

The Nature of Christ

Heb. 1:1-4

Introduction:

- A. The present controversy over the nature of Christ.
 - 1. What was his nature on earth? Human? Devine? Both?
 - 2. Did he empty himself of divine attributes?
 - 3. All we know of his nature is revealed in Scriptures.
- B. We see six characteristics of His nature in six phases of his existence.

Discussion:

I. Glorious God.

- A. God in the beginning (John 1:1-3; 14 cf. “Us” - “our” - Gen 1:26).
- B. In the form of/equal with God. Phil. 2:6 See NIV)

II. Humble Human.

- A. Became a man (Phil. 2:5-9; 2 John 7)
 - 1. Begotten of Holy Spirit, born as human (Matt. 1:20-23)
 - 2. Grew up and lived as a human among men. (Lk. 2:40, 52)
 - 3. Became poor that we be rich (2 Cor. 8:9)
- B. Not *just* a man – had power of deity (Matt. 9:6; John 1:47-50; 2:25)

III. Suffering Servant.

- A. Isaiah’s prophecy (Isa. 53:4-8).
- B. His last hours on earth.
- C. He died for our sins (1 Cor. 15:3; Eph. 1:7)

IV. Raised Redeemer.

- A. Raised for our justification (Rom. 4:25).
- B. If not raise we are still in our sins (1 Cor 15:17).

V. Living Lord.

- A. Ascended to heaven be our Lord and Christ (Acts 2:29-36).
- B. He ever lives and makes intercession for us (Heb. 7:25).

VI. Just Judge.

- A. Will judge the world in righteousness/justice (Acts 17:30).
- B. He is a righteous/just Lord (2 Tim. 4:8).
- C. Judge without respect of persons (Col 3:24-25)

Conclusion:

- A. We believe we have accurately described the nature of Christ.
- B. He is the author of salvation to all who obey him.
- C. Won’t you begin your obedience of him today?