

How can Jesus be sitting at the right hand of God if Jesus and God are the same being?

To understand this, it is important to understand the basic nature of God as described in the Bible. God is described as three persons. We see this clearly in Is 48:16:

Isa 48:16-17

"Come near to Me, hear this:

I have not spoken in secret from the beginning;

From the time that it was, I was there.

And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit

Have sent Me."

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,

The Holy One of Israel:

"I am the LORD your God,

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This is a beautiful passage describing the nature of God. Here we see God the father and God the Holy Spirit sending the Redeemer into the world. We know the Redeemer is Jesus yet here the Redeemer is called the "lord your God". Therefore Jesus is God. It is important to fully understand this verse to read it as the Jews would read it, and realize that the word "Lord" in each location is the name of God, Jehovah or Yahweh. This we see that we have a single God, Jehovah, in three persons.

We also see this in Is. 44:

Isa 44:6-7

"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,

And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

'I am the First and I am the Last;

Besides Me there is no God.

And who can proclaim as I do?

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The same thing occurs here where Jehovah is the word used in each instance of "Lord". This the Redeemer is again Jesus, who is described here as Jehovah. Further, we have the reference to the First and the Last, as reference which here refers to God and in Revelation refers to Jesus:

Rev 1:11-12

saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

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Rev 1:16-19

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

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Rev 2:8-9

*'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:
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Rev 22:13-14

*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."
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It is interesting to note that this is clearly a reference to Jesus both in the context and in the fact that he says that he is he who was dead and came to life – a reference to the death and resurrection on the cross.

The reference in is 44 to the Lord of Hosts is a term used to describe God the father. Yet in this verse, it states that these two persons are speaking with one and the same voice, thus are one and the same God. And to emphasize that point, God says that there is only one God, despite the fact that there are two persons represented here.

These are the same two persons shown in the reference in Acts 7. They are two persons yet they are one and the same God as Isaiah shows. The fact that they are one and the same God is show in 1 Tim 3:16 when we see that scripture tells us that it is without controversy, which means literally no doubt whatsoever that God was manifested in the flesh:

1 Tim 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

God was manifested in the flesh,

Justified in the Spirit,

Seen by angels,

Preached among the Gentiles,

Believed on in the world,

Received up in glory.

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Therefore we see that Jesus is God. And as shown in Isaiah, God is in three persons. In Acts 7, we have a wonderful indication that Jesus, the second person of the trinity was God manifested in the flesh, died on the cross for our sins and was resurrected into heaven and now is at the right hand of the Father. This is what Stephen saw.

And as 1 Tim 3:16 says, this is without any doubt or controversy amongst those who accept what the word of God says.

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