

## THE DEITY OF JESUS

Text: Colossians 2:8-10

INTRO: One of the issues that distinguishes real Christianity from many of the cults that claim to be part of Christendom is that of the Deity of Jesus. The JW Cult denies the Deity of Jesus. The Christadelphian movement denies the Deity of Jesus. The Armstrong movement & the United Pentecostal movement both accept Jesus' Deity, but both teach unusual, non-standard slants to their view of the subject.

One thing that divides Christians from adherents of Judaism and Islam is likewise the subject of the Deity of Jesus.

No question could be more important. If Jesus is God, all men need to worship Him. If He is not, those who worship Him are guilty of idolatry.

We suggest that the teaching of the O.T. is in harmony with that of the N.T. and that the Bible clearly teaches the Deity of Jesus. The Oneness of God cannot be successfully denied. But the God of the Bible is a united One, consisting of 3 distinct beings: the Father, the Son, and the H.S. This is difficult for the finite mind to understand, but it can & must be accepted by faith because it is what the Bible teaches.

### I. ONLY GOD IS TO BE WORSHIPPED.

Then Jesus said to [Satan], "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, & Him only you shall serve.'" (MT 4:10).

A. Not angels, Rev. 19:10; 22:8-9

B. Not men. Acts 10:25-26; 14:11-18

1. Good men & angels refuse to allow themselves to be worshipped.

2. Evil men who accept worship as if they were Divine must be held accountable, Acts 12:21-24.

C. Not any created beings or images of them. Rom 1:21-24, Acts 17:29.

### II. JESUS ACCEPTED WORSHIP FROM BOTH MEN & ANGELS.

A. The wise men. And when they had come into the house they saw the young child with Mary His mother, & fell down & worshipped Him. (MT 2:11).

- B. A leper. And behold, a leper came & worshipped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus put out His hand & touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." (MT 8:2-3).
- C. Jairus. While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came & worshipped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come & lay Your hand on her & she will live" (MT 9:18).
- D. A man born blind. Then he said, "Lord, I believe" & he worshipped Him. (JN 9:38).
- E. The 12 apostles. Then those who were in the boat came & worshipped Him, saying, "Truly, You are the Son of God" (MT 14:33).
- F. A Canaanite woman. She came & worshipped Him saying, "Lord, help me"... Jesus answered & said to her, "O woman, great is your faith!" (MT 15:25, 28).
- G. The women at the tomb. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" And they came & held Him by the feet & worshipped Him. (MT 28:9).
- H. The apostle Thomas. And Thomas answered & said to Him, "My Lord & my God!" (JN 20:28).
- I. Even angels worshipped Him. Heb 1:6-8; Rev 5:8-14

### III. WRITERS OF BOTH TESTAMENTS TESTIFY ABUNDANTLY TO THE DEITY OF THE MESSIAH.

- A. Isaiah. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; & the govt will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isa. 9:6).

- B. The Psalmist quotes God the Father, addressing God the Son: Your throne, O God, is forever & ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You love righteousness & hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions. (Psa 45:6).
- C. The apostle John. John 1:1-3, 14.
- D. The apostle Paul. READ PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11.
- E. The claims of Jesus Himself. John 5:18-23, 26; 8:19; 14:7-9; 17:5, 10 READ MARK 2:5-12.

CONCLUSION: "Worthy of praise is Christ our Redeemer, worthy of glory, honor & power. Worthy of all our soul's adoration. Worthy art Thou, worthy art Thou."

Exton, PA, October 30, 1988  
Shiloh, March 2, 1997