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Comments of Prominent and Godly Men on the Deity of Jesus Christ.

So prominent and so constant was the worship paid Christ by the primitive Christians, that it did not escape the observation even of the heathen. Says Pliny, in writing to Trojan. “They, Christians, sing in social worship a hymn to Christ as God.” (Lib. 10. Ep. 97.)

Justin Martyr, born A. D. 103, and beheaded at Rome, A.D. 167, has the following sentence: “That ye might also know God, who came from above, and became man among men and who is again to return, when they who pierced Him shall see and bewail Him.

Theophilus was ordained bishop of the Church at Antioch about the middle of the second century, and says, “The Word **was** God, and sprang from God.”

Irenaeus who suffered martyrdom under Severus, A. D. 202, was a disciple of Polycarp, a disciple of John, and says, “The Ebionites are vain, not receiving **the union of God and man**, by faith into their souls.”

Clemens Alexandrinus, the friend of Irenaeus, says, “Believe, O man, **in Him who is both man and God**; believe, O man, **in Him** who suffered death, and yet is adored **as the living God.**” This father flourished about the close of the second century.

Epiphanius, one of the Church Fathers, who lived 310 to 407 A.D., says: “My Christ and God was exceedingly beautiful in countenance.”

A Swedish philosopher (1688-1772) says: “He is the Lord Jesus Christ, who is Jehovah the Lord, Creator from Eternity, Saviour in time, and Reformer to Eternity.”

Thomas Chatterton, an English poet, (1752-1770) says:

A humble form **the Godhead wore**,
The pains of poverty He bore,
To gaudy pomp unknown:
Tho' in a human walk He trod,
Still was the **Man Almighty God**,
In glory all His own.

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