

John 14:1 -- "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me."

(Note: This should be compared with Jer. 17:5-7 -- "Thus says the Lord, 'Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind And makes flesh his strength, And whose heart turns away from the Lord. For he will be like a bush in the desert And will not see when prosperity comes, But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness, A land of salt without inhabitant. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord. And whose trust is the Lord.'")

These scriptures speak to us of Christ's equality with the Father and the Spirit.

2 Cor. 8:9 -- "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."

This scripture speaks to us of Christ's preexistence in a state of glory.

John 3:13 -- "And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, even the Son of Man."

This scripture speaks to us of Christ's preexistence in heaven.

John 17:5, 18, 23-24 -- "And now, glorify Thou me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I ever had with Thee before the world was."

"As Thou didst send me into the world, I also have sent them into the world."

"I in them, and Thou in me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love me. Father, I desire that they also whom Thou hast given me, be with me where I am, in order that they may behold my glory, which Thou hast given me, for Thou didst love me before the foundation of the world."

These scriptures speak to us of Christ's preexistence in glory with the Father before the world began to be.

John 1:1 2 -- "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God."

This scripture speaks to us of Christ's preexistence with the Father and of His nature as divine.

Luke 22:70 -- "And they all said, 'Are you the Son of God, then?' And He said to them, 'Yes, I am.' "

This scripture speaks to us of Christ's identification by the divine name, "Son of God". This name is given to Christ some 40 times.

John 5:18 -- "For this cause therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God."

This scripture speaks to us of Christ's Identification as the Son of God, which the Jews during Christ's earthly days understood as equivalent to calling himself God.

John 1:18 -- "No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him."

This scripture speaks to us of Christ's identity as God and of the greatest possible intimacy, the closest possible union between Christ and the Father ("who is in the bosom of the Father).

Revelation 1:11 -- "And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last' "