

## The True God

That the Bible writers claimed that Christ was divine and that Christ Himself claimed to be divine in a qualitative sense that no other man is divine there can be absolutely no doubt whatever.

Isaiah in so many words called Him, "The mighty God, the everlasting Father." (Isaiah 9:6.)

John said, "The Word was God," and "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:1-14).

Paul said He was "God manifest in the flesh." (1 Tim. 3:16), and called Him "The Lord of Glory" (1 Cor. 2:8) and "God over all." (Rom. 9:5).

Say, could they have said *all* this about you or any other *mere* man?

A Unitarian preacher said to an evangelical clergyman, "If the doctrine of Christ's deity were true, I am so sure so important a doctrine must have been revealed with the clearness no one could have mistaken."

"Well, said the clergyman, "What language would you have chosen?"

"I would have called him the true God," replied the Unitarian.

"That's right," said the old preacher, "and that's just what John did call Him; 1 John 5:20 'even His Son Jesus Christ; this is the true God.'"

And then don't tell me that Christ didn't claim a divinity different from that of any other man.

He called Himself the "Only begotten Son of God." and for this you know the Jews tried to stone Him to death one day and when Jesus said "What's this for?" they said, "Because you being a *man* claim to be equal with God and so make yourself to be God, and you're a blasphemer and you ought to die." (Matt. 26:63, 64; 27:43; Luke 22:70, 71; John 19:7; 5:18; 10:23.)

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