

I. The Divine Nature of Jesus (v. 16-23)

- A. Jesus claimed to be equal with God in his nature

“I and the Father are one.” (John 10:30)

“They all asked, ‘Are you then the Son of God?’ He replied, ‘You are right in saying that I am’ (Luke 22:69)

- B. Jesus claimed to be equal with God in his assigned work

- C. Jesus claimed to be equal with God in his love and knowledge

“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.” (John 17:24)

- D. Jesus claimed to be equal with God in his power to give life

“I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

- E. Jesus claimed to be equal with God in his authority to judge

- F. Jesus claimed to be equal with God in his worthiness of honor

“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11)

II. The Divine Work of Jesus (v. 24-30)

- A. Jesus came to be the way to eternal life

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies.” (John 11:25)

1. Eternal life is received by faith

2. Eternal life is our present possession

“He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” (I John 5:12)

3. Eternal life is a life of no condemnation

“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 8:1)

- B. Jesus came to offer us a resurrection life

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.” (Romans 8:11)

- C. Jesus came to judge all mankind

“Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.” (Daniel 12:2)

1. Everyone will be raised to face the judgment

“All nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.” (Matthew 25:32)

2. Believers in Jesus will be raised to enjoy eternal life

3. Unbelievers in Jesus will be raised to suffer condemnation

“Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.” (John 3:18)

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” (Matthew 25:46)

- D. Jesus judgment will be just and final

- E. Jesus judgment will be pleasing to God the Father