

## “His Name: The Mighty God!”

Isaiah 9:6

**Intro.** – The associated Press carried a story from England about a couple who gave birth to a baby girl. Now, the fact they just had this child was not unusual, but the fact they gave their daughter 139 names was. This article said the parents would call her, Tracy but that her official name would be: “Tracy Lisa Tammy Samantha Christine Alexandria...” When the dad was asked “why?” he responded, “We just wanted to give our daughter something when she grows up.” ~~The caption of this article said, “What’s In a Name? Don’t Ask This Girl!”~~ Obviously these parents weren’t concerned about the meaning of her names.

With this in mind, our Lord was given many names. Why? Each name reflects something about His person and His work. Today, we’ll look at but one of these names given to our Lord – *The Mighty God*. In this name we come face to face with the divine nature of our Lord and Savior. Jesus is God!

Our text is one of many in which the name *God* is given to Jesus (John 1:1; 20:28; Romans 9:5; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 1:8; 1 John 5:20 etc.). Yet, as obvious and evident the divine nature of Jesus Christ is revealed through Scripture, such is openly, blatantly being denied. A good way to illustrate this is in the very definition of a cult = defined as those who deny Christ as God in flesh. Let it be made clear that we cannot walk in any kind of fellowship with those who dare reject the Biblical teaching that Jesus is God. Redemptive friendship, YES; but not fellowship. Acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior must include what the Bible reveals Him to be. Today, we look at the Bible name: Mighty God!

- I The Folly of Those Who Deny This
- II The Testimony of Those Who Accept This
- III The Evidence of Why He Is

### I THE FOLLY OF THOSE WHO DENY THIS

#### A. Do We Show a Lack of Love?

1. By speaking in opposition to those who reject/deny the deity of Christ, are we being unchristian?...
2. Possible if done in wrong spirit... but to be wrong on this is to be wrong on every related point in faith/practice.
3. “But we welcome you!” the cultist insist...
  - a. courtesy/sincerity of these cults isn’t the ? here...
  - b. in contrast, Xtians welcoming cultist into *fellowship* stand to lose their faith...
  - c. Ephesians 5:11 “*Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them.*”
4. If, as some choose to believe, X is not God in flesh then they are saying you and I are idolaters. How? By denying X as God, followers are worshipping/serving mere man!
  - how can such be looked at as a *minor difference*?

#### B. If Untrue, Jesus Deserved Death

1. X’s death at hand of Sanhedrin was determined worthy because X claimed what? (cf Mark 14:61-64).
2. But No! – Jesus is *The Mighty God*... speech with *all authority*... insights into humans was perfect... miracles worked... death was only acceptable substitute for punishment of our sins...
3. What said about resurrection also proves: 1 Corinthians 15:14-16 “*And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we witnessed against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;*”

The folly behind denying the deity of Christ IS unchristian!

### II THE TESTIMONY OF THOSE WHO ACCEPT THIS

- we who claim to be His must testify in following ways:

#### A. By Common Practices

1. Prayer life – come into Father’s presence thru Whom?
2. Accepting the authority of the Bible...
3. Consider His being alive and eternal...

4. Assemble, worship, serve – all declare our allegiance and acceptance that Jesus is God!

B. By Our Use of Other Names for Him

1. *Mediator/Advocate* = one called along side...
2. *Savior* = Only *Jesus* worthy of such a name...
3. *Lord/Master* = we give to Him a surrender of ourselves of which God alone is worthy...

Like Thomas, would we not reach out saying, “My Lord and My God!”

### III THE EVIDENCE OF WHY HE IS

- text says unto us a child is born = many ask what can a child do? Goes on says, unto us a Son is given.
- as a man, Jesus is a child born, but as God He is a Son given:

A. We View His Encounter with Temptation

1. Eve fell, Adam fell and every responsible person since has fallen... EXCEPT, Jesus!
2. Only one has consistently/successfully said to Satan, “Get behind Me!” = Jesus was/is perfectly pure = Mighty God!

B. We View Sin Placed Upon Him

1. Jesus literally had the sins of us all put upon Him – He truly bore our grief and carried our sorrows.
2. In His fleshly body He had limitations, but in His body on the Cross He bore punishment of mankind’s sin!
3. Who but God could conceive of such a plan and Who but Mighty God could carry this plan out?

C. We View His Victory Over Death

1. Buried with wicked/rich, but death could not hold Him!
2. Who but God could do this and claim such victory?
3. The question remaining is this: “Have we found Him to be all that Isaiah claimed for Him?”

**Conclusion:** The following was authored by “unknown”

“He became a man that we might become sons of God. In infancy He troubled a king; in boyhood He puzzled the teachers; in manhood He ruled the course of nature. He walked upon the billows, hushed the sea to sleep, and healed the multitudes without medicine. He never wrote a book; yet the libraries of the world are filled with volumes that have been written about Him. He never penned a musical note; yet he is the theme of more songs than any others subject in the world. Great men have come and gone; yet, He lives on. Herod could not kill Him, Satan could not seduce Him, death could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him. All others have failed in some way, but not Jesus! This perfect One is altogether lovely. He is God!”

It is not simply a church, a preacher, or your family who invite you to forgiveness/fellowship. It is no One less than Mighty God. Why refuse His invitation any longer?!