

Christ's Deity vs Disinformation

I. Introduction

- A. Why does the world's wisdom reject the Deity of Christ?
- B. Why does the world spread so much disinformation and fight so hard against the truth, deceiving people from knowing the truth?
- C. When I search "*does Jesus say He is God,*" this is what Google returned (8/26/2022). "*During his lifetime, Jesus himself didn't call himself God and didn't consider himself God, and ... none of his disciples had any inkling at all that he was God. You do find Jesus calling himself God in the Gospel of John, or the last Gospel.*"? Google and similar worldly write-ups lie about Jesus Christ in 3 ways.
 1. It infers Jesus didn't call Himself God, but later contradicts that at the end and says He did.
 2. It says that Jesus didn't think He was God.
 3. It says that none of the Disciples ever thought Jesus was God.

II. Scripture

- A. 7 Scriptures that refute these common lies.
 1. ***Php. 2:6—"Who [Jesus], being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God."***
 2. ***John 10:30, 33—"30-I and My Father are one. 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.'"***
 3. ***John 17:5—"And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was."***
 4. ***John 5:17-18—"17-But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. 18-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."***
 5. ***John 14:9—"Jesus saith unto him, 'Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?'"***

6. ***John 8:58-59***—"58-***Jesus said unto them, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.'*** 59-***Then took they up stones to cast at Him: but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.***"

7. ***John 20:28-31***—"28-***And Thomas answered and said unto Him, 'My Lord and my God.'*** 29-***Jesus saith unto him, 'Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.'*** 30-***And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this Book:*** 31-***But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.***"

III. Application

- A. Is disinformation about the Deity of Jesus something we can tolerate?

- B. Do you believe or doubt that Jesus is the one true God?

- C. What are 2 of your favorite Biblical facts below that refute Google's and the world's common disinformation regarding the Deity of Christ?
 1. Jesus humbly made it clear that He is God (without using those specific words).
 2. Jesus' Apostles/Disciples and other followers clearly understood that Jesus is God, and they even believed it enough to die for that fact.
 3. Jesus' rejectors clearly understood Jesus claimed to be God, and many even tried to kill Him because of Jesus' claim to be God.
 4. The Old Testament (OT) writers prophesied that the coming Christ / Messiah would be "***Immanuel***," "***God with us***" (***Isa. 7:14, 8:8***) and even calls Jesus Christ "***the mighty God***" (***Isa. 9:6***).
 5. The New Testament (NT) writers stated Jesus is "***Emmanuel***," "***God with us***" (***Mat. 1:23***), stating "***all the fulness of the Godhead bodily***" dwells in Jesus (***Col. 2:9***), that Jesus is "***the brightness of His*** [God's] ***glory, the express image of His*** [God's] ***person***" (***Heb. 1:3***), and "***God***" (Heb. 1:8...) many times.

- D. How can you live today like Jesus is God?