

for Jehovah and thus no man is to receive it. We saw in Rev. 22:8 that the angel refused to receive worship in the sense of religious veneration because it is reserved only for Jehovah. And yet, we saw that in John 9:35-38 and in Matt. 14:33 that Jesus received it. Why? Because He is God.

We have a lot more evidence regarding the deity of Jesus Christ that we could give to you. Yet, in spite of all of this evidence there are still many who deny the deity of Jesus Christ. There are still many who say that Jesus Christ is not God. These people have some favorite passages they like to use in order to attempt to prove that Jesus is not God. I would like to consider some of those passages with you so that you might see that when those passages are properly understood, they do not contradict the biblical teaching about the deity of Christ, but instead they are perfectly consistent with it.

The first passage to which I want to direct your attention is Rev. 3:14. Notice what we read: "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God." It is that phrase "the beginning of the creation of God" in which we are interested. There are those that say this means that Jesus is the first part of the creation of God. He is the beginning of the creation of God. After He was created other things were created, but He is the beginning of the creation of God. And if Jesus is a created being, then very obviously He is not God. If Jesus is a created being there was a time when Jesus did not exist. There was a time when Jesus was not. Thus He could not be the eternal God. This is one of the passages that is used to try to refute the deity of Jesus Christ. It is said that Jesus is a created being, He is the first part of God's