

The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ (3) - Jehovah

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Jehovah is the only God, Saviour, and Creator:

- I am **Jehovah**, and there is none else, there is no God beside Me (Isaiah 44:6-8; 45:5,6,14,18,21,22).
- I, even I, am **Jehovah**; and beside Me there is no Saviour (Isaiah 43:11).
- These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that **Jehovah God** made the earth and the heavens, (Genesis 2:4).
- I am **Jehovah**: that is My Name; and My glory will I not give to another (Isaiah 42:8; 48:11).

Every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear, to Jehovah: Isaiah 45:21-23

²¹Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I **Jehovah**? and there is no God else beside Me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside Me. ²²Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. ²³I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, **That unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.**

When the New Testament (under inspiration of God) quotes the Old Testament word **Jehovah** (יהוה), it always uses the Greek word for *Lord* (Κύριος). Where there is a clear reference to the Old Testament, we can as an exercise restore the word **Jehovah**, for example:

Isaiah 40:3 Prepare ye the way of the **Jehovah**

Mark 1:3 Prepare ye the way of the **Jehovah**

We can do the same in Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let this mind be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus**: ⁶Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: ⁸And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. ⁹Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰**That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; ¹¹And *that every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Jehovah***, to the glory of God the Father.

How can this be? It is a mystery. But it is explained: 1 Timothy 3:16 reads

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

N.B. This reading, which is used in the AV and contemporary equivalents, is supported by 6 uncial manuscripts, 252 minuscule manuscripts, 3 early translations, 27 church fathers. Modern translations read "**He** was manifest...", a reading which is supported by 1 uncial manuscript, at most 2 minuscule manuscripts, at most 1 early translation and no definite citation by church fathers. See J.W.Burgon, *The Revision Revised* and the scan of Codex C in Scrivener's *Plain Introduction to the Criticism of the New Testament*, Vol.I, p.120.

Now we understand why Christ can take credit for being Creator, Saviour and God. Now we now understand why we should **honour the Son as we honour the Father** (John 5:23). *Christ is a manifestation of God.*

God, Creator and Saviour in the New Testament

John 1:1-3

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²The same was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

N.B. In verse 1, not *a god*, any more than in verse 6: There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.

Colossians 1:13-16

¹³...the kingdom of His dear Son: ¹⁴... ¹⁵... ¹⁶For 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:

Acts 4:12

Neither is there **salvation** in any other (that is, Christ): for there is **none other name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.