

## ~KJV vs NIV--Christology~

The claim is made by the King James Version (KJV) folks that the New International Version (NIV) downplays the deity (Godhood) of Jesus

**Let me show you, in 5 of the clearest verses in the NT, how this is not so! You be the judge!**

### **John 1:1**

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (KJV)

### **John 1:1**

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (NIV)

**Results: The same.**

### **Rom 9:5**

"Whose are the fathers, and of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen." (KJV)

### **Rom 9:5**

"Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen." (NIV)

**Results: The NIV is clearer regarding the deity of Christ. The KJV says He is "God blessed" whereas the NIV says "He is God over all".**

### **Titus 2:13**

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ". (KJV)

### **Titus 2:13**

"While we wait for the blessed hope-- the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ". (NIV)

**Results: The NIV is clearer than the KJV regarding the deity of Jesus. The KJV seems to be talking of 2 people (one person-'The great God' and another person--'Our Savior Jesus Christ') whereas the NIV is speaking of only one person-'The Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ'.**

### **Heb 1:8**

"But unto the Son he said, 'Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom'" (KJV)

### **Heb 1:8**

"But about the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.'" (NIV)

**Results: The same.**

**2 Pet 1:1**

"Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ." (KJV)

**2 Pet 1:1**

"Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who, through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ, have received a faith as precious as ours." (NIV)

**Results: NIV is clearer as KJV again appears to be talking of 2 people whereas the NIV is speaking of only one!.**

**Conclusion: *In these 5 verses, the KJV shows the deity of Jesus clearly in 3 verses, whereas the NIV shows it clearly in all 5! Therefore; the NIV promotes the deity of Jesus more than does the KJV in these verses!***

**This does away with the argument that the NIV is a 'per-version' that was created to downplay the deity of the Lord Jesus!**