

Central Connection

"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." 1 Corinthians 2:5

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"JESUS IS NOT GOD"

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You couldn't have missed it unless you were hiding behind Mt. Baldy! My wife and I were driving north on Interstate 15 the other day when we saw a giant billboard that read,

"JESUS IS NOT GOD." The sign went on to read, **"Scripture says... Jesus did not pre-exist in heaven."** Well, it's a free country. The Constitution protects the rights of misguided people to waste their advertising dollars on ignorant statements about the Lord. My hope is that Bible-believers know enough Bible to defend their beliefs against clueless claims on highway signs!

Does the Scripture *really* say that Jesus did not pre-exist in heaven? Not in my Bible! When Jesus was praying to the Father in John 17:5 He said, **"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."** John 1:1-2 plainly tells us that Jesus is the Word, and that He was **"in the beginning with God."** Carefully read Colossians 1:17. Jesus **"is before all things, and by him all things consist."** Not only was Jesus pre-existent in Heaven, He was pre-existent *before* Heaven! (If you need more Bible proof of the pre-existence of Jesus, study the following: **Jn 8:58; Mic 5:2; Heb 1:2-3; Rev 22:13.**)

Are there Scriptural proofs that Jesus is God? Let's do a little digging. Maybe we can find some hidden treasures! (**Prov 2:4**)

JESUS IS GOD!

Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

John 20:27-28 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Philippians 2:5-6 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

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HIS LAST

Christ's last act was winning a soul.

His last command was to win a soul.

His last prayer was forgiveness to a soul.

"To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge, to find the will of God is the greatest discovery, and to do the will of God is the greatest achievement."

- George W. Truett

Monthly Events

Phebe's Fellowship
(*Women's Missionary Society*)
1st Wed of the Month 7:00 PM

Spanish Bible Study
2nd Wed of the Month 7:00 PM

College and Career Bible Study
3rd Fri of the Month 6:30 PM

Street Preaching
Last Sat of the Month 12:00 PM

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For more Bible proof on the Deity of Jesus (Jesus is God) study the following passages of Scripture: **Lu 8:39; Jn 1:1; Jn 14:9; Act 7:59; Rom 8:9; Rom 9:5; Rom 14:10-12; Heb 1:8; 1 Jn 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Compare Ex 3:14 with Jn 8:58; Compare Heb 13:12 with Acts 20:28.** There are dozens of passages that prove the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus was referred to as the Lord in Ps. 110:1 and as Jehovah God in Zech 12. Jesus forgave sins. He claimed equality with the Father. Jesus had creative power. Jesus had power over the elements. Jesus accepted the testimony of Thomas to the fact that He was God. The fact of the resurrection proves beyond any doubt the Jesus was not a mere man but God manifested in the flesh. To deny the Deity of Christ is to rob mankind of a living and real Saviour. Jesus is God!



LEFT: Shannon wins first place for her delicious homemade salsa in the annual Summer SNAC Night - Salsa Showdown.

ABOVE: Joel with Larry and his Bible "vending machine" at the last month's street preaching event.

Weekly Schedule of Church Services

Sunday School **9:00 AM** (Classes for all ages)
Morning Preaching Service **10:00 AM**
Sunday Evening Service **5:00 PM**

Thursday

Scripture Scouts (Ages 4-12) **7:00 PM**
Prayer and Bible Study (Adults and Teens) **7:00 PM**

Services are broadcast on YouTube. Go to Central Baptist Church of Orange County



"When this is over with, I'm going to need a lot of aromatherapy!"



CBC ladies enjoy the Annual Balboa Island Fellowship.

What Members are Saying

We're the Atkins family. Gabriel has been a member for twelve years and I have been a member for fourteen years. We were single when we came and we were happily married in 2017!

As we have attended, we have grown in our appreciation for the depth of the Bible's truths. You never get a surface-level sermon at Central Baptist! We have seen firsthand how applying the Scriptures to our everyday life has transformed our home and marriage.

We are the parents of two beautiful children with another one on the way. Our kids love their Sunday school classes and their teachers. The teachers are patient, kind and engaging. They truly want the children to learn the Bible and they're sure to bring on the fun in the classroom! Class activities include Bible memory games, captivating songs about the Lord and fun prizes for learning their memory verses.

Gabriel and I teach a mid-week children's program, Junior Church bi-monthly and we volunteer for Vacation Bible School each Summer. In short, we're kid people! If there is a kids' function, you'll likely see us there serving, teaching, and investing in our amazing students.

We also serve by singing in the church choir. It's a privilege to worship the Lord with special music for big events and conferences.

To sum up, we have a home here at Central Baptist. We know when we come through the doors that there are loved ones here who have been praying for us, who lift us up when we're down, and who will always encourage us to stick close to the Lord. We enjoy the many events around the church, but most importantly, we know that the Word of God is preached here unapologetically. We're thankful for our Pastor who diligently studies to bring us the truth and demonstrates his love for our family. We hope you will come visit us again!"

Gabriel and Elaina Atkins
Elizabeth and Daniel
Luke Henry (on the way!)