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- **Modalism (God is one divine being Who operates in modes at any given time)**
- **Ebionism/possibly thought descended from Judaizers (Jesus was a man, and became God's Son by being adopted by Him)**
- **Docetism/possibly thought descended from Gnostics (Jesus and His historical and bodily existence was a mere semblance of reality)**
- **Arius (Jesus is a created being and of a different substance than God the Father)**

- **Apollinarius (Jesus' divine nature displaced His human mind and will, therefore Jesus was not fully human)**
- **Nestorius (Jesus has two separate natures and two wills, essentially making Him two persons sharing one body)**
- **Eutyches (Jesus was not truly human because any human nature was "absorbed" or swallowed up by His divine nature)**
- **Councils of Nicaea (325), Constantinople, Ephesus 1 & 2, culminating in Chalcedon (451)**

- **Lost Gospels**
- **Jesus Seminar**
- **Da Vinci Code**
- **Spread of Non-Biblical Worldviews/Systems of Belief**
  - **Islam**
  - **Religious pluralism**
  - **Cults**

**“...the doctrines found in the Word of God are not just designed to increase information, but rather produce radical, organic transformation....They're meant to turn you inside out and turn your world upside down. God's intention is that nothing in their path would ever be the same again....”**

**“...Doctrine is a beautiful gift, supplied by a God of amazing grace. They're not burdensome, life-constricting beliefs; they impart new life and new freedom. They're the ecosystem in which the garden of personal transformation grows.”**

*Paul David Tripp, “The Importance of Doctrine”; <https://www.paultripp.com/articles/posts/the-importance-of-doctrine-article>*

SO THAT'S WHAT  
CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT!





- **Jesus is fully man**
- **Jesus is fully God**
- **Jesus makes fellowship with God possible**
- **Jesus makes full joy possible**

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which we have heard, which we have  
seen with our eyes, which we looked  
upon and have touched with our hands,  
concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>the life  
was made manifest, and we have seen it,  
and testify to it and proclaim to you the  
eternal life, which was with the Father  
and was made manifest to us—**

**<sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.**

***1 John 1:1-4***

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**17**Therefore [Jesus] had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. **18**For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

***Hebrews 2:17-18***

**<sup>3</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.**

***1 Corinthians 15:14-19***

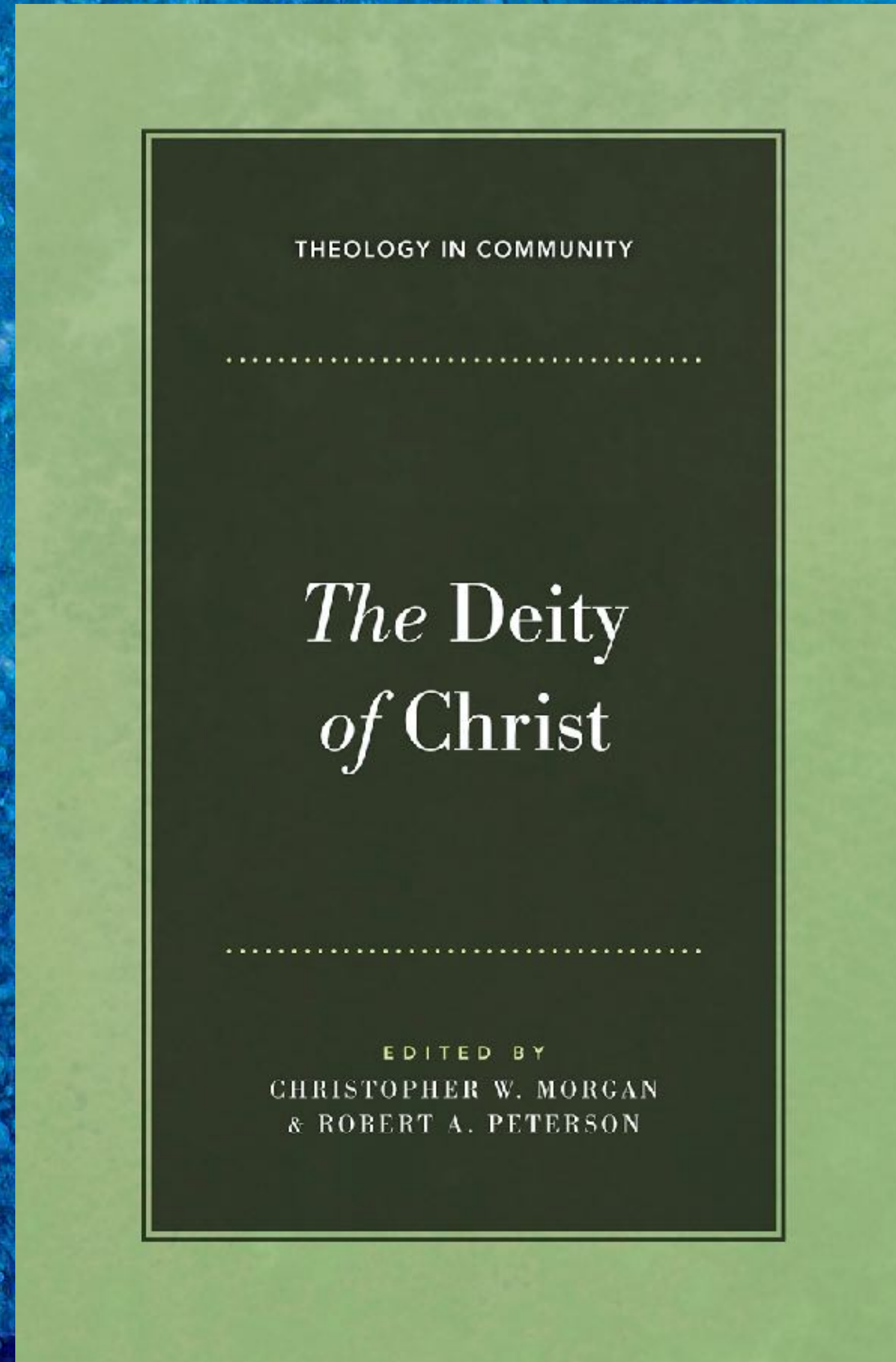
**For our sake [God the Father] made  
[Jesus] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that  
in [Jesus] we might become the  
righteousness of God.**

***2 Corinthians 5:21***

**...[Jesus] was delivered up for our  
trespasses and raised for our justification.**

***Romans 4:25***

# HANDS On Approach to Jesus Being Fully God



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*The Deity  
of Christ*

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# **HANDS** On Approach to Jesus Being Fully God

- **Honors Due to God**
  - Honor, Glory, Worship, Prayer, Song, Faith, Fear, Service, Love
    - **John 5:21-23 - For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father Who sent Him.**

# **HANDS** On Approach to Jesus Being Fully God

- **Attributes of God**
  - All, Preexistent, Eternal, Uncreated, Unchanging, Loving, All-Powerful, All-Present, All-Knowing, Incomprehensible
    - John 12:45 - And whoever sees Me sees Him Who sent Me.

# **HANDS** On Approach to Jesus Being Fully God

- **Names of God**

- Name above every name, God, Lord, Bridegroom/  
Husband, King of kings & Lord of lords, Savior, I Am,  
First & Last/Alpha & Omega/Beginning & End
  - Philippians 2:9-11 - Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so 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.

# **HANDS** On Approach to Jesus Being Fully God

- **Deeds that God Does**

- Creating and sustaining all things, Sovereignly ruling over the forces of nature, Illumination and revelation, Speaking with divine authority, Word of the Lord, Salvation, Showing mercy, Forgiveness of sins, Sending the Spirit & His gifts, Giving and being life, Raising the dead, Source of all spiritual blessings, Judging all people
  - Colossians 1:16-17 - For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities –all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

# **HANDS** On Approach to Jesus Being Fully God

- **Seat of God's Throne**
  - God's highest possible throne, Claiming to be equal to God, Ruling over all things, ruling forever
    - Psalm 110:1 - The LORD [God the Father] says to my Lord [Jesus], "Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool."

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- 5. If Jesus is fully God, then, since He is all-powerful and present right now, He can transform you and your life right now as nothing and no one else possibly can.**
- 6. If Jesus is fully God, He has a right to our entire lives, including our inner life and our thoughts.**
- 7. If Jesus is fully God, we should bow down and worship Him!**

# Next Steps

**Believe in Jesus Christ as *the* Savior...  
*your* Savior**



# Next Steps

**Meet with and tell a person  
about the Savior**

# **Next Steps**

**Worship the Savior**

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