The DEITY of JESUS CHRIST

The Bible teaches that Christ is divine, equal with the Father, God very God, and Lord of Lords!

Jesus is Directly Called "God."

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Mt. 1:23).

1. He is called God by John.
John 1:1 - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (the "Word" refers to Jesus - v. 14).

   I Jn. 5:20 - "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

   Rev. 21:7 - "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

2. He is called God by Thomas.
Jn. 20:27-29 - "...and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God. Jesus said, Because ye have seen me, thou hast believed..."

   If Thomas erred so seriously in addressing Jesus as God, why was there no correction by Jesus? And why did Jesus commend his faith?

3. Jesus refers to Himself as God.
John 5:17-18 - "But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God."

   John 10:30 - "I and my Father are one." [Note the reaction of the Jews (v. 33) - "...Thou, being a man, makest thyself God." jesus shortly after this said, "...that ye may know and believe that the Father is in me,a nd I in him. Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand" (v. 38, 39).
John 14:9 - "...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..."

4. He is called God by the writer of Hebrews.
Heb. 1:3 - "His Son...who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person..."

5. He is called God by God the Father.
Heb. 1:8 - "But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom." (quoting Ps. 45:6, 7)

6. He is called God by the Apostle Paul.
"Israelites...whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, Who is over all God blessed for ever. Amen." (Rom.9:5)

   Acts 20:28 (Luke quoting Paul) - "...Feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood."

   Phil. 2:6 - "Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God."

   Col. 1:15 - "Who is the image of the invisible God."

   Col. 2:9 - "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." ("fullness" = completeness or perfection; "Godhead" = to have the same essence as God)

   I Tim. 3:16 - "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."

   Titus 2:13 - "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." (cp. I Jn. 5:20; Rev. 21:7; Is. 9:6)

Jesus has the Divine Titles of God.

1. "Son of God" - The word "Son" refers to identity (See page 29 in the notes).
   Christ is identified with God because He has the same nature.
   To be the "only begotten Son" (Jn. 3:16) means to have a unique relationship to the Father that no one else has or ever will have.

2. "God" Jn. 1:1, 20:27-29; Rom. 9:5; I Tim. 3:16; Titus 2:13, Heb. 1:8; I Jn. 5:20; etc.

3. "Lord" Such a title identifies Christ with Adonai and Yahweh of the Old Testament (Jn. 13:13, 20:28; Acts 4:33; Rom. 10:9; Rev. 17:14; cp. Jn. 12:41 with Is. 6:5).

4. "God with us" Mt. 1:23; Is. 7:14.

5. "The Holy One" Acts 3:14; Is. 6:1-3, 10:20.

6. "First and Last" Is. 44:6; Rev. 22:13.

7. "Savior" Is. 43:11; Titus 2:13.

Jesus Claimed and Exercised the Prerogatives of God.

(Christ had the rights of God, and did the works of God.)

1. Forgives sins (Mk. 2:10; Lk. 7:48)

2. Raises the dead (Lk. 7:12-15; Jn. 5:25, 29; 6:39-44; 11:24, 25).
3. Controls nature (Mt. 8:26).

4. Judges motives (Mt. 7:22-27).

5. Receives worship
(Ps. 2:8, 12; Mt. 8:2, 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 28:9, 17; Jn. 9:35, 38; 20:28, 29; Lk. 24:51, 52; by angels - Heb. 1:6; by all men - Phil. 2:10.
[Note: Peter (Acts 10:25, 26), Paul (Acts 14:11-18) and angels (Rev. 19:10 refused to be worshipped.]

6. Taught with independent authority (Mt. 7:29).
Jesus did not say, "Thus saith the Lord" as the prophets did, but boldly states, "I say unto you" (cp. Mt. 5).

7. Sends the Holy Spirit (Jn. 15:26).

8. Creates (Gen. 1:26; Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:15, 16; Heb.1:2).
Note: "Firstborn" (Col. 1:15) is a Jewish concept which refers to preeminence or authority, not origin (cp. Col. 1:18 - EX: Jacob & Esau). Jesus had the rights of the firstborn. Cp. Jn. 3:16 - "only begotten" - lit. "one of a kind"; "unique"; not referring to origin. Cp. Heb. 11:17 - Isaac was not Abraham's only son. Cp. Acts 13:33 - reference to the resurrection.

9. Sustains (He preserves creation) (Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3).

10. He is the only Judge (cp. Jn. 5:22 with Rev. 20:11).

11. He is to receive equal honor with the Father (Jn. 5:23).

12. The only Savior (cp. Is. 43:11 with Jude 25; I Pet. 3:18).

13. He grants eternal life (Jn. 10:28).

14. He answers prayer (Jn. 14:14).

[If Jesus was not God He could not forgive sins, be worshipped, be savior etc.]

Jesus Christ has the Same Attributes as God.

1.	Self-existence	(Jn. 8:58 - "I am"; Jn. 1:14, 14:6).
2.	Immutability	(Heb. 13:8 - "The same...for ever")
3.	Eternal	(Rev. 22:13 - "Alpha & Omega"; cp. Is. 44:6; Jn. 8:35).
4.	Omnipresent	(Mt. 28:20 - "I am with you always"; cp. 18:20).
5.	Omniscient	(Jn. 21:17 - "Lord, thou knowest all things"; cp. Jn. 1:48, 2:24, 4:18, 29).
6.	Omnipotent	(Rev. 1:8 - "Almighty"; cp. Jn. 1:12, 4:19-21; Phil. 3:21, 21).
7.	Life	(Jn. 1:4 - "In Him was life").
8.	Truth	(Jn. 14:6 - "I am the truth").
9.	Infinity	(meaning no limits or boundaries except those that are self-imposed) (Eph. 3:8 - "unsearchable"; cp. Col. 2:3).
10.	Perfection	(Col. 2:9 - "fullness of the Godhead"; Eph. 4:13).
11.	Omnisapience	(I Cor. 1:24 - "the wisdom of God").

[NOTE: References to Trinity in Scripture: I Cor. 6:11, 12:4-6; II Cor. 1:21, 22; 13:14; Gal. 3:11-14; I Th. 5:18-19; I Pet. 1:2.]

Jesus Christ Fulfills Old Testament Scriptures which Apply to Jehovah God.

The following parallels between the Old Testament and New Testament prove that Jesus is Jehovah:

1. "Creator"
   Jehovah is Creator (Is. 44:24; Prov. 16:4 cp.Gen. 1:26, 27).
   Jesus is Creator. (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16)

2. "First and Last"
   Jehovah is the First and the Last. (Is. 44:6)
   Jesus is the First and the Last (Rev. 1:8,17,18; 22:12, 13).

3. "Highest Glory"
   Jehovah has the highest glory (Is. 42:8).
   Jesus has the highest glory (Jn. 17:5; II Pet. 3:18).

4. "Forgiver"
   Jehovah alone can forgive sin (Is. 43:25).
   Jesus forgives sin (Mk. 2:7-10).

5. "Holy One"
   Jehovah is the Holy One (Is. 43:3, 14).
   Jesus is the Holy One (Acts 3:14).

6. "The One coming"
   Jehovah is coming with His reward (Is. 40:10)
   Jesus is coming with His reward (Rev. 22:12)

7. "Shepherd"
   Jehovah is the Shepherd (Ps. 23:1).
   Jesus is the Shepherd (Jn. 10; Heb. 13:20, 21; II Pet. 5:4).

8. "King"
   Jehovah is King (Zech. 14:9).
   Jesus is King (Rev. 19:16).

9. "I Am"
   Jehovah is the "I Am" (Ex. 3:14).
   Jesus is the "I Am" (Jn. 8:58, 59; 18:5-8).

10. "Worshipped and Served"
    Jehovah is the One to be worshipped and served (Deut. 6:5).
    Jesus is the One to be worshipped and served (Mt. 14:33; Jn. 9:38; Heb. 1:6; Ro. 1:1; Ja. 1:1).

11. "One God"
    Jehovah is the only true God. (Is. 43:10)
    Jesus is the true God. (I Jn. 5:20)

12. "The only Savior"
    Jehovah is the only Savior. (Is. 43:11)
    Jesus is the only Savior (Mt. 1:21; Acts 4:12; Titus 1:3, 4).

13. "The Changeless One"
    Jehovah is the Changeless One (Mal. 3:6).
    Jesus is the Changeless One (Heb. 13:8).

14. "The One to be loved"
    Jehovah is the One to be loved (Deut. 6:5).
    Jesus is the One to be loved (I Cor. 16:22).

15. "The One Lord"
    Jehovah is the one Lord (Zech. 14:9).
    Jesus is the one Lord (I Cor. 8:6; Eph. 4:5).

16. "The Redeemer"
    Jehovah is the Redeemer. (Is. 49:26)
    Jesus is the Redeemer (Titus 2:13-14).

17. "The Fountain of life and light"
    Jehovah is the Fountain of life and light (Ps. 36:9).
    Jesus is the Fountain of life and light (Jn. 1:4; 4:14).

18. "The One who refreshes the thirsty"
    Jehovah is the One who refreshes the thirsty (Is. 44:3).
    Jesus is the One who refreshes the thirsty (Jn. 7:37, 38).

19. "The One who swallows up death"
    Jehovah is the One who swallows up death (Is. 25:8).
    Jesus is the One who swallows up death (II Tim. 1:10).

20. "The One to be looked to for salvation"
    Jehovah is the One to be looked to for salvation. (Is. 45:22)
    Jesus is the One to be looked to for salvation (Jn.1:29; 6:40; Acts 4:12)

21. "The Holy Lord of Glory"
    Jehovah is the Holy Lord of Glory (Is. 6:1, 3, 10).
    Jesus is the Holy Lord of Glory (Jn. 12:37-41 *v.41).

22. "The Light of New Jerusalem"
    Jehovah is the Light of New Jerusalem (Is. 60:19).
    Jesus is the Light of New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:23).

23. "The only One to be prayed to"
    Jehovah is the One to be prayed to (Mt. 6:9; cp. Is. 45:20; 44:17, 18).
    Jesus is the One to be prayed to (Jn.14:14; Acts 7:59-60)

24. "The One who calms the sea"
    Jehovah is the One who calms the Sea (Ps. 107:29).
    Jesus is the One who calms the Sea (Mt. 8:26).

25. "The One who cleanses sin"
    Jehovah is the One who cleanses sin. (Is. 43:25)
    Jesus is the One who cleanses sin. (I Jn. 1:7)

26. "The One who chastens (disciplines)"
    Jehovah is the One who chastens (Prov. 3:12).
    Jesus is the One who chastens (Rev. 3:19).

27. "The Rock"
    Jehovah is the Rock (Deut. 32:4; Ps. 78:19, 20, 35).
    Jesus is the Rock (I Pet. 2:6-8; Acts 4:11, 12; I Cor. 10:4).
    Compare: Exod. 17:5-6 with I Cor.10:4.

28. "The Judge of the Earth"
    Jehovah is the Judge of the earth (Gen. 18:25).
    Jesus is the Judge of the earth (II Cor. 5:10).

29. "The One whom Israel tested in the wilderness"
    Jehovah was tested by Israel (Num.21:5-7)
    Jesus was tested by Israel (I Cor.10:9)

The list of parallels on the previous pages is by no means exhaustive. Many more can be discovered. The parallels between Jehovah of the Old Testament and Jesus of the New Testament clearly identify Jesus with Jehovah! Jesus is Jehovah! No wonder He will one day be called "The LORD (Jehovah) our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:6).

NOTE: By calling Jesus Jehovah, we are not denying the fact that the Father is Jehovah and that the Holy Spirit is Jehovah. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are together the eternal Jehovah God, as the Scriptures clearly teach. The evidence for Jesus' deity is conclusive. Those who deny it dishonor the Father (Jn. 5:23) and face eternal tragedy (Jn. 8:24).

"Thus saith the Lord:
You call me Light and You see me not.
You call me the Way and You follow me not.
You call me Truth and You believe me not.
You call me Just and You trust me not.
You call me Mighty and You fear me not.
You call me Salvation and You honor me not.
You call me Rich and You ask me not.
You call me Worthy and You praise me not.
You call me eternal and You seek me not.
You call me Master and You obey me not.
When you force me to condemn you, blame me not.
Jesus is God Almighty!"