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The Christ of Christmas – the Deity of Jesus Christ

Introduction:

Christmas is more than celebrating a baby's birth – it is celebrating that _____ became a man!

The consequences of denying the deity of Jesus Christ
(John 8:24; Exodus 3:15-17)

Survey of passages teaching the Deity of Jesus Christ

John 1:1

John 1:18

John 1:30

John 5:17-18

John 8:28

John 8:56-59

John 20:28

Acts 20:28

1 Corinthians 2:8

(Isaiah 6; John 12:41)

Colossians 2:9

Hebrews 1:1-3

The radiance of God's glory

(Isaiah 42:8; Acts 12:21-23; John 17:1-5)

The exact representation of God's being

(John 14:8-9; Colossians 1:15; John 1:18)

Hebrews 1:6 – *“Let all God’s angels worship him”*

Hebrews 1:8-13

(Psalm 45:6-7; 102:25-27; 110:1)

Hebrews 2:1-3

Consequences of denying the deity of Jesus Christ

- If Jesus is not God, there is no forgiveness of sins.
- If Jesus is not God, we are still under the sentence of wrath because of our sin.
- If Jesus is not God, the Bible is not trustworthy (because it teaches us that He is God).
- If Jesus is not God, the Jesus is either a lunatic or a liar, and all who follow Him are fools.
- If Jesus is not God, there is no hope to be changed by Jesus in this life.
- If Jesus is not God, we are destined to an eternity in hell because the penalty for our sin could not have been paid by a blasphemer.
- If Jesus is not God, we have no mediator or advocate with the Father.
- If Jesus is not God, we have no access to the Father and our prayers will never be heard.

But since Jesus is God...

- We can be saved from sin, salvation is available through him and only through him (Acts 4:12).
- We can be forgiven through him (Ephesians 1:7).
- We have access to the Father on his throne in heaven (Hebrews 4:14-16).
- We have a mediator with the Father (1 Timothy 2:5).
- We have an advocate in heaven (1 John 2:1-2).
- We have hope for changed lives today (1 Corinthians 9:6-11).
- We have the assurance that those who have died knowing Jesus are not lost (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
- We know that he is the way to God (John 14:6).
- We know that he is the sacrifice that satisfied God's wrath against our sin (1 John 2:2).

Questions for discussion

1. What is your favorite part about Christmas? How does the fact that Jesus is God and became a man influence how you celebrate the season?
2. Why do you think it is important that we believe that Jesus is truly God?
3. Have you ever encountered other people who tried to persuade you that Jesus is not God in the same sense that the Father is God? What did you (or what could you) tell them?
4. How would you answer someone who said that Jesus never claimed to be God? What verses would you go to?
5. What verses most clearly show you that Jesus is God?