<mark>2 Peter 1:1b</mark>

<u>Our God and Savior, Jesus Christ</u>

This verse indicates the deity of Jesus. Jesus is God. He is God and savior.

- Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of ^[a]our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,
- John 20:28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Passages that describe Jesus as God (not an exhaustive list):

- Mark 2:1-13
- John 5:16-18
- John 1:1
- John 17:5
- Philippians 2:6
- Isaiah 6/John 12:41
- Psalm 102:25-28/Hebrews 1:8-13

<mark>I AM</mark>

- Exodus 3:13-14 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "a I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"
- The words for I AM in Hebrew is "eh-yeh." This is translated in the Greek Septuagint as "ego eimi."
- Jesus states He is "ego eimi" in the NT, referring to Himself as God.

Verses that Jesus declares He is I AM:

- Mark 6:50, parallel in John 6:20 and Matthew 14:27
- Mark 14:62
- John 4:26
- John 8:24,2
- John 8:58
- John 13:19
- John 18:5,6,8

<u>Savior</u>

- Matthew 1:21-23 She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for ^[a]He will save His people from their sins." ²² Now all this ^[b]took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name ^[c]Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us."
- Luke 2:10-11 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is ^[a]Christ the Lord.
- Titus 3:4-6 But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared, ⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs ^[a] according to *the* hope of eternal life.
- Jude 24-25 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and ^[a] forever. Amen.

If one doesn't believe that Jesus is God, then they don't believe in the Jesus of the Bible. If one doesn't accept the Son as God as He truly is, they can't have the Father or eternal life. Knowing and believing Jesus is God is a necessity to true faith. If Jesus is not God, then He was born in original sin and unable to save us. If Jesus is not God, then He wouldn't have precious unblemished blood to redeem His people. If Jesus is not God, then a creature would be attempting to rescue fallen rebel creatures. Jesus is God and came to save and purchase His church (Acts 20:28) The doctrine of the Trinity is vital to the Christian faith. For every Christian, we have been saved, rescued, and redeemed by our only Savior and God, the great IAM!!!!!