

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

Introduction: This study is designed to cause you to believe that Jesus Christ is God so that believing you might have life in His Name! **John 8:24** "I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins."

I. JESUS CAME FROM HEAVEN!

- A. John 3:13 Where did He come from?
- B. John 3:31 Why is Jesus above all? (Can a mere man be above all?)
- C. John 13:3 Jesus returning to whom?
- D. John 6:38, 41, 51 What came down from heaven?
- E. Phil. 2:5-11 Jesus existed in what form?
- F. II Cor. 8:9 When was Jesus ever rich? What was it like to exist as God in Heaven?
- G. Roach illustration (for II Cor. 8:9) ►►►►►
- H. The Old Testament said God was coming! Who came to earth?
- I. Isa. 40:3-5 Make a straight highway for whom? (This was written 700 Years)
- J. Mat. 3:1-3 John prepared the way for whom? (*Did God come?*)

ILLUSTRATION:

How would you like to become a roach? Let's suppose your father said, "You know those roaches down there sure are in a lot of trouble!" "The only way to help them is for you to become a roach, like one of them." "Would you be so kind as to become a roach so that all those filthy little roaches won't have to suffer & die?" "Now, not only will you have to become a roach, you won't even be one of the chief roaches." "As a matter of fact the other roaches aren't even going to like you." "They will persecute you, and ultimately they will kill you, but that's the only way you can save them!"
Jesus' becoming a man is like you becoming a roach!

II. JESUS IS OUR CREATOR:

- A. John 1:1 Who was Jesus in the beginning? (*Beginning of what?*)
- B. John 1:2 Who was Jesus in the beginning?
- C. John 1:3,10 What did Jesus create?
- D. Gen. 1:26 & 3:22 Us? Who was God talking to?
- E. John 1:14 Who became flesh?
- F. Mat. 1:23 What does Immanuel mean according to this verse?
- G. Col 1:16-17 How many things were created by Him?

The Greek word for Peter is Petros,

and means little stone. The word Jesus used was Petra, and means a large slab of bedrock. Jesus, as God, never changes. (Heb. 13:8). He is ever able to fulfill his promises to us because, as God, he will always be there for us. He is eternal. As God, we can be assured that he is more than able to help us. Peter's statement of belief in Jesus, "You are the Son of the living God, " is the foundation rock upon which the church is built.

III. WHAT IS THE GOOD CONFESSION?

- A. Mat. 16:13-18 Faith in what about Jesus is the rock upon which the church is built? ►
- B. Luke 22:70 What did Jesus confess that led to his death?
- C. I Tim 6:12-13 Had Timothy made a similar confession as Jesus?
- D. Acts 8:37 What did the eunuch confess? (Margin Note NIV)

Acts 8:37 If you believe, etc.? This verse

is omitted in the Revision. It is not found in the oldest extant manuscripts, but was certainly in manuscripts older than any now extant. It is referred to by Irenæus in the second century, and by Augustine in the fourth. Regardless that this verse is not supported by all manuscripts overwhelming evidence of ancient documents and manuscripts prove that the early church required such a confession of faith.

With all your heart. A living faith must seize upon and control the heart.

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. John 8:56-58 "I AM" talked to Abraham & existed before Him.
- B. Exod. 3:14 Who spoke to Moses from the burning bush?
- C. Mat. 16:18 This belief is the foundation of the Church.
- D. I Cor. 3:11 No other foundation than whom?
- E. John 20:28 What did Thomas call Jesus? – My LORD!
- F. John 8:23-24 What will happen if you don't believe Jesus is God?

Question: *Is Jesus your Lord and your God? Could a person be saved without believing that Jesus is God? Did you confess, "I believe that Jesus is the Son of God," at the time of your conversion? Do you believe that this necessary?*