

THE MEDIATOR

Christ thru The Old Testament - He was there all along.

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THE ONE MEDIATOR

1 Timothy 2:5 “There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.”

When Adam and Eve sinned a great gulf arose between God and man. Mankind along with this entire dimension was put “outside the camp” - in quarantine, as it were, with leprosy. Men lived in fear and **distrust** of the Creator. As soon as mankind was separated from the Father by sin, a Mediator stepped in, to heal him, and bring him back “into the camp,” back to a trusting, love relationship. Who was this Mediator? The Bible says it was, and is the Son of God, the “one mediator between God and man.”

The story is illustrated in Exodus Chapter 33. After the golden calf incident at the foot of Mt. Sinai, the LORD [Yehovah] tells Moses, “I will send My Angel before you.” The LORD says, “I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people” (v.3). “I could come up into your midst in one moment and consume you” (v.5). Then Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that everyone who sought the LORD went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp” (v.7). When Moses went out to the tabernacle, every man would rise up and worship in the doorway of his tent. When Moses entered the tabernacle, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the door of the tabernacle, and “the LORD talked with Moses” (v.9).

Moses is a type of Christ. He talks to GOD up on the mountain (in heaven). The people below set up a false “god” which they worship. Then Moses (Christ) comes down from the mountain, and sets up a tabernacle (a tent - outside the camp). Yeshua came to tabernacle with us. His “tent” was a human body. We are contaminated, to full of sin to come into direct face to face contact with GOD. There must be a buffer - a “tent of meeting” where a Mediator who represents us, can present our petitions before GOD.

That buffer will remain, in one form or another, until sin is completely gone from this earth. Then Yeshua will present us to His Father (*1 Cor. 15:24*). When the Holy City New Jerusalem descends from Heaven, there will be no Temple in that City. God and the Lamb will be the Temple in that City. We WILL see His face!

WE ARE RECONCILED TO THE FATHER, THRU THE SON

Colossians 1:19-20 “For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself.” (*See also 2 Corinthians 5:18*)

NO MAN HAS SEEN THE FATHER

John 6:46 [Yeshua speaking] "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father."

John 1:18 [Yeshua speaking] "No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him."

If no human being has ever seen God the Father, then how do we understand those Old Testament passages which say that God "appeared" to patriarchs and prophets, and spoke with them.

Exodus 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

If He appeared - if they saw Him, then this must be the Son, because NO MAN has SEEN the Father. Yehovah - would then be the name of the pre-incarnate Son, at this point in time, within our dimension.

THE LORD APPEARED TO ABRAHAM

Genesis 17:1-22 "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD [ADONAI] appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I am Almighty God [El Shaddai]; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.'" ... "Then He finished talking with him, and God [‘elohiym] went up from Abraham."

NOTE: Remember that Messiah is called "Mighty God" in Isaiah 9:6.

Genesis 18:1-33 "Then the Lord [Yehovah] appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre" . . . "three men were standing by him." [One of the men said to Abraham] "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son" (v.10). [As the "men" are ready to depart] "And the Lord [ADONAI] said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing . . .?' (v.17). 'I will go down now [to Sodom] and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know. . . If I find fifty righteous . . . then I will spare all . . .' Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord [ADONAI] . . ." So the Lord went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place." "Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening . . ." (19:1).

NOTE: The three "men" who visited with Abraham were actually Christ and two of His heavenly angels. They appeared in the human form. The two angels went on to Sodom, while "the Lord" continued speaking with Abraham.

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD - CALLED TO ABRAHAM

Genesis 22:1-18 “But the Angel of the LORD [Yehovah] called to him from heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ And He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son your only son, from Me.”

NOTE: The Angel of the LORD speaks as Yehovah, saying, “You have not withheld your son . . . from Me.” The word “angel” means “messenger” or “one sent.” Christ clearly stated that He had been “sent” from The Father. He was “the Word” even before He became flesh (John 1:14).

THE ANGEL - WHO WRESTLED WITH JACOB

Genesis 32:24-30 Jacob wrestled with “a Man” who blessed him and changed his name to Israel. Jacob said “I have seen God [‘elohiym] face to face and my life has been preserved.”

Hosea 12:3 Writing of Jacob and the Angel, Hosea says of Jacob, “He struggled with God.”

Hosea 12:4 “He [Jacob] had power over the Angel and prevailed.”

Genesis 31:10-13 Jacob said, “The Angel of God spoke to me in a dream saying, ‘I am the God [el] of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me.”

Genesis 48:16 Jacob speaking: “the Angel which redeemed me from all evil bless the lads:”

THE ANGEL - IN THE BURNING BUSH

Exodus 3:2-6 “And the Angel of the LORD [Yehovah] appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of the burning bush:” (v.4). “God [‘elohiym] called to him out of the midst of the bush,” (v.5). “Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.” (v.6). “I am the God [‘elohiym] of your father--the God [‘elohiym] of Abraham, the God [‘elohiym] of Isaac, and the God [‘elohiym] of Jacob.”

Exodus 3:16 [Yehovah - speaking with Moses at the burning bush] “Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God [Yehovah ‘elohiym] of your fathers, the God [‘elohiym] of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:” (Same wording in Exodus 4:5.)

Exodus 3:13-14 [From the burning bush] “And God [‘elohiym] said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM,’ [Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh]. And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM [‘Ehyeh - “I am” or “I will be” or “I exist”] has sent me to you.”

John 8:58-59 “Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you before Abraham was I AM.’ Then they took up stones to throw at him . . .”

They understood Yeshua to say that He was “I AM.”

THE ANGEL - WHO LEAD ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS

Exodus 14:19 “And the Angel of God [‘elohiym], which went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.”

From this verse, we would understand that the presence of “the Angel of God” was manifest as the cloudy/fire pillar.

Exodus 33:9-11 “. . . the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses.” “So the LORD [Yehovah] **spoke to Moses face to face**, as a man speaks to his friend.”

From Exo. 33:18-23, we understand that Moses did NOT “see” the face of Yehovah. My point here, is that the Angel of Yehovah speaks the words of the LORD, speaks AS the LORD, and is called Yehovah.

Exodus 23:20-21 “And God [‘elohiym] spoke all these words, saying . . .” (Exo 20:1). “Behold, **I send an Angel before you** to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place I have prepared. Beware of Him and obey His voice: do not provoke Him for He will not pardon your transgressions; for **My name is in Him.**”

NOTE: To an ancient Israelite, to Moses, the phrase “My name is in Him” meant, “He is My Son.” Moses understood that the “messenger” in the pillar of cloud Who went before the camp of Israel, Who spoke with him “face to face” was the Son of God.

Exodus 6:3 “**I appeared** to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, [El Shaddai] but by My name LORD [Yehovah] I was not known to them.

*NOTE: In Exodus 6:3, the Being who **appeared** to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob by the name of “God Almighty” now takes the name Yehovah. We recognize this as the name of the Father in Psalm 110:1 - “The LORD said to my Lord.” When Christ came to earth as a man, He said, “I have come in my Father’s name” (John 5:43).*

When the Son acted as the agent of His Father, He took His Father’s name.

*The **same applies**, when He acted for His Father as “the Angel of the LORD” during the period called ‘the Old Testament.’*

Judges 2:1-2 “And the Angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and **said, I made you to go up out of Egypt**, and have brought you unto the land which **I swore** unto Your fathers, and **I said, I will never break My covenant with you.**” “. . . **but you have not obeyed My voice**” (v.2).

Isaiah 63:9 “In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His presence saved them.”

*Christ is The Messenger of the Lord’s presence, the mediator between God and men.
(See 1 Cor. 10:1-4.)*

THE ANGEL - WHO SPOKE TO BALAAM

Balaam was a false prophet, a seer who was hired by the Moabites and Midianites, to put a curse on Israel. The story is found in Numbers 22:1-40. God [‘elohiyim] speaks to Balaam several times, telling him NOT to go with the men who hired him. But Balaam keeps repeating the request for permission to go. Finally God tells Balaam that he may go, but will only be able to speak the words which God puts in his mouth to speak. On the journey, “the Angel of the LORD” stands in the way three times. The donkey falters, because the donkey can “see” the Angel, but Balaam beats the donkey and keeps going. The Angel even speaks to Balaam through the donkey. Balaam seems not to notice. Finally Balaam’s eyes are opened to “see” “the Angel of the LORD” and Balaam falls flat on his face, in fear.

Numbers 22:32 “The Angel of the Lord [Yehovah] said to him . . . ‘your way is perverse before Me.’”

The Angel did NOT say, “Your way is perverse before the LORD”

COMMANDER OF THE ARMY OF THE LORD

Joshua 5:13-15 “And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, ‘Are You for us or for our adversaries?’ So He said, ‘No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD [Yehovah] I have now come.’ And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, ‘What does my Lord say to His servant?’ Then the Commander of the LORD’S [ADONAI’s] army said to Joshua, ‘Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.’ And Joshua did so.”

NOTE: Only the divine presence could make the ground “holy.” (See Exodus chapter 3.)

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD - WHO APPEARED TO GIDEON

Judges 6:11-40 “Now the Angel of the LORD [ADONAI] came and sat under the terebinth tree ...”

(v.14) “then the LORD [ADONAI] turned to him and said . . . ‘Have I not sent you?’”

(v.17) [Gideon] “If now I have found favor in Your sight,
then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me.”

(v.21) the sign;

(v.22) “Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the LORD [ADONAI] .”

“So Gideon said, ‘Alas, O Lord God! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD [ADONAI] face to face.”

NOTE: The “Angel of the LORD” is called “the LORD” in v.14, where He says, “Have I not sent you?”

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD - WHOSE NAME IS WONDERFUL

In this account, the Angel of the LORD announces the birth of Sampson, to Manoah and his wife.

Judges 13:1-25 (v.18) “And **the Angel of the LORD [Yahovah] said to him, ‘Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful!’**” (v.20) “the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar.” (v.22)

“We will surely die, because we have seen [‘elohiyim] God!”

NOTE: “And His name shall be called, Wonderful . . .” Isaiah 9:6.

THE ANGEL IN THE FIERY FURNACE

Daniel 3:25-28 “Look, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God [or a son of the gods] (v.28). “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent His Angel, and delivered his servants who trusted in Him.”

Daniel 6:22 “My God has sent His Angel, and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me . . .”

*PRIOR TO HIS INCARNATION,
THE SON OF GOD WAS
THE ANGEL OF THE LORD - THE ANGEL OF HIS PRESENCE -
THE ANGEL OF THE COVENANT.*

He was the Mediator between the Father and mankind.

MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

The name Michael means “like unto God.”

*For a created being to take the name “like unto God” seems blasphemous.
But for the Son of God to take that name seems appropriate.*

Philippians 2:5 Prior to His incarnation, He existed “in the form of God” but did not “consider it robbery [something to be grasped] to be equal with God.”

NOTE: Satan did grasp at the throne of God. He wanted to make himself equal with God.

Hebrews 1:3 Prior to His incarnation, the Son of God was “the brightness” of His Father’s glory and “the express image of His person.” He upheld “all things by the word of His power.”

Hebrews 1:2 Prior to His incarnation, the Son of God was the agent “through whom” the Father “made the worlds.” (See also .)

ARCHANGEL - CHIEF MESSENGER

*The word “angel” means “messenger.” Archangel would mean “chief messenger.”
Who is the Father’s “chief messenger” to His creation? - His Son!*

John 1:14 Christ was the “Word” of God before He “became flesh.”

MICHAEL - THE ARCHANGEL

*Michael is the only being in Scripture who is called "archangel."
Gabriel, although certainly a high created being is never designated "archangel."*

Jude 9 "Michael, the archangel" disputed with the Devil contending for the body of Moses.

*Christ wanted to resurrect Moses, but Satan pointed to Moses' sin as a reason to refuse it.
Because Satan does not obey the Son, Christ referred him to God the Father for rebuke.
Romans 5:14 says, "death reigned from Adam to Moses"
so we know that Moses was the first person to be resurrected.*

1 Thessalonians 4:16 "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, **with the Archangel's call**, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first;"
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John 5:25 Yeshua said, "The dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God."

*Put these two verses together. The "voice is the Son of God" IS the "Archangel's call."
He IS the Archangel - the Chief Messenger.*

"MICHAEL, YOUR PRINCE"

Daniel 10:21 "Michael" was called "Your Prince," by the angel Gabriel, speaking to Daniel.

Daniel 10:13, 20-21 The angel told Daniel, "no one upholds me against these, except Michael, your prince."

NOTE: The "prince of the kingdom of Persia," and "the prince of Greece" were evil angels who fought against God's angels for control of earthly kings. The only One who could help this angel in the fight against these satanic powers was Michael.

Daniel 10:13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia (an evil angel) withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, **Michael, one (first) of the chief princes**, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

NOTE: Here certainly, it is clear that the "prince of Persia" must be a supernatural being. No human being could withstand an angel of God, for twenty-one days.

*NOTE: It is my understanding that the Hebrew word "'echad," (Strong's #1520) here translated "one," can mean "first." **Michael is first of the chief princes.** He is first of the angels. He is the archangel, or chief messenger.*

Daniel 12:1 "Michael" is called "the Great Prince who stands for the children of your people."

Acts 5:31 Of Christ, Paul said, "Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince."

Daniel 8:25 The Messiah is called the "Prince of princes," and the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

COMMANDER OF THE LORD'S ARMY

Revelation 12:7 "Michael and His angels fought against the dragon and his angels."
(*Satan is the dragon - Revelation 12:9.*)

NOTE: In Revelation 12, Michael leads the LORD's army. In Joshua 5:13-15, "the Commander of the Lord's army" told Joshua to take off his sandals "for the place where you stand is holy" (the same command heard by Moses at the burning bush) (Exo. 3:2-6). Christ was, and is "the Commander of the Lord's army." His name prior to His incarnation was Michael - "One like unto God."

MICHAEL SHALL STAND UP

Daniel 12:1 [At the end of this age] "At that time **Michael shall stand up**, the Great Prince who **stands watch over the sons of your people**; And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time, and **at that time your people shall be delivered**, every one who is found written in the book."

THE ANGEL WITH THE GOLDEN CENSER

Revelation 8:1-5 "When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. Then another **angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar**. And he was given **much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne**. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then **the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth.**"

*NOTE: In the ancient Sanctuary (later the Temple) **only the High Priest carried the golden censer, and then only on the Day of Atonement**. John is looking into Heaven, into the Heavenly Sanctuary, and He sees an angel with "a golden censer." This angel must be Christ, our great High Priest, the Mediator who presents our prayers before God (Heb. 9:1, Heb. 9:23, Heb. 4:14, Heb. 6:20).*

NOTE: The censer filled with fire, then thrown to the earth, is a symbol of destruction. The smoke symbolized prayer ascending to God. After the censer is thrown down, no other prayers for forgiveness or blessing can ascend to God.

THE ANGEL WHO SWORE BY GOD HIMSELF

Revelation 10:1-6 "I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. ... **The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer ...**"

NOTE: Compare the description of the Son of God in Revelation 1:10-18, and the description of the "Man clothed in linen" in Daniel chapters 10 and 12.

Daniel 12:7 Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever.

| REVELATION Chapt. 1:10-18 | REVELATION Chapt. 10 | DANIEL Chapter 12 |
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| I am the Alpha and Omega. (1:11) I am the First and the Last. (1:17) I am He who lives, and was dead. (1:18) | | |
| Clothed with garment to feet. (1:13) Golden band around chest. (1:13) | Clothed with a cloud (10:1) | Man clothed in linen. (10:5, 12:6-7) Waist girded with gold. (10:5) |
| | Rainbow was on his head (10:1) | Body was like beryl (10:6) |
| Eyes like a flame of fire. (1:14) | | Eyes like torches of fire (10:6) |
| Countenance like the sun. (1:16) | Face was like the sun. (10:1) | Face like lightning. (10:6) |
| Feet like fine brass (1:15) | Feet like pillars of fire. (10:1) | Arms and feet like burnished bronze in color. (10:6) |
| Standing/walking - in the midst of seven lampstands. (1:13, 2:2) | Set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land. (10:2) | Who was above the waters of the river - (12:6) |
| Loud voice as of a trumpet. (1:10) Voice as sound of many waters. (1:15) | Cried with a loud voice as when a lion roars. (10:3) | Sound of his words like the voice of a multitude. (10:6) |
| | Swore by Him who lives forever and ever. (10:6) | The man clothed in linen, held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever. (12:7) |

“BEFORE THE WORLD WAS” : THE FATHER AND THE SON

Hebrews 1:8-10 “But to the son He says: ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than your companions.’ And: You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.”

I believe that the Son of God existed as a separate divine being, begotten of the Father (John 1:14) before the world was created. He was “the only begotten Son” of God. As the Son of God, Christ is a divine being worthy of our worship. God the Father called His Son “God.” (Psalm 45:6-8, John 1:3) He said, “Let all the angels of God worship Him” (Hebrews 1:6).

And the Father said to the Son, “You LORD in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth.” The author of Hebrews absolutely supports the existence of the Son of God prior to His incarnation in the womb of Mary. Jesus said of His Father, “A body have You prepared for me” (Heb 10:5, Psa 40:6-8).

John 17:5 “And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”

John 17:24 “Father ... You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”

John 1:1-3 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. **He was in the beginning with God.**” “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14).”

John 16:27-28 “For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

2 John 1:3 “Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from **the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father,** in truth and love.”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

*NOTE: If you believe that God is one divine Being who simply manifests in two ways (as Father and as Son), then **you do NOT believe that Jesus Christ was/is the Son of the Father.** You do NOT believe that God “gave His only begotten Son.”*

You cannot have it both ways.

Either God beget a Son, or He manifests as both Father and Son.

TWO DIVINE BEINGS : THE FATHER AND THE SON

John 14:31 Jesus said, “I love the Father.”

John 10:7, 15:9, 17:24, 17:26 Jesus said, “The Father loves me.”

John 10:30 (John 17:21-22) Jesus said, “I and My Father are one.”

John 15:23 Jesus said, “He who hates Me hates My Father also.”

John 16:3 Jesus said, “They have not known the Father nor Me.”

NOTE: Why is there no mention of His love for the Holy Spirit, or of the hatred of the world for the Holy Spirit? Why does Christ not say that He was also loved by the Holy Spirit, dwelt in by the Holy Spirit, or “one” with the Holy Spirit? He said, “The Father who dwells in Me does the works” (John 14:10).

1 John 1:3 “Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

1 John 2:24 “You also will abide in the Son and in the Father.”

Revelation 5:13 “And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: ‘Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!

NOTE: Only two divine beings are worshiped in the scene of Revelation 5:13.

WE ARE NOT TO WORSHIP CREATED BEINGS.

Revelation 19:10 “And I [John] fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, ‘See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the Testimony of Jesus. Worship God!’”

Revelation 22:8,9 [JOHN] “I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, ‘See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.’”

When John fell down to worship a messenger other than Christ, he was corrected. Christ is NOT a created being. He is the Son of God - begotten of the Father, worthy of worship (Hebrews 1:6, Revelation 5:12-13). He is called “the Angel of the Lord” and “the Archangel,” because He is “the Word,” the Chief Communicator, the Mediator between God and man.

SON OF GOD
MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND FALLEN MANKIND
WORD OF GOD, ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, COMMANDER OF THE LORD'S ARMY
ANGEL OF THE LORD, ANGEL OF HIS PRESENCE
LAMB OF GOD
HIGH PRIEST
COMFORTER WITH US ALWAYS
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

God the Father could not become a helpless babe, and die on a cross, while at the same time upholding all things. Before He began His creation, God made provision for our rescue. He beget a Son in His express image. Through His son, God communicated with His creation. The Son took the form of the created being (first of an angel, then of a man) in order to facilitate this communication.

The Son would be the means whereby God could be just, and yet the justifier. Through His Son, God created this world. Through His Son God will finally save this world from sin and from Satan. From the beginning, until the glorious end, we see the Son of God assuming another, and another, and yet another role - from “angel of His Presence,” to “Lamb slain from the foundation of the world,” to High Priest before the throne of God - to “King of Kings and Lord of Lords.” The goal - reconciliation and reunion with the Father. We are reconciled to the Father, through the Son. The Father is NOT reconciled to us. He has always loved us. We are reconciled to the Father.

Colossians 1:19-20 “For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself ”

1 Corinthians 15:24-28 "Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father,
when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.
For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.
The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.
For 'He has put all things under His feet.
But when He says 'all things are put under Him,'
it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.
Now when all things are made subject to Him,
then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him,
that God may be all in all."

NOTE: You cannot have one being who manifests as three, and then have one of those manifestations "subject" to another manifestation. That makes no sense! (That's like saying that my right hand is subject to my left hand.) Here especially, we see that He really is the Son of God - the second divine being.

*"All things" were made subject to Him - to the Son.
We see that the Son acted AS God in this dimension.
Everything bowed to Him - worshiped Him.*

Yet - once the reconciliation is complete - the Son Himself will "be subject" to His Father.

We thank THEM, and we worship THEM - The Father and the Son.

Shalom

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