

**Series: Unmasking the Cults**  
**Title: The Marks of a Cult – Part 1**  
**Text: 1 John 4:6**



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**6** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

**INTRODUCTION**

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**• THEY BELIEVE IN E \_\_\_\_\_ -B \_\_\_\_\_ REVELATION.**

The word revelation simply means a revealing of something or someone. It is to reveal what was before hidden.

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- God has revealed Himself through C \_\_\_\_\_ – Romans 1:18-20
- God has revealed Himself through C \_\_\_\_\_ – Romans 2:11-15
- God has revealed Himself through C \_\_\_\_\_ – Matt. 11:27; John 14:9; Heb. 1:1-2; Rev 1:1;
- God revealed Himself through the H \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_. John 14:16; 26; 1 John 5:7
- God revealed Himself through the S \_\_\_\_\_ – 2 Timothy 3:16

***Is God giving new revelation today?***

Revelation 22:18-19; 1 Corinthians 13:8-10; 2 Peter 1:18-21; Ephesians 2:19-20;



**• THEY A \_\_\_\_\_ & C \_\_\_\_\_ THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST.**

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## THE DEITY OF CHRIST

The doctrine of the deity of Christ says that Jesus possesses a truly divine nature. It does not deny that he possesses a truly human nature also.

### Isaiah 9:6

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: And the government shall be upon his shoulder: And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

### Matthew 14:31–33

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

### John 1:1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

### John 1:14

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

### Hebrews 1:8

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.

### 1 Timothy 3:16

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.

## THE ETERNITY AND PRE-EXISTENCE OF CHRIST

### Genesis 1:26

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

### John 8:58

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

### Colossians 1:14–17

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

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.

**1 John 1:1–3**

**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.

**Revelation 1:8**

**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.

**THE SINLESSNESS OF CHRIST****Hebrews 4:15**

**15** For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

**Hebrews 7:26**

**26** For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

**Hebrews 9:14**

**14** How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**1 Peter 2:21–22**

**21** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

**22** Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

**1 John 3:5**

**5** And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

**THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF CHRIST****Isaiah 7:14**

**14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, And shall call his name Immanuel.

**Matthew 1:23**

**23** 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.

**Luke 1:26–33**

**26** And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

**27** To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

**28** And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

**29** And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

**30** And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

**31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

**32** He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

**33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

## THE SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT OF CHRIST

This doctrine teaches that Christ took man's place on the cross becoming his substitute for man's sin.

### Isaiah 53:4–6

**4** Surely he hath borne our griefs, And carried our sorrows: Yet we did esteem him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

**5** But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: The chastisement of our peace was upon him; And with his stripes we are healed.

**6** All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned every one to his own way; And the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

### Matthew 20:28

**28** Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

### Ephesians 5:1–2

**1** Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

**2** And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.

### 1 Peter 2:24

**24** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

### 2 Corinthians 5:21

**21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

## THE BODILY RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

### Romans 4:25

**25** Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

**Revelation 1:18**

**18** I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

**1 Corinthians 15:1–6**

**1** Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

**2** By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

**3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

**4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

**5** And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

**6** After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

**1 Corinthians 15:14**

**14** And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.