

When Peter answered by saying that Jesus was the Son of the living God, Jesus blessed Him.

The Jews and those who deny the deity of Christ even today, curse him. Why?

“For this cause therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.” (John 5:18)

If you ask a Jew why they do not accept Jesus as their Messiah, they will say it's because He called Himself the Son of God making Himself equal to God. They are expecting a man like Moses or a great king like David as their Messiah.

Throughout Scripture we read that the Father is called God, the Son is called God, and the Holy Spirit is called God. Yet we also read: "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!" (Deut. 6:4) "You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder." (James 2:19)

Therefore, we can only come to the conclusion that all three persons are the one Almighty God. Not because of logic or reason, but only the fact that it is written in Scripture. We call this the doctrine of the "Trinity". This is the God of Christianity which sets us apart from all other religions and non-Christian cults. Be of good courage and walk by faith and the truth found in Scripture.

THE HOLY TRINITY

There is but one true God (Deuteronomy 6:4, James 2:19). He is infinite, intelligent, Spirit, Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth. He is immutable, omnipotent, omnipresent omniscient, holy, righteous, and just. In the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

(Psalm 147:5, John 14:24, Ephesians 2:18, Revelation 4:11, Genesis 1:1, Hebrews 11:3, Psalm 90:2, Isaiah 43:10-11, 44:6, Revelation 1:17)

Further Proof Text

All Three called God: (1 Peter 1:1-2, John 1:1, 14, Acts 5:3-4) (Isaiah 9:6, Philippians 2:6, Hebrews 1:8, Titus 2:13) (John 20:28 & Acts 20:28, Colossians 2:8-9)

WHO RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD?

(1 PETER 1:3)+(ROMANS 8:11)
+(JOHN 2:19) = GOD!
(God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)
(Romans 10:9)



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FIVE KEY SCRIPTURES WHEN CHALLENGED BY CULTS



Although our ministry is primarily geared toward reaching those ensnared by non-Christian cults like the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Mormons, this tract can serve as a tool for exposing any religious cult that tries to mimic Christianity. It can help when someone you love is deceived by such manipulative organizations continually challenging your faith as a Christian.

Depending upon the cult in question, many of their doctrines may deviate from the foundational doctrines of Orthodox Christianity. One doctrine in particular stands at the center as the dividing line between what is Christian and what is not. It is the Biblical Christian doctrine called "the deity of Christ."

Therefore, when challenged by cults, make Jesus the center of your discussion. How can we spot a cult? Ask this question, "Who do you say Jesus is?" If they deny that He is God then they deny God's Word, and cannot be called Christians. They teach another gospel and a different Jesus. In doing so, they earn the name "non-Christian cult" or false religion.

I have put together five key Scriptures along with five key words beginning with the letter "C" to help us remember. We pray it helps in our mission of reaching the lost and teaching the found.

One: "Common Ground"
(2 Timothy 3:16)

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness."

The emphasis is **all** Scripture is God-breathed. If we are going to have

a discussion with anyone about who God as well as other essential Christian doctrines, we need to find some common ground. That common ground should be the authority of Scripture. If they don't agree that Scripture is the final authority, then there should be no discussion.

Two: "Christ Jesus" (Colossians 2:9)

"For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form."

The emphasis is that **all** the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Jesus Christ bodily. The word Christ means the "Messiah". The name Jesus in Hebrew is Jehoshua/Yehoshua which means "Yahweh Saves".

Three: "Comprehend"(John 1:1-5, 14)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

This is the incarnation! God became flesh in the Son Jesus Christ. Even today those who remain in darkness cannot comprehend who Jesus is.

Four: "Chosen" (Isaiah 43:10-12)

"You are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And My servant

whom I have chosen. In order that you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me. " I, even I, am the LORD; And there is no savior besides Me. "It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed, And there was no strange god among you; So you are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And I am God."

There is only one God! Never was another and never will be. There is only one Savior, and we know He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Five: "Confession"(Matthew 16:13-16)

"Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He began asking His disciples, saying, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'"

"And Simon Peter answered and said, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.'"

To confess is to admit what is true. One day each of us will stand before the throne of Christ to give an account for our lives. Who will you say He is? Answer now! Why wait until that day? By then it may be too late. Jesus is God the Son.