

Conclusion: Is there any path to the
Father outside of the Son?

No!

Jesus is the Beginning and End and all in between

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I AM alpha and omega

Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

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No doubt, God the Father

Revelation 21: 5-6

- ▶ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."
- ▶ He said to me: "It is done. **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.** To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

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Probably, God the Father

Revelation 22:12-13

Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. **I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.**

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No doubt, God the Son

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the **Lion** of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

Then I saw a **Lamb**, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

The Lion and the Lamb are descriptions of two aspects of Jesus' nature. He is both the conquering Lion of the tribe of Judah and the Lamb who was slain.



Revelation
5:5-6

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The Four Great Christologies

- ▶ There are the four great Christologies found in the New Testament that function as a bulwark against counterfeit religion.
- ▶ These portray the genuine person of Jesus. If you trust in these statements down to your bones, you won't wander from the faith.

These words are your anchor!



First Christology

John 1:1-14

- ▶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.
- ▶ There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.
- ▶ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
- ▶ **The Word became flesh** and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Second Christology

Colossians 1:15-20

- ▶ [Jesus Christ] is **the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- ▶ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have **all his fullness dwell in him**, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Third Christology

Philippians 2: 4-11

- ▶ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being **in very nature God**, did not consider **equality with God** something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!
- ▶ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Fourth Christology

Hebrews 1:1-4

- ▶ In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is **the radiance of God's glory** and the **exact representation of his being**, sustaining all things by his powerful word.
- ▶ After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.