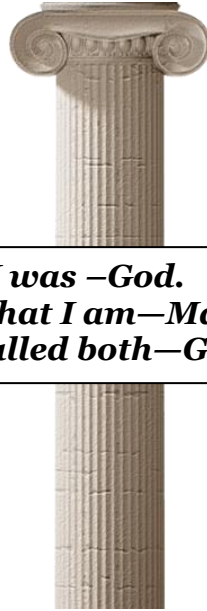


## **The Pre-existence of Christ**

### **“Before Abraham was, I am.” John 8:58**



*I AM what I was –God.  
I was not what I am—Man.  
I am now called both—GOD and MAN.*

#### **His Eternal Existence**

- Assumed in Scripture
- His birth marked His appearance as a man on the stage of time.
  - Jesus was:  
The meeting place of eternity and time  
The blending of deity and humanity  
The junction of heaven and earth
- He is God supreme and without beginning.
  - He was conscious of a previous existence→ John 17:5  
He explicitly claimed His pre-existence→John 16:27,28  
He knew neither beginning of days nor end of life→Heb. 17:3

#### **His Eternal Existence in Scripture**

- Micah 5:2→ The Prophet Micah
- Isaiah 6:1-3→ The Prophet Isaiah
- John 1:15→ John the Baptist
- This was also the testimony of Christ Himself
  - John 3:13→ to Nicodemus
  - John 6:33→ the crowd

#### **John 8:56-58→ The Pharisees**

- V. 56→Abraham lived 1,000 of years earlier and looked forward to the day that Christ would come to earth.

- V. 57→ “You are not yet 50 years old, and have you seen Abraham?”
- V. 58→ “Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

**John 17:5**

### **His Eternal Existence Before His Incarnation**

- **Communion with the Father**
  - John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.
  - John 1:18
  - Philippians 2
  - Hebrews 1:3
- **He has always been with God and He has always been God.**
- **Created the Universe and Controlling it.**
  - John 1:3, “All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made.”
  - He is the uncreated Creator; Colossians 1:16-17
  - Proverbs 8:22-31
 

“Wisdom is more than a personification of an attribute of God but is rather a foreshadowing of Christ who is the wisdom of God.”
  - Colossians 2:3
- **Planning out salvation with the Father.**
- **Proverbs 8:30-31**
  - The Father and the Son for all of eternity past, rejoice took great delight in each other.
  - Matthew 3:17, “This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased.”
- **What we have here is a *Relational God*.**
  - They enjoy each other→unbroken communion
  - Jesus delighting in His Father and enjoying His Father’s company, but He was also delighting in us, in eternity past. V.31
  - “Jesus loved His Father, so He also loved human beings who were made in the image of God and delighted in us.”

“God starts out being a God who delights in us, a joyful God, that Jesus Christ, for all of eternity past, for all of those thousands of years, He was mindful of us, He was delighting in us. He was rejoicing in God’s inhabited world.”