

WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST

Lesson 4 - Part 1

JESUS CHRIST IS A PERSON

Jesus Christ is eternal

1. We have studied about God the Father. We have learned many things about God. We have also learned that the Godhead is made up of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the next seven lessons we want to learn more about Jesus Christ.

Who are the three persons in the trinity?

2. The three persons in the trinity are: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

In this lesson we want to learn:

- Jesus Christ is eternal.
- Before Jesus Christ was born:
 - He worked in the creation.
 - He held all things together.
- In the Old Testament He revealed Himself as the Angel of the LORD.

JESUS CHRIST IS ETERNAL

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Who was in the beginning?

3. God was in the beginning. God was not made or created. God the Father always was. But He was not alone.

John 1:1

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

This verse says that the Word was with God.

When was the Word with God?

4. The Word was with God in the beginning. John 1:14 tells us who this Word is.

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

To be made flesh means to be born as a human person.

Who is the "Word?"

5. Jesus Christ is the Word. Let us look once more at

John 1:1

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

Yes, this Word was God. Jesus Christ is a man but He also is God.

Who is Jesus Christ?

6. Jesus Christ is God. He was in the beginning. He was even before Abraham was born.

John 8:58

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

Who was before Abraham was born?

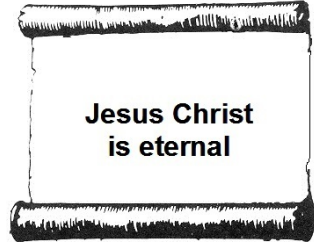
7. Jesus Christ was before Abraham was born.

John 17:5

And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Who was before the world was made?

8. Jesus Christ was before Abraham was. He was before the world was made. He was in the beginning. He is eternal. He has no beginning and no end. He always was, always is, and always will be.



What did Jesus Christ do before He was born?
Read these verses and write down the answers.

1 Corinthians 8:6

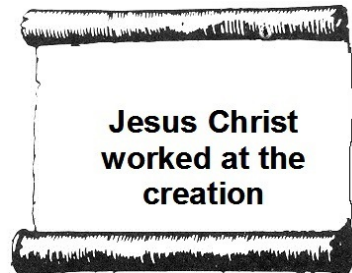
John 1:3

What did Jesus do before He was born as man?

9. God the Father together with Jesus Christ created the world.

Colossians 1:16

For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

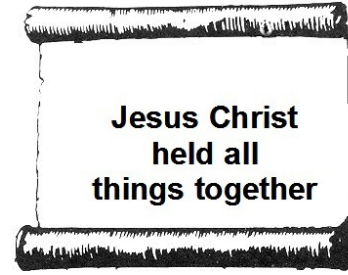


Who created the world, sun, moon, and stars?

10. God created the world, sun, moon, and stars. God created this by

Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ created the world and kept it together as well. If the world had been created and no one held it together, it would have been very sad. Have you ever thought about the sun, moon, stars, and the world? Each day the sun rises and sets. The moon marks the months. Everything keeps time and everything stays in its own place.



Colossians 1:17

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Who holds all things together?

11. Jesus Christ holds all things together. The Old Testament does not use the name "Jesus Christ." But we know that He always was, is, and will be. He does not change. **Read** Hebrews 1:8-12.

Who is eternal?

12. Jesus Christ is eternal.

Let us read some verses out of the Old Testament and write down who came to these men.

Genesis 31:11-13 (Jacob)

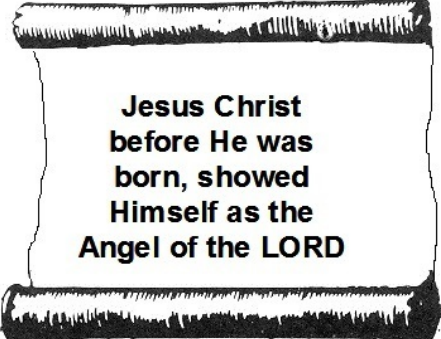
Exodus 3:2-5 (Moses)

1 Kings 19:3,5-7 (Elijah)

13. The Angel of God or the angel of the LORD talked to these people. This appears to be Jesus Christ showing Himself to people as the Angel of the LORD even before He was born as man.

How did Jesus Christ show himself to people before He was born?

14. Think of who Jesus Christ is! He is God, and He is eternal. He helped God the Father create the world and held things together. Before He was born as man, He showed Himself as the Angel of the LORD to people.



As we think of Jesus Christ as eternal, let us memorize Hebrews 13:8.

Hebrews 13:8
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

15. Who is eternal?

What two things did Jesus Christ do before He was born as man?

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How did Jesus Christ reveal Himself to people in the Old Testament?

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