

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE TEACHING

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Over the past few weeks we have discussed the subject of the **Deity of Christ**. When this subject was discussed here in these articles, this question was posed to the readers; what would be the reasons for one to deny that Christ is the Son of God?

Let me begin by saying I cannot read into the hearts of men. {This God can do and will.} While I may not know all the "motives," some have become apparent to me in my studies. Allow me to share a few with you.

Quite a number of years ago I watched three nights of a four day debate on this very subject. One point kept coming back to me while I watched--this man does not believe in the miracle of the God- man Jesus Christ. Simply put--he rejects what he cannot reason with human reasoning.

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us. "{Matthew 1:23}

"Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, "Show us the Father"?' "{John 14:9}

"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." {Hebrews 4:15} The Bible clearly tells us He was both man and God. Don't try to understand it--just believe it!

If this understanding that Jesus was not the Son of God is correct, what does that say concerning His authority? Underneath all this jockeying for position men are trying to question the authority of Christ. Truly, if Christ was indeed an impostor, men don't need to obey Him.

"For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak." {John 12:49}

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. "{Colossians 3:17}

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" {Acts 4: 12}

"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." {John 8:24} Yet, if man rejects the authority of Christ, what can save Him? If His words need not be followed, we can do that "which is right in our own eyes!" Judges 21:25

One final point. If one accepts this teaching as the truth they reject the foundation of our faith and hope of salvation!

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me'. "{John 14:6}

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. "{John 6:63}

"But Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life'. "{John 6:68}

The central theme of the Bible is the Christ. He was prophesied to come---He was here-- He is coming back. Christ would be the sacrifice that would free man from the bondage of sin. God's only begotten Son and the Lamb of God. He fulfilled all prophecies concerning Him. God among men!

Listen carefully! Every hope sinful man has rests on the fact of the Deity of Jesus Christ, if Christ is not the Son of God- it's time to go to the barn! Our faith is futile and we are still in our sins! ***