Jesus Christ

Testimonies to The Divine Nature

The Word

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was **the Word(the Logos, \dot{o}** $\dot{\lambda}\dot{o}\gamma\sigma\zeta$), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

John 1:14 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.

1 John 1:1-3 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning **the Word of life**— 2the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Image of God

Colossians 1:15-16 He is **the image of the invisible God**(ε ľ κ ù ν) To $\hat{\nu}$ 0 $\hat{\nu}$ 0 To $\hat{\nu}$ 0 $\hat{\nu}$ 0 $\hat{\nu}$ 0 $\hat{\nu}$ 0 To $\hat{\nu}$ 0 dop $\hat{\nu}$ 1. It is firstborn over all creation. 16For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. (2 Cor 4:4)

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? (John 1:18)

The Brightness of the glory and the Exact likeness/full expression

Hebrews 1:1-3, God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3who being **the brightness of His glory**(ἀπαύγασμα τῆς δόξης, apaugasma tes doxes) and **the express image** of His person(χαρακτὴρ τῆς ὑποστάσεως αὐτοῦ), and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

--Speaking of the divine nature of the Son, Nicene Creed, "Light of Light"

Son

Psalm 2:7 "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are **My Son**, Today I have **begotten** You

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

John 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

Begotten

John 1:14 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 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.

John 5:26 "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, --Nicene Creed, "begotten, not made"

John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

"He is the Word because He is begotten by consideration. He is called the image because the consideration is the image of the thing considered. He is called "the brightness of glory" which in Greek is more appropriately written apaugasma, that is splendor which arises from the light of the Father, as we read in the Creed, 'Light of Light.' Likewise, the likeness of the substance of the Father, that is, an image which does not fade away but which remains the communicated essence. Therefore just as in the case of human nature we speak of a son as being begotten [gentium] of the substance of his father and being similar to his father, so the Second Person is called the Son because He is born [natus] of the substance of the Father and is His image. Thus the property which distinguishes the Son from the other persons is that He is begotten and is the image [of the Father]. And this distinction becomes clearer when we add that this Second Person at a certain time assumed a human nature in the womb of Mary. For the Father did not assume a human nature, nor did the Holy Spirit assume a human nature, but the Son is the Christ, that is, the promised Redeemer, one person with two natures miraculously united, namely that eternal image of the Father or the Word and a human nature. For the common custom of the church uses the word 'union' in this article" (Loci Theologici, p. 83).

Two natures (the Word and the human nature) united in One Person

(The Word is a person)

- 1. The Word is Divine
- 2. The Word takes on a human nature

Testimonies to The Human Nature

Hebrews 2:14-17 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of **flesh and blood**, He Himself likewise **shared in the same**, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17Therefore, **in all things He had to be made like His brethren**, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 5:7-10 who, **in the days of His flesh**, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, 8**though He was a Son**, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, 10called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek,"

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, **the Man Christ Jesus**, Luke 24:39 "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

Names Showing the Human Nature

Son of Man

Daniel 7:13 "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like **the Son of Man**, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.

Matthew 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

Seed

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and **her Seed**; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Genesis 22:18 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

Genesis 26:4 "And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and **in your seed** all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

Genesis 28:14 "Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and **in your seed** all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

2 Samuel 7:12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up **your seed** after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

Firstborn

Matthew 1:25 and did not know her till she had brought forth **her firstborn Son**. And he called His name

Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Colossians 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, **the firstborn** from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be **the firstborn** among many brethren.

Assorted

Revelation 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, **the Lion** of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Isaiah 11:1 There shall come forth **a Rod** from the stem of Jesse, And **a Branch** shall grow out of his roots

Acts 2:30 "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of **the fruit of his body**, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,

Personal Union (The two natures are united so that there is one person)

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us **a Child** is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Revelation 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the **Offspring of David**, the Bright and Morning Star." (2 Pet 1:19, Rev 2:28)