

1.6 Christ is Wisdom.

How can we make the connection? Christ – Wisdom?

Wisdom of God – eternal.

The Son is that Wisdom.

Ergo, The Son is eternal and must have existed before assumption of his humanity, even before creation.

Scripture gave us a prophecy about Wisdom:

Pro 8:22 "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. ²³"From everlasting I was established, From the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth. ²⁴"When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ "Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills I was brought forth; ²⁶ While He had not yet made the earth and the fields, Nor the first dust of the world. ²⁷"When He established the heavens, I was there, When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ When He made firm the skies above, When the springs of the deep became fixed, ²⁹ When He set for the sea its boundary So that the water would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth; ³⁰ Then I was beside Him, *as* a master workman; And I was daily *His* delight, Rejoicing always before Him, ³¹ Rejoicing in the world, His earth, And *having* my delight in the sons of men.

Scripture gave us an explanation of Christ:

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Scripture personifies Wisdom:

Luk 11:49 "For this reason also the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they will kill and *some* they will persecute,

Some translations read, 'God in his wisdom said' but that does not change the fact that it is Christ who spoke here since it was rabbinic tradition to speak of the Holy Spirit as either 'Wisdom of God' or 'God in his Wisdom'.

We see this also in the following passages:

1Co 1:22 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1Co 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,

Col 2:1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf, and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, ²that their hearts may be

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encouraged, having been knit together in love, and *attaining* to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, *resulting* in a true knowledge of God's mystery, *that is, Christ Himself*,³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Conclusion – Wisdom is the Son of God.

1. Wisdom, in Prov 8 correlates with the words of John 1 showing that Wisdom was the Creator, therefore, Wisdom is Christ the Creator.
2. “Being brought forth” (Prov 8) shows a relationship between parent and child and when this pertains to an intelligent nature, is nothing else than to be a Son.
3. Christ calls himself the Wisdom of God in Luk 11:49.
4. Paul also calls Christ the wisdom of God in 1 Cor. 1:23 and 24.
5. Many other references to the same thing in Scripture.

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1.7 Christ is Mediator – collecting and preserving the church.

It is necessary that there be a Mediator. No possible conversation or interaction with God is possible where sin is involved. So, Christ was the Mediator from the beginning.

If it is impossible for man to see God without being killed, who was in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve? It was the Mediator, the One who interacts with man on a human level. God's glory is so immense that his mere presence would kill any human – so the 2nd Person has been the Mediator from the beginning.

On the throne after this life.

Shall we see the Father face to face? No, Jesus is the perfect likeness of the Father.

Joh 1:18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

Heb 1:1-4 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ²in these last days has spoken to us in *His* Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. ³And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high; ⁴having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

There was a state of reconciliation between the Father and Israel, which could only have been possible by the intervention of the Mediator.

Luk 10:22 "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*."

Joh 6:44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

Joh 6:45 "It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

Joh 6:46 "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father."

Office of Mediator also to collect and preserve the church by his efficacy and merit. To redeem the church (ecclesia or congregation).

The apostle Peter says that the Spirit of Christ was in the prophets, foretelling the sufferings that should come unto Christ. Therefore, Christ revealed the will of God, instituted the ministry, established and governs the church. In as much as he has done all this from the very beginning of the church, it is not to be doubted but that He has always existed.

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1Pe 1:10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful searches and inquiries, ¹¹seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. ¹²It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things into which angels long to look.

This Mediator is the 2nd Person of the Godhead. Not the Father nor the Holy Spirit.

No conversation with the Father is possible without the Mediator.

Christ is the Head, the Governor, of the church, gathering the elect and redeeming them.

Pay particular attention to the office of Mediator, the One through whom the church is saved.

Eph 1:22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all.

Eph 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, ²⁰having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*, ²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Joh 1:9 There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

Joh 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹"My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand. ³⁰"I and the Father are one."

Joh 14:6 Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

Eph 4:11 And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.

Talk about visible and invisible church.

Book of life written before creation:

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Rev 13:8 And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, *everyone* whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

Rev 17:8 "The beast that you saw was and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and to go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth will wonder, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.

But what about these:

Psa 69:28 May they be blotted out of the book of life, And may they not be recorded with the righteous.

Rev 3:5 'He who overcomes shall thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.

The omniscience of the Father makes it impossible that He could write names into the book of life and then later change his mind about it.

God has a creative foreknowledge not an observant foreknowledge.