

# Declaring Christ

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I stood in the hall of the Hospital as he approached. He was an older man, graying hair that formed into a pony tail in the back. He came directly to me. As He came up, he spoke as if he knew I was a believer. After some small talk about seeing me around, he said, "I died and went to heaven. I stood in front of the throne, there was God the Father and Jesus on standing on the side of him." He told me of his wife and her trouble with collapsed lungs. "The Lord told me I would never again be sick" he said looking me in the eye. "Did you know that Jesus never did say he was God?" He waited for a response as I looked him in the eye. "You can look it up, nowhere does he say, he was God!" After a few seconds, he took off, as quick as he came up to me. I saw him only once more while I was there, but he did not give me a second glance. Now while many people such as this one have had a dream or experience, the truth is revealed in scripture. It is our final source of authority. What is written and who writes it, and under what inspiration is it? The Word of God, given to us, through the Prophets and Apostles, are given as a record and testimony to the Christ, the Son of God. It is this authority, written under God-breathed inspiration to us which should formulate for us as to what is true or not. It is not to be dictated by a dream, vision, or even a miracle we may see.

The Testimony of Christ, What did he say?

I have heard others use that same phrase, "Jesus never did say he was God", to say Jesus was not God. There is no doubt that some people do not understand how to begin with this idea. First, let me say, Jesus did not come to testify that he was God, only that he was the Son of God, revealing the Father. Second let me also say, the word Jesus is our English transliteration for the greek is IESOUS and is the Hebrew Yehoshua or Yeshua, meaning 'Yahweh saves'. Christ (Christos) is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew Messiah, Massiach or Mashiah, meaning 'anointed'. So if you were on the streets of Jerusalem and saw a young preacher who many thought was the 'anointed one', they would not call him Jesus, nor would he respond to your calling him Jesus. That said, today in the English speaking world, we call the Jewish Messiah, the son of David, the son of God, Jesus. His Hebrew title would be Yeshua HaMassiach or Ha Massiah, meaning "Yahweh saves", the anointed one.

Jesus did tell the Jews in John Eight, verse twenty-four b, saying "ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." In this passage, Jesus was directly referring to the prophets who spoke of the coming Messiah. In looking at this, let us see first what the Apostle John had to say about this Christ, the son of God. John describes, as does the Apostle Paul of Jesus being at the beginning of Creation, and not only being there, but instrumental in its creation.

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

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In the above phrase the Apostle John uses the verbage 'Word', and capitalizes its first letter. The verbage 'Word' is used three times in the first sentence of John as an introduction to those who would read it and what the gospel of John would be about. The apostle flatly states in the first sentence and uses the verbage 'Word' as a proper name or title. This book, John wrote is about the 'Word' being made flesh. It is about the anointed one, the Christ. Thus, the verbage 'Word' is a title of Christ, and is capitalized meaning a proper name.

Thus emphasizing the deity of Christ and communication of who God is and what he is like. [Strong's 3056.]

The Apostle John says in chapter one, verse one "theos en ho logos", meaning that the Logos or Word is God. In This first glimpse of the testimony of John, we find that the Word is God. Again let me emphasize that the verbage "Word" is capitalized, meaning a name. It is a title, describing that the Word was with God in the very beginning, the Word was God, and nothing was made without him. God the Father, created all things, through the Word, whom we know as Christ Jesus. This alone makes the divinity of Christ as God a legitimate aspect of his being. That said, while he was God, he was also man.

John further recounts his testimony in his first epistle referring to Christ, as being "that which was from the beginning." It was Christ, John refers to as also saying the one "which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the Word of life." This powerful testimony directly relates to John the first chapter.

1 John 1:1 ¶ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul calls him "the first born of all creation" Col 1:15. From the Messianic verse found in Psalms 89:27, which states "Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth."

The title "first born" does not mean that Christ himself was the first one created; what the title does mean is that Christ, existing as he did before all creation, exercises the privilege of primogeniture [Right of inheritance belongs exclusively to the eldest son] as the Lord of all creation, the divinely appointed heir of all things. [Lectures in Systematic Theology, Thiessen, p209]

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

Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

1 Corinthians 8:6b one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Stoning Jesus for making himself equal to God:

The Jews were always looking to find a way to get rid of Jesus Christ. For them, his testimony, miracles, and teachings were growing popular. They saw the time that this Messiah as everyone called him could take over and run the whole country. They were threatened, but could do nothing to stop him. But the Jews are recorded in John ten as going to stone Jesus. Jesus asked them, why do you stone me? Jesus had done many good works and even though he did, these Jews sought to stone him. They answered him plainly, knowing the Law, the prophets, and what this Messiah claimed, they said, "because thou being a man, makest thyself God." For these Jews, the testimony that this person claimed to be the Christ, the Messiah, the son of God was equal to calling himself God. This was punishable by stoning. This section in John itself shows that for the Jews, this Messiah, was calling himself or making himself equal to God.

John 10:31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

### The Finality of The Christ

In Revelation we find Jesus Christ calling himself the Beginning and the End, aka, "Alpha and Omega". In this we find the Alpha relating to what the testimony of John and Paul said, "he is the beginning", "before all things, by him all things consist". We find this recorded as "Alpha and Omega" four times in Revelation. In this book, known as the "apocalypse or revealing", we find that the Savior has the Authority, he will judge, he will make war, he will set up kingdoms, and he will bring down kingdoms. So while, many may say he "is not God", as some may suggest, he is only a man, here we see a divine being with the Authority and power of God, who will set up his kingdom. We also see the Son of Man, the savior, who was touched by the feelings of our infirmities and will bring in a kingdom for righteousness to rule and his people to dwell with him. Again we see the Lord as all powerful, all eternal, all knowing, and at the same time, the one who died on the cross, the Lamb who was slain before the foundation of the world. The Lamb who was worthy to open the seals in Revelation.

Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Revelation 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

In these scriptures we see the level to which the Father has elevated the Son of God. But in one place we find a picture of what Christ is coming to do! Christ was the first of the first fruits. Since his death and resurrection there have been many first fruits to the kingdom, but it is not finalized until the kingdom is established, that is the kingdom is delivered up to God the Father. At Christ's coming, those who are in Christ will be finally and forever established as Christ's and brought into the kingdom. When Christ comes, the end will be, during which time, Christ will deliver up the kingdom to God the Father. But Christ will only deliver this kingdom to the Father after he, as Lord and Christ will have put down all rule, authority, power, enemies, and even death under his feet. When Christ will have put all this down [all enemies], he will finally deliver the kingdom to God the Father at which time, the Son, the Christ will be also subject to the Father that God may be all in all.

1 Corinthians 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

So while many may argue as to whether the Son of God is God, divine, or not, his rule is one with power, authority, and the ability to cast those who are his enemies away. The Word we have read in John 1:1 alone points to the fact of his Godhood. In Psalms 2 we find prophecy that foretells of the rebellion of nations against God. In the last verse of that prophecy there is a recommendation saying "kiss the Son lest he be angry." In other words, repent, seek him, and find his favor or else perish!

Psalms 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

In another prophecy, one quoted by Jesus himself in the gospels, David writes, "The LORD said unto my Lord, sit thou at my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool. It was this scripture in Psalm 110:1 that Christ quoted to the Jews when they were going to stone him because they said to Jesus &lsquo;you being a man, makest thyself God&rsquo;; John 10:33. Jesus fulfilled the prophecies; he was the Son of David, ye he was also the Son of God. It is in this prophecy, we find the LORD, saying to sit on my right hand; I will make thine enemies thy footstool. Here is the prophecy of the coming Messiah and his putting down of all enemies and the establishment of the divine kingdom of God. It is here that the direct relation of Christ as Lord [divine], Messiah [savior], and even Priest[intercessor for man after the order of Melchizedek] is prophetic, given to Israel and the nations. It is literally and completely fulfilled in Jesus Christ, Yeshua HaMassiach.

Psalms 110:1 ¶<<A Psalm of David.>> The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 ¶The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

The Bearing of Record, In Heaven and In Earth:

In another passage, the Apostle John tells us of the testimony, or the bearing of record.

1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

One record in heaven, which is the Father, the Word [Jesus Christ], and the Holy Ghost, these three are one, says John. As Christ said, the Father and I are one, so these three are one, revealing the testimony.

John 10:30 I and my Father are one.

Notice the verse in John 10:30 says "I and my Father are one". It does not say, might be one, or as one, but a definite &lsquo;are one&rsquo;. It is current, present, and direct, with no &lsquo;s, if&rsquo;s, or but&rsquo;s about it. He and the Father are one, period!

Further this relationships can be seen in the earthly witness, John says, in earth, these three bear record: the Spirit, the water, and the blood. We find in earth, the Spirit came down as a dove on his baptism in water, and a voice from heaven spoke saying "This is my beloved son", and on the cross where he shed his blood on Calvary for the remission of our sins, for without the shedding of blood there can be no remission of sins [Heb 9:22].

Matthew 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

The record in heaven gave way to a record on earth where the testimony bore witness to the plan of salvation. The testimony or record that John speaks of is recorded in his first epistle. Because God is not a man, that he should or could lie, and Jesus is the Son of God, being the Son, he is the &lsquo;only begotten of the Father&rsquo;; full of grace and truth, who cannot lie. Jesus being the &lsquo;only begotten&rsquo; denotes not only his physical birth on earth, but his special relationship to the Father. This relationship is seen throughout the gospels. While Jesus is the &lsquo;only

begotten&rsquo;, as believers we are not begotten. We are children of God by believing in his name by faith, and the regeneration power of the Spirit of God. Those who came to know Christ Jesus and receive him, the Lord would give the right to become the children of God, to those who believe in his name. [John 1:12, 14] His essence is as the Father, he is in the Father, and the Father in Him, those who see Jesus, literally sees the Father. It was this, our God, who from the before the foundation of the World made it possible for you, a sinner, to be redeemed from death and find Eternal life. An act so complete, so put on record, and has the testimony of the Father that those who would believe on the name of the Son of God would have eternal life.

1 John 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Jesus said of himself:

In the gospels, Jesus is recorded saying many statements which reflected his mission and life. He spoke to us through many of these statements, which declared his divinity and mission from the Father. In these statements we see many divine and God attributes. For he was the Savior, the life, giving life to those dead. An Attribute of a God, giving life to that which is dead, Jesus spoke to us saying he was the Door for salvation. He was the Bread of life, and the Alpha and Omega, the one, which was the beginning and the ending, an attribute of God. He encompassed it all, even saying in Revelation, he was the Lord, which is, which was, and which is to come, all three of these short statements describe the eternal nature of this Lord and Christ. He ends this by saying in the same place, Revelation 1:8, he was the &lsquo;Almighty&rsquo;, a phrase of permanent and eternal powerful God hood. Every one of his statements reflected the divine mission, purpose, and revelation of the Son of God given by the Father as the plan achieved before the foundation of the World that men may be saved from death. This eternal plan was given before the foundation of the world. The gospels describe this Son of God, in whom the Father was well pleased, as the Son always did what the Father asked. The Son of God fulfilled the law, the prophets, and all the will of the Father completely. As this Christ was the Son of God, he was also the Son of Man as he called himself. He suffered, bled, and died on the cross for our sins, so that we may be delivered from the death of sin through the law.

For a complete list of Christ names go to: [http://wingswatchman.org/names\\_christ/names-of-christ.html](http://wingswatchman.org/names_christ/names-of-christ.html)

"I am the resurrection and the LIFE"

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

"I am the Door"

John 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

"I am that Bread of LIFE"

John 6:48 I am that bread of life.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega"

Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

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"I am the True VINE"

John 15:1 ¶I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

" I am the LIGHT of the World"

John 8:12 ¶Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

"I am he"

John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

" I Am the Way, the Truth, and the LIFE"

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

"I AM"

John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

The question must be asked here now, just as Jesus asked it before,

Matthew 16:15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

What is your answer?

Matthew 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus is the Christ, the Savior, Son of God, only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, the light of the world, and also called Yeshua HaMassiach which is the Hebrew Messianic title. No man comes to the Father, but by him and no one can be saved without faith in him. No one who says he is saved or believes will walk in darkness, for those who love Christ Jesus will follow his commandments.

The Marching Orders for the Last Day Church:

Jesus is the Lord of the Church, the first born of creation, the first fruits, and eternal Son of God. He is the Lord who is calling his church to himself. He has given to us, those of the last day's church, marching orders. These are unlike any orders given to any soldier in history. He is calling us to the end time apocalypse and the eternal creation of the Kingdom of God on earth. He is calling us to walk in Him, as the gates of hell will not prevail against those who are his church, or called out ones. This is the end time war we are called to. The orders have been given, the stage is set, and the enemy is preparing to make war with the Lords church with even more intensity than ever before. This alone is the picture of an all powerful leader, God, and Savior, who is Lord of all, truly Lord of all Lords, and King of all Kings. He will put down all enemies, till they become the footstool of the Father. He is calling his "called out ones" to prepare, to know they overcome by the Blood of the Lamb, by the Word of their testimony, and they love not their lives unto death. These are those, who in His army keep the commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus Christ. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

The Overcomers:

Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The Inheritance:

Revelation 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

The Nations of them which are saved:

Revelation 21:24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Blessed are they that do his commandments:

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

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20 ¶He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.