

## **The Pre-Incarnate Christ**

### Introduction:

1. We begin our Life of Christ series, with the Pre-Incarnate Christ (Christ before the appearance of the flesh).
2. Many times when we think about Christ, we think of Him as Jesus the man or as He is reigning now as Lord.
3. The Messiah or the Son of God was around before He came in the flesh and had a significant role in the Godhead even before His appearance in the flesh.
4. We are going to look at Christ before He came in the flesh and also look at some other possible places He appeared.

### Discussion:

#### **I. Jesus is Deity**

##### A. Deity or Divinity

1. Three words in the Greek that translate Godhead (Theios, Theiotes, Theotes)
2. Acts 17:29; Romans 1:20; Colossians 2:9)
3. It literally means, the state of being God
4. Jesus is the exact representation or image of God. This is not the word for copy but the exact same thing (Heb. 1:3). He is in the state of being God, not the state of being like God.
5. Jesus claimed equality with God (John 5:17-18).

##### B. Jesus was God in the flesh

1. Colossians 2:9; John 1:14;
2. Jesus was "God with us" (Isa 7:14; Matthew 1:23)
3. Jesus did the works of God in the flesh (John 10:22-39)
4. God gave witness to Christ (1 John 5:9; Mat 3:17)
5. God calls Jesus God (Heb. 1:8)

#### **II. Jesus created all things**

##### A. Genesis 1:1, 26; John 1:1-3

1. All things came into being by Christ (John 1:3; Col 1:16)
2. God made the world through Christ (Heb. 1:2)
3. We exist because of Christ (1 Cor. 8:6; Gen. 1:26)

##### B. Jesus was preexistent to His fleshly form

1. He was sent from the Father and would return- John 16:28
2. He said, "Before Abraham was 'I AM', which is a direct affirmation of his pre-existence and His deity (Ex 3:14)

##### B. Jesus now holds all things together

1. Hebrews 1:3- by the power of His word (compare with Genesis account, He spoke the world into existence, "Then God said...")
2. Col 1:17; 2 Peter 3:5-7

#### **III. Jesus in the Old Testament (Just a few, there are many more possible place but we just don't know)**

A. Jesus name is YESHUA which means salvation. (Could bring up some significant OT references to God).

B. 1 Corinthians 10:5; Exodus 17:6

C. Gen 1:1, 26

D. Daniel 3:25 (Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego in the fire)

E. Gen 18-19 (The Lord appears before Abraham, 3 men came, only two left and Abraham was still before the Lord (Verses 18:1-2, 16-22, 19:1-2 (my lords is a term of respect, Abraham was before "the Lord)

### Conclusion:

1. Since Jesus was God in the flesh, it means that He has the same qualities of God and one of those is eternal
2. Many try to dispute the fact of Christ being God, but the scriptures are clear.
3. Jesus may have had a bigger role in the Old Testament than we give Him credit for.