THE DEITY OF CHRIST

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5

Introduction:
1. We want to fortify our faith in Jesus as the Son of God.
2. We also want to be ready to give an answer for our faith -1Pe 3:15
3. There are many things that declare the deity of Christ.

I. THE SCRIPTURES DECLARE HIS DEITY
   A. HE WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD
      1. He had equality with God -Ph 2:5-8
      2. The world was created through Him -Jn 1:1-5; Co 1:13-18
      3. The former glory -Jn 17:5
   B. HE IS GOD
      1. The Father refers to Christ as God -Heb 1:8
      2. In Him dwells the Godhead bodily -Co 2:9

II. HIS POWER DECLARES HIS DEITY
   A. POWER TO FORGIVE -Mk 2:1-11
   B. POWER TO CALM THE SEA -Mt 8:23-27
   C. POWER TO CAST OUT DEMONS -Mt 8:28-34

III. MANNER OF WORSHIP DECLARES HIS DEITY
   A. THE STATEMENT OF JESUS TO THE DEVIL -Mt 4:8-10
      1. The devil tempted Him to worship him
      2. Only God is to be worshiped -vs. 10
   B. MAN IS NOT TO BE WORSHIPED
      1. E.g. Herod -Ac 12:20-24
      2. Paul and Barnabas -Ac 14:13-18
      3. Peter in the home of Cornelius -Ac 10:25, 26
   C. ANGELS ARE NOT TO BE WORSHIPED
      1. It is false doctrine to teach otherwise -Co 2:18
      2. The angels reject it -Re 19:10
   D. JESUS ACCEPTED WORSHIP
      1. While Jesus was in His infancy -Mt 2:11
      2. The former blind man -Jn 9:38
      3. His disciples -Mt 14:33
      4. The multitudes at the Triumphal Entry -Lk 19:38-40
      5. Thomas -Jn 20:28

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IV. HIS RESURRECTION DECLARES HIS DEITY
   A. THE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS -1Co 15:5-8
   B. THROUGH JESUS DEATH WILL BE CONQUERED -1Co 15:24-26

Conclusion:
1. Believing in the deity of Christ is no small matter. -Jn 8:24
2. When we do believe, we have great confidence of our salvation -Jn 20:30, 31; 1Jn 5:13