
1293 shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow  
1294 thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be  
1295 called the Son of God.”

1296 \*John 1:14 “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and  
1297 we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,)  
1298 full of grace and truth.”

1299 1 John 1:1-2 “That which was from the beginning, which we have  
1300 heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon,  
1301 and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2 (For the life was  
1302 manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you  
1303 that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto  
1304 us;).”

1305 Colossians 1:15 “Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn  
1306 of every creature.”

1307 \*1 Timothy 3:16 “And without controversy great is the mystery of

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character of God and the character of a perfect man. He shows us what God is and what man may become—Godlike in character.” Manuscript 94, 1899.47. “Our Lord was tempted as man is tempted. He was capable of yielding to temptations, as are human beings. His finite nature was pure and spotless, but the divine nature that led Him to say to Philip, “He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father” also [John 14:9], was not humanized; neither was humanity deified by the blending or union of the two natures; each retained its essential character and properties.” Manuscript 57, 1890.

37. “He came to this earth to work in behalf of men, that they might no longer be under the control of Satanic agencies. But while bearing human nature, he was dependent upon the Omnipotent for his life. In his humanity, he laid hold of the divinity of God; and this every member of the human family has the privilege of doing. Christ did nothing that human nature may not do if it partakes of the divine nature.” *Signs of the Times*, June 17, 1897, par. 8.

38. “The incarnation of Christ is the mystery of all mysteries.” Letter 216, 1906.21.

1308 godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of  
1309 angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received  
1310 up into glory.”

1311 Christ fully entered into our experience.

1312 Matthew 4:1-3 “Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness  
1313 to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and  
1314 forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter  
1315 came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these  
1316 stones be made bread.”

1317 \*Hebrews 4:15 “For we have not an high priest which cannot be  
1318 touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points  
1319 tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”

1320 Christ constantly received the Holy Spirit during His time on earth.<sup>39</sup>

1321 \*Luke 4:1 “And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jor-  
1322 dan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.”

1323 Luke 4:14 “And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee:  
1324 and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.”

1325 Christ’s life was accompanied by supernatural signs.

1326 Galatians 4:4 “But when the ful[li]ness of the time was come, God sent  
1327 forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.”

1328 \*Luke 2:8-15 “And there were in the same country shepherds abiding  
1329 in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the  
1330 angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone  
1331 round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said  
1332 unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,  
1333 which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the  
1334 city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be  
1335 a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,  
1336 lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a  
1337 multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to  
1338 God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15 And  
1339 it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven,  
1340 the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto

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39. “The same Holy Spirit that abode in Christ was, by divine promise, to be imparted constantly to every disciple of His. Even Christ, during His ministry, was in His divine-human nature constantly receiving the Holy Spirit and imparting blessings as He went about doing His appointed work.” Letter 218, 1906.

1341 Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord  
1342 hath made known unto us.”

1343 \*Matthew 2:11 “And when they were come into the house, they saw  
1344 the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped  
1345 him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto  
1346 him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.”

1347 John 1:29 “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith,  
1348 Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

1349 \*Luke 3:22 “And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a  
1350 dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art  
1351 my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.”

1352 John 7:46 “The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.”

1353 \*Matthew 17:5-7 “While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud  
1354 overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said,  
1355 This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. 6  
1356 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore  
1357 afraid. 7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be  
1358 not afraid.”

1359 John 12:27-29 “Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father,  
1360 save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. 28  
1361 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven,  
1362 saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. 29 The people  
1363 therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others  
1364 said, An angel spake to him.”

1365 \*Matthew 27:50-54 “Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice,  
1366 yielded up the ghost. 51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in  
1367 twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the  
1368 rocks rent; 52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the  
1369 saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his  
1370 resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. 54  
1371 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus,  
1372 saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared  
1373 greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.”

1374 Matthew 28:2-4 “And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the  
1375 angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back  
1376 the stone from the door, and sat upon it. 3 His countenance was like  
1377 lightning, and his raiment white as snow: 4 And for fear of him the



1378 keepers did shake, and became as dead men.”

1379 \*Acts 1:9-11 “And when he had spoken these things, while they  
1380 beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.  
1381 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up,  
1382 behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said,  
1383 Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same  
1384 Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like  
1385 manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”

### 1386 Christ Suffered.

1387 Isaiah 50:6 “I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that  
1388 plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.”

1389 \*Isaiah 53:7 “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened  
1390 not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep  
1391 before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.”

1392 \*1 Peter 2:22-23 “Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his  
1393 mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he  
1394 suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth  
1395 righteously.”

1396 Hebrews 5:8 “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the  
1397 things which he suffered.”

### 1398 Christ Died.

1399 \*John 19:30 “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said,  
1400 It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.”<sup>40</sup>

1401 1 John 3:16 “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid  
1402 down his life for us.”

## 1403 *Christ in Our Day*

1404 Christ is still forgiving sin.

1405 \*Luke 5:20-26 “And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man,  
1406 thy sins are forgiven thee. 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began  
1407 to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can  
1408 forgive sins, but God alone? 22 But when Jesus perceived their

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40. He died, not through being compelled to die, but by his own free will. This was humility.” *Review and Herald*, July 5, 1887, par. 5.

1409 thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?  
1410 23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise  
1411 up and walk? 24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath  
1412 power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I  
1413 say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.  
1414 25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon  
1415 he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. 26 And they  
1416 were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear,  
1417 saying, We have seen strange things to day.”

1418 \*Luke 7:47 “Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are  
1419 forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same  
1420 loveth little. 48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.”

1421 1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us  
1422 our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1423 Christ is still bringing transformations.

1424 2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new  
1425 creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become  
1426 new.”<sup>41</sup>

1427 Galatians 2:20 “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not  
1428 I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I  
1429 live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself  
1430 for me.”

1431 Christ is still calling us to take up our cross and follow.

1432 Luke 9:23 “And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let  
1433 him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

1434 Christ's death is still bringing salvation.

1435 \*Isaiah 53:5 “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was  
1436 bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon

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41. “The Lord Jesus is making experiments on human hearts through the exhibition of His mercy and abundant grace. He is effecting transformations so amazing that Satan with all his triumphant boasting, with all his confederacy of evil united against God and the laws of His government, stands viewing them as a fortress impregnable to his sophistries and his delusions. They are to an incomprehensible mystery. The angels of God, seraphim and cherubim, the powers commissioned to co-operate with human agencies, look on with astonishment and joy that fallen men, once children of wrath, are through the training of Christ developing characters after the divine similitude, to be sons and daughters of God, to act an important part in the occupations and pleasures of heaven.” Letter 2d, 1892.10 and 21.

1437 him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

1438 \*John 3:16-18 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only  
1439 begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but  
1440 have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to  
1441 condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18  
1442 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is  
1443 condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the  
1444 only begotten Son of God.”

1445 \*John 11:25-26 “Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the  
1446 life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26  
1447 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest  
1448 thou this?”

1449 Romans 5:8-9 “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that,  
1450 while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then,  
1451 being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath  
1452 through him.”

1453 \*Romans 5:19 “For as by one man's disobedience many were made  
1454 sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.”

1455 \*2 Corinthians 5:21 “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew  
1456 no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

1457 Christ welcomes our prayers.

1458 *Jesus loves to have us pray to Him. Children are also encouraged to*  
1459 *pray to Him.*<sup>42</sup>

1460 \*Acts 1:24 “And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest  
1461 the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen.”

1462 \*Acts 7:59-60 “And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and  
1463 saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and  
1464 cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And  
1465 when he had said this, he fell asleep.”

1466 2 Corinthians 12:8-9 “For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it  
1467 might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient  
1468 for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly

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42. “If we believe in Jesus, we will love to think of him, love to talk of him, love to pray to him.” *Review and Herald*, May 30, 1882, par. 10. “The Lord loves to have children pray to Him, and the dear Saviour will hear that prayer that is offered in sincerity.” Letter 22a, 1879.15.

1469 therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ  
1470 may rest upon me.”

1471 Christ is now interceding for us in the Heavenly  
1472 Sanctuary.

1473 \*1 John 2:1 “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye  
1474 sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Je-  
1475 sus Christ the righteous.”<sup>43</sup>

1476 Romans 8:34 “Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea  
1477 rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who  
1478 also maketh intercession for us.”

1479 \*Hebrews 7:25 “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the utter-  
1480 most that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make inter-  
1481 cession for them.”

1482 *Christ is Returning Soon*

1483 Christ is King of Kings.

1484 Revelation 17:14 “These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb  
1485 shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and  
1486 they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”

1487 Revelation 19:16 “And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name  
1488 written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.”

1489 Compare

1490 Deuteronomy 10:17 “For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord  
1491 of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not  
1492 persons, nor taketh reward.

1493 1 Timothy 6:15 “Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed  
1494 and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords.”

1495 In Revelation 14:4 firstfruits are offered to God *and* the  
1496 Lamb.

1497 \*Revelation 14:4 “These are they which were not defiled with women;  
1498 for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb

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43. “When Christ ascended into the heavens, He ascended as our Advocate, and we have a friend at court. He has sent His representative, the Holy Spirit, and will give divine anointing to all who believe in Jesus Christ.” Manuscript 50, 1895.3.

1499 whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being  
1500 the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.”

1501 Those saved will be priests of God *and* Christ.

1502 \*Revelation 20:6 “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first  
1503 resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be  
1504 priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand  
1505 years.”

1506 Christ will retain His humanity in heaven.<sup>44</sup>

1507 \*Hebrews 2:17 “Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made  
1508 like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high  
1509 priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins  
1510 of the people.”

1511 *Denying the Godhead of Christ*

1512 Denying Christ's Godhead also denies the Father's  
1513 Godhead.

1514 \*1 John 2:22-23 “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the  
1515 Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23  
1516 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that  
1517 acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.”

1518 Those who do not honor the Son, do not honor the Father.

1519 \*John 5:23 “That all should honor the Son just as they honor the  
1520 Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who  
1521 sent Him.”

1522 *Some Final Thoughts*

1523 Look forward to worshiping the Eternal Three.

1524 Matthew 25:34 “Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand,  
1525 Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you

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44. “Christ ascended to heaven, bearing a sanctified, holy humanity. He took this humanity with him into the heavenly courts, and through the eternal ages he will bear it, as the One who has redeemed every human being in the city of God the One who has pleaded before the Father, “I have graven them upon the palms of my hands.” *Review and Herald*, March 9, 1905, par. 6.

1526 from the foundation of the world.”

1527 “As the saints in the kingdom of God are accepted in the beloved, they  
1528 hear: “Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared  
1529 for you from the foundation of the world.” [Matthew 25:34.] And then  
1530 the golden harps are touched, and the music flows all through the  
1531 heavenly host, and they fall down and worship the Father and the Son  
1532 and the Holy Spirit. And then what? What next did I see? One meets  
1533 another; and they say, as they fall right upon their necks with their  
1534 faces shining with the glory of God, “It was you, it was you that  
1535 brought the truth to me, and I would not hear it at first, but, O I am so  
1536 glad.” Now that will be acted all through the heavenly courts, thanks-  
1537 giving and praise to God for those that have been the means of win-  
1538 ning others to the truth, that they should come and have an interest for  
1539 them, and then they are united among the saved. O what a meeting!  
1540 what a meeting!” Manuscript 139, 1906.32.

1541 Hasten His coming.

1542 2 Peter 3:8-12 “But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that  
1543 one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as  
1544 one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men  
1545 count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any  
1546 should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day  
1547 of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens  
1548 shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with  
1549 fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be  
1550 burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what  
1551 manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godli-  
1552 ness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God,  
1553 wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements  
1554 shall melt with fervent heat?”

1555 How will you respond?

1556 \*John 6:68-69 “Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall  
1557 we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. 69 And we believe and are  
1558 sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.”

1559 Will you follow Paul’s Example?

1560 \*Acts 9:3-6 “And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and sud-  
1561 denly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to  
1562 the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why perse-  
1563 cutest thou me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said,  
1564 I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against

1565 the pricks. 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt  
1566 thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into  
1567 the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.”

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