

How do we know that Christ is both God and Man?

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Part of the Letter to the Hebrew Christians

The answer to your query is in the following verses:

Hebrews 1:

¹ God, who at sundry times and in divers [different] manners spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir [and manager] of all things, by whom also He made the worlds.

³ Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express [exact] image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of **His** power, when He had **by Himself** purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; ⁴ being made [in the eyes of the angels] so much better than the angels, as He has **by inheritance** [the Father's declaration] obtained a more excellent name [or position in heaven] than they.

⁵ For to which of the angels said He at any time, *You are My Son, this day have I begotten you?* [Psalm 2:7] And again, *I will be to Him [like a] a Father, and He shall be to Me [like a] a Son?* [Psalm 89:26.] [But we need to remember that human ways are a SHADOW of reality, therefore not all is exactly the same.]

⁶ And again, when He brings in the First Begotten into the world, He says, *And let all the angels of God worship Him* [as a member of the Godhead. Psalm 97:5-7].

⁷ And of the angels He says, *Who makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire.* [Psalm 104:4] ⁸ But to the Son He says, *Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Your kingdom.* ⁹ *You have loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your fellows.* [Psalm 45:6-7.]

¹⁰ *And, You, LORD, in the beginning have laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Your hands: ¹¹ they shall perish; but You remain; and they all shall wax old as does a garment; ¹² and as a vesture shall You fold them up, and they shall be changed: but You are the same, and Your years shall not fail* [for You are immortal. 1 Timothy 6:14-16; Psalm 102:25-27].

¹³ But to which of the angels said He at any time, *Sit on My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool?* [Psalm 110:1] ¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Chapter 2:

¹ Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip [forget them]. ² For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward [the wages. Romans 6:23]; ³ how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the LORD, and was confirmed to us by them that heard Him; ⁴ God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will?

⁵ For to the angels has He *not* put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. ⁶ But one in a certain place testified, saying, *What is man, that You are mindful of him? or the son of man, that You visited him?* ⁷ *You made him* [Adam] *a little lower than the angels; You crowned him with glory and honour, and did set him over the works of Your hands:* ⁸ *You have put all things in subjection under his feet.* [Psalm 8:4-8.]

For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet [at the present time] all things put under him [for things have changed].

⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels [by being given a body] for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour [in Adam's place]; that He by the grace of God should taste death [separation from God] for every man. ¹⁰ For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹¹ For both He that sanctifies and they who are sanctified are all of one [state of humanity]: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren, ¹² saying [to God the Father], *I will declare Your name* [character] *to My brethren, in the midst of the church* [family] *will I sing praise to You.* [Psalm 22:22.]

¹³ And again, *I will put My trust in Him.* [Psalm 18:2; Isaiah 12:2.]

And again, *Behold I and the children which God has given Me* [are for signs and wonders]. [Isaiah 8:18]

¹⁴ Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, ***He also Himself likewise took part of the same*** [flesh and blood]; that through death He might destroy [expose] him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; ¹⁵ and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage [slavery].

¹⁶ For verily [truly] He took ***not*** on Him the nature of angels [sinlessness]; but He took on Him [the nature of] the seed of Abraham [after 4,000 years of sinfulness].

¹⁷ Wherefore [because of this] in all things it behoved [was essential for] Him to be made like to His brethren [at that time], that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest [the Mediator] in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

¹⁸ For in that He Himself has suffered being tempted [and overcoming], He is able to succour [save] them that are tempted [having been through it Himself. And we know that He knows what it is like to meet temptation in a body like ours. Hebrews 4:15-16].

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Here is another version of those verses:

Hebrews 1 ***The Message*** (MSG)

1 ¹⁻³ Going through a long line of prophets, God has been addressing our ancestors in different ways for centuries. Recently he spoke to us directly through his Son. By his Son, God created the world in the beginning, and it will all belong to the Son at the end. This Son perfectly mirrors God, and is stamped with God's nature. He holds everything together by what he says—powerful words!

The Son Is Higher than Angels

³⁻⁶ After he finished the sacrifice for sins, the Son took his honored place high in the heavens right alongside God, far higher than any angel in rank and rule. Did God ever say to an angel, “You’re my Son; today I celebrate you” or “I’m his Father, he’s my Son”? When he presents his honored Son to the world, he says, “All angels must worship him.”

⁷ Regarding angels he says,

The messengers are [like] winds,
the servants are [like] tongues of fire [enthusiastic].

⁸⁻⁹ But he says to the Son,

You're God, and on the throne for good;
your rule makes everything right.
You love it when things are right;
you hate it when things are wrong.
That is why God, your God,
poured fragrant oil on your head,
Marking you out as king,
far above your dear companions.

¹⁰⁻¹² And again to the Son,

You, Master, started it all, laid earth's foundations,
then crafted the stars in the sky.
Earth and sky will wear out, but not you;
they become threadbare like an old coat;
You'll fold them up like a worn-out cloak,
and lay them away on the shelf.
But you'll stay the same, year after year;
you'll never fade, you'll never wear out.

¹³ And did he ever say anything like this to an angel?

Sit alongside me here on my throne
Until I make your enemies a stool for your feet.

¹⁴ Isn't it obvious that all angels are sent to help out with those lined up to receive salvation?

² ¹⁻⁴ It's crucial that we keep a firm grip on what we've heard so that we don't drift off. If the old message delivered by the angels was valid and nobody got away with anything, do you think we can risk neglecting this latest message, this magnificent salvation? First of all, it was delivered in person by the Master, then accurately passed on to us by those who heard it from him. All the while God was validating it with gifts through the Holy Spirit, all sorts of signs and miracles, as he saw fit.

The Salvation Pioneer

⁵⁻⁹ God didn't put angels in charge of this business of salvation that we're dealing with here. It says in Scripture,

What is man and woman that you bother with them;
why take a second look their way?
You made them not quite as high as angels,
bright with Eden's dawn light;

Then you put them in charge
of your entire handcrafted world.

When God put them in charge of everything, nothing was excluded. But we don't see it yet, don't see everything under human jurisdiction. What we do see is Jesus, made "not quite as high as angels," and then, through the experience of death, crowned so much higher than any angel, with a glory "bright with Eden's dawn light." In that death, by God's grace, he fully experienced death in every person's place.

¹⁰⁻¹³ It makes good sense that the God who got everything started and keeps everything going now completes the work by making the Salvation Pioneer perfect through suffering as he leads all these people to glory. Since the One who saves and those who are saved have a common origin, Jesus doesn't hesitate to treat them as family, saying,

I'll tell my good friends, my brothers and sisters, all I know about you;
I'll join them in worship and praise to you.

Again, he puts himself in the same family circle when he says,

Even *I* live by placing my trust in God.

And yet again,

I'm here with the children God gave me.

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ Since the children are made of flesh and blood, it's logical that the Savior took on flesh and blood in order to rescue them by his death. By embracing death, taking it into himself, he destroyed the Devil's hold on death and freed all who cower through life, scared to death of death.

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ It's obvious, of course, that he didn't go to all this trouble for angels. It was for people like us, children of Abraham. That's why he had to enter into every detail of human life. Then, when he came before God as high priest to get rid of the people's sins, he would have already experienced it all himself—all the pain, all the testing—and would be able to help where help was needed.

The Message (MSG)

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Conclusion:

Chapter one explains that He is fully God;
Chapter two that He is also fully man.

But neither of them explains HOW He got that way!

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Who wants to add (or subtract!) from these thoughts? I won't argue as I have stated, but I will publish your Scriptures so that we may review all the words of God on the subject. Some of the comments on this page are adapted from books in my library. Recognition is not always given because they are not intended as authorities, but are used because they express my understanding clearly.

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