

UNIT 2: Getting to Know God the Son
LESSON 7: "Jesus' Deity—The Son of God"
DATE: November 1, 2015
NEXT WEEK: "Jesus Humanity—The Son of Man" (1 John 1:1-4)

INTRODUCTION

If someone who says they believe the Bible challenged your belief that Jesus is God, what passages in the Bible would you point them to?

WHO SAYS JESUS IS GOD?

- A. *Jesus* _____ (*John 8:56-59*)
 - 1. *I am the* _____ *of life* (*John 6:35*).
 - 2. *I am the* _____ *of the world* (*John 8:12*).
 - 3. *I am the* _____ (*John 10:9*).
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 - 6. *I am the* _____ (*John 15:5*).
- B. *Jesus'* _____ (*John 20:28*)
- C. *Later* _____ (*Colossians 1:15-20*)
- D. *The Bible, God the* _____, *and the Holy Spirit* (*Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 3:17; John 15:26*)

"Everything you wanted to know about God but were afraid to ask is found and embodied and expressed in Jesus...exclusively in Jesus. He alone is God, which means that no one else is." –Sam Storms

WHO DENIES THAT JESUS IS GOD?

- A. _____
- B. *Theological* _____

WHY DOES JESUS' DEITY MATTER?

If Christ is not divine, then –

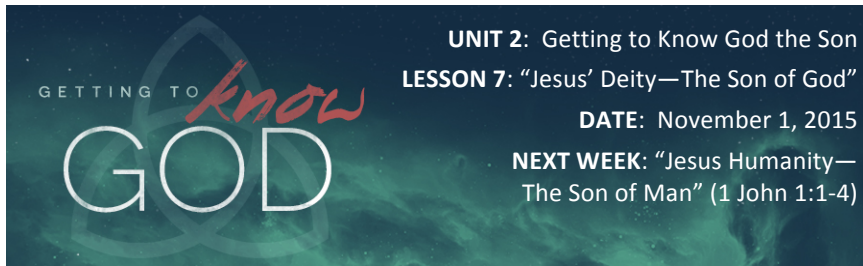
- A. *The* _____ *are not true.*
- B. *His sacrifice was not* _____ *to save us from our sin.*
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- E. *He could not* _____ *the image of the Father nor* _____ *to us the image of God.*

CONCLUSION

If Christ is not divine, then we have no good news to take to the world. But if Christ is divine, then the church has a message of hope and joy and reconciliation to take to the world.

Because Christ is divine, we can have confidence in the authority of the Scriptures. Because Christ is divine, He has offered an infinite payment to cover our infinite debt. Because Christ is divine, salvation is fully from the Lord and all glory goes to God alone. Because Christ is divine, He is able to atone for man's sin and mediate between God and man. Because Christ is divine, we can know the Father rightly and be restored to the divine image that was once deformed.

In the work of mission, we proclaim Christ crucified—not the death of just another man but the one and only God-man, the eternal Son of God, who for us and our salvation was made man, was crucified, resurrected, and has ascended to heaven from where He will one day return.



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