

The Importance of the Doctrine

- 1) If Christ did not exist prior to His incarnation, then He would not be eternal and would therefore cease to be God
 - ❖ Ps. 90:2, Gen. 21:33, Rev. 1:8
- 2) If Christ did not exist prior to His incarnation, then this makes Him a liar
 - ❖ Heb. 1:3, Jn. 6:38, Jn. 8:58

The Defense of the Doctrine

New Testament Evidence

- ❖ Prior Existence – Phil. 2:5-7, Heb. 2:14,
- ❖ Creator - 1 Cor. 8:6, Col. 1:16
- ❖ He was in the Beginning – Jn. 1:1-3, 14-17
- ❖ Other Evidences – Jn. 3:13, 3:16, 3:31, 5:36, 6:33, 6:62 16:28, 17:18, Rev. 1:8, 21:6, 22:13

Old Testament Activity of Christ

- ❖ Isaiah's Vision – Jn. 12:37-41, Is. 6:1-7
- ❖ Other Appearances – Dan. 3:24-27, 10, Gen.1:26-27, 18, 32
- ❖ Other Proclamations – Mic. 5:2, Is. 9:6
- ❖ Christ as Judge – Jn.5:22, Jos.5:13-15, Ex. 12:23, Rev. 6:16, 19:15
- ❖ The Angel of the Lord – Ex. 3:1-8, Gen.16:7-13, Zec. 1:12-13, Jud. 6:11-24, Is. 37:33-36, 2 Sam.24:16

The Implications of the Doctrine

1st: We know then that Jesus IS God (Jn. 14:9)

a: We can have a real knowledge of God

b: The cross has bearing on our lives

2nd: We see Jesus' incredible humility displayed (Phil. 2:5-7, 2 Cor. 8:9)

3rd: Jesus deserves our worship & obedience (Lk. 6:46)