

## **Giving an Answer (I Peter 3:15)** *“The Deity of Christ”*

### **Answer the following false positions:**

1. "There are some brethren who in effect deny the humanity of Christ by contending that Jesus had not only the possession but also unlimited access to and exercise of the divine attributes. Brother Welch made it clear that any position which manifested such a view was error and must be opposed as heresy" (Jeff Asher; *Faith and Facts*; April 1994).

2. "The issue is: Do the scriptures teach that Christ possessed all the powers of God in the flesh? Some have taken the position that Christ possessed all the powers of God as a man. I deny this" (Wayne Greeson; *Faith & Facts*, October 1990).

3. "I Tim. 2:5 says, 'There is one mediator between God and man, (the revised versions say) himself, man Christ Jesus.' Ladies and gentlemen, Jesus Christ did not give up divinity for just 33 years. He gave it up for all time. All time. It wasn't just temporarily as Superman stepped out of the phone booth. He gave it up for all time. He became one of us, ladies and gentlemen. He has been raised by the right hand of God. He has been given a name that is above every name, but he is not equal with God again where he was before. You and I should appreciate the sacrifice of Jesus for us. He is the Son of God, but he became one of us in all points like us. "Heb. 10:12-13, 'This man after he had offered one sacrifice for sin sat down on the right hand of God from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.' (Could spend a lot time talking about premillennialism from that passage). Verse 21 says 'having a high priest over the house of God.' A high priest had to be a man. He is still our high priest – himself" (John Welch; Sermon Script; September 19, 1989; Indianapolis, IN).

4. "Notice that Jesus prays to One whom he calls 'the only true God.' He points to God's superior position when he continues: 'So now you, Father, glorify me alongside yourself with the glory that I had alongside you before the world was.' (John 17:5) Since Jesus prayed to God requesting to be alongside God, how could Jesus at the same time be 'the only true God'" ([http://www.watchtower.org/e/20050422/article\\_02.htm](http://www.watchtower.org/e/20050422/article_02.htm))?