

## Jesus Christ, the Son of God II

Last week in an article about Christ, we discussed what others believe about Jesus. We also stated that what one believes regarding Christ will determine one's eternal destiny. What the New Testament does is point out several arguments for the Deity of Christ. According to the Bible, Christ was known as the "word" prior to his taking on flesh through the Virgin Birth (John 1:1-3; 17; Luke 1:34-35). In John 5:18, the inspired writer comments on the attitudes and actions of the enemies of the Lord when they realized that Christ affirmed his equality with the Father. Paul, in Philippians chapter two, affirms that Christ was equal with the Father in his nature (Philippians 2:5-11). Christ himself points out his Deity when he establishes his pre-existence and Divine nature (John 8:24; 58). Some people would have us to believe that since Christ was in subjection to the Father, that somehow this made Christ inferior to the Father. This is absolutely false! In the military, a person can be in subjection to their commanding officer but they are still both human in their natures and thus equal in that nature. Just because someone may have a different role-function, does not mean that one is less or more a human than the person to whom they are subordinate. In the Old Testament, the one who was to come, was to be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14). This is why God said to Satan that one would come that was of the seed of woman (Genesis 3:15). The word took on flesh through the virgin birth (John 1:14; Luke 1:30-35; Matthew 1: 18-ff; Hebrews 2). Christ was 100% human and 100% Divine. He was the God-man! One will readily say, "That is a miracle!". Yes, indeed it was. The second person in the Godhead took on human flesh so that he might die for mankind on the cross (Hebrews 2:9). Next week we will discuss this in greater detail and look at some more biblical proofs of the Deity of Christ.

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