

**“Believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.”
(Jn 10:38)**

✠ Lecture VI: Our Lord Jesus Christ & God’s Works ✠

I) Our Lord Jesus Christ The Sender of The Holy Spirit:

a) God is Spirit:

- “God is Spirit.” (Jn 4:24)
- “Now the Lord is the Spirit.” (2Cor 3:17)

b) God pours and sends His Spirit:

- “I am the Lord your God and there is no other...I will **pour out My Spirit** on all flesh.” (Joel 2:27-29)
- “O Lord, how manifold are Your works! You **send forth Your Spirit**, they are created.” (Ps 104:24-30) St. Paul said, “**God**, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.” (1Thess 4:8)
- “**I will put My Spirit** within you and cause you to walk in My statutes.” (Ezek 36:27)

c) Our Lord Jesus Christ pours and sends the Holy Spirit:

- St. Peter said on Pentecost, “This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witness. Therefore, being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, **He (Christ) poured out this** which you now see and hear” (Acts 2:32-33)
- Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “When the Helper comes, whom **I shall send** to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.” (Jn 15:26)
- “If I do not go away the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, **I will send Him** to you.” (Jn 16:7)
- “**He breathed on them**, and said to them, **Receive the Holy Spirit.**” (Jn 20:22)

✠ Conclusion:

God is Spirit and only God sends and pours His Spirit. But our Lord Jesus Christ does the same. The logical conclusion is that our **Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

II) Our Lord Jesus Christ The Creator & Sustainer of All:

a) God is the Creator:

- “In the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth.” (Gen 1:1)
- “I am the Lord who makes all things.” (Isa 44:24)

b) Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Creator:

- “All things were made **through Him**, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” (Jn 1:3)
- “He was in the world, and the world was made **through Him.**” (Jn 1:10)
- “**Through whom** also He made the worlds.” (Heb 1:2)
- “For **by Him** all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created **through Him and for Him.**” (Col 1:16)
- “One Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom** are all things, and **through whom** we live.” (1Cor 8:6)

c) Miracles involving creation:

- Feeding the five and four thousands (Lk 9:10-17; Mt 15:32-38).
- Transforming water to wine (Jn 2:7-8).
- Creating eyes to the man born blind (Jn 9).

✠ Conclusion:

God the Father created everything through His Wisdom, His Logos, and His Reason. God and His Wisdom are one. **Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

III) Our Lord Jesus Christ The Life Giver:

a) God is the life Giver:

- “I, even I, am He, and there is no God beside Me; I kill and I make alive.” (**Deut 32:39**)
- “The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up.” (**1Sam 2:6**)

b) Miracles of raising the dead:

- The daughter of Jairus (**Mk 5:35-42**).
- The son of the widow of Nain (**Lk 7:11-17**).
- Lazarus (**Jn 11**).

c) Our Lord Jesus Christ’s declarations:

- “I am the bread of life.” (**Jn 6:35**)
- “If anyone eats from this bread, he will live forever.” (**Jn 6:51**)
- “And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” (**Jn 10:28**)
- “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.” (**Jn 11:25-26**)
- “As the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.” (**Jn 5:21**) “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (**Jn 14:6**)

✠ Conclusion:

Our Lord Jesus Christ’s miracles of raising the dead were performed by giving an order to the dead person to rise. In contrast to the saints who prayed God for the dead to rise (**2Kg 4:33; Acts 9:40**). Moreover, death had no power on Him and He rose in the third day. Indeed, “In Him was life” (**Jn 1:3**). Since only God is the life giver and our Lord Jesus Christ does the same, **therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

IV) Our Lord Jesus Christ The Forgiver of Sins:

a) God is the forgiver of sins:

- “Bless the Lord, O my soul: who forgives all your iniquities.” (**Ps 103:2-3**)
- “The Lord God, merciful and gracious, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.” (**Ex 34:6-7**)
- “If You Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.” (**Ps 130:3-4**)

b) Our Lord Jesus Christ forgives sins:

- He forgave the paralytic (**Mt 9:2; Mk 2:5; Lk 5:20**).
- He forgave the sinful woman (**Lk 7:48**).
- He forgave the right thief (**Lk 23:43**).

✠ Conclusion:

Only God can forgive sin because sin is against Him, “Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight” (**Ps 51:4**). When our Lord Jesus Christ forgave the paralytic, the Jews objected saying, “Who can forgive sins but God alone?” (**Mk 2:7**). Our Lord Jesus Christ replied, “That you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic, “Arise take up your bed, and go to your house” (**Mk 2:10**). **Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

V) Our Lord Jesus Christ The Judge:

a) God is the Judge:

- Our Father Abraham called God, “The Judge of all the earth.” (**Gen 18:25**)
- “The Lord shall judge the people” (**Ps 7:8**). “He shall judge the people righteously.” (**Ps 96:10**)
- “He shall judge the world with righteousness” (**Ps 96:13**). “God Himself is Judge.” (**Ps 50:6**)
- “Rise O Judge of the earth; render punishment to the proud.” (**Ps 94:2**)
- “... how will God Judge the world.” (**Rom 3:6**)

b) Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Judge:

- “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.” (2Cor 5:10)
- “The Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his work.” (Mt 16:27) Also, (Mt 25:31-46).
- “The Lord Jesus Christ who will judge the living and the dead.” (2Tim 4:1)
- “I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give every one according to his work” (Rev 22:12), “All the Churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And will give to each one of you according to your works.” (Rev 2:23)

✠ Conclusion:

Only God is the Judge, but our Lord Jesus Christ is also the Judge. **Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

VI) Our Lord Jesus Christ The Savior:

a) God is the Savior:

- “I am the Lord Your God, ..., there is no savior besides Me.” (Hos 13:4)
- There is no other God besides Me, a Just God and a Savior; there is none besides Me.” (Is 45:21)

b) Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Savior:

- St. Peter said about our Lord, “Nor there is salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)
- “You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” (Mt 1:21)
- “For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.” (Mt 18:11)
- The Samaritans said, “This is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.” (Jn 4:42)
- “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” (1Tim 1:15)

✠ Conclusion:

Because sin is against God who is Unlimited, it needs unlimited atonement. Hence, only God who is Unlimited can provide such salvation. Since the Lord Jesus Christ is able to save, **therefore, the Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

VII) Our Lord Jesus Christ Demands Extraordinary Devotion & Accepts Worship:

a) Our Lord Jesus Christ demands extraordinary devotion:

- “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.” (Mt 10:37-39)

b) Our Lord Jesus Christ accepts worship:

- Our Lord accepted worship from: The born blind (Jn 9:38), St. Peter (Lk 5:8), The disciples (Mt 14:33; Mt 28:17; Lk 24:52), The woman with the flow of blood (Mk 5:33), The Maries after the Resurrection (Mt 28:9), The wise men (Mt 2:11), The angels (Heb 1:6; Rev 5:8-9).
- Notice that the angels are called ‘His angels’, (Mt 13:41-42; Mt 4:30-31; Rev 22:16).

✠ Conclusion:

No human being can ask for such devotion or accept worship. Our Lord even encouraged people to pray to Him, “Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do” (Jn 14:13). Moreover, Angels are called ‘His Angels’ even though they are God’s angels, “Bless the Lord you His angels” (Ps 103:20). Also the Kingdom is called ‘His Kingdom’ (Lk 23:43; 2Tim 4:1) even though it is God’s Kingdom, “God who called us into His own Kingdom” (1Thess 2:12). **Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ is God.**

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