The Nature of Christ
Heb. 1:1-4

Introduction:
A. The present controversy over the nature of Christ.
   1. What was his nature on earth? Human? Devine? Both?
   2. Did he empty himself of divine attributes?
   3. All we know of his nature is revealed in Scriptures.
B. We see six characteristics of His nature in six phases of his existence.

Discussion:
I. Glorious God.
   A. God in the beginning (John 1:1-3; 14 cf. “Us” - “our” - Gen 1:26).
   B. In the form of/equal with God. Phil. 2:6 See NIV)
II. Humble Human.
   A. Became a man (Phil. 2:5-9; 2 John 7)
      2. Grew up and lived as a human among men. (Lk. 2:40, 52)
      3. Became poor that we be rich (2 Cor. 8:9)
   B. Not just a man – had power of deity (Matt. 9:6; John 1:47-50; 2:25)
III. Suffering Servant.
   A. Isaiah’s prophecy (Isa. 53:4-8).
   B. His last hours on earth.
   C. He died for our sins (1 Cor. 15:3; Eph. 1:7)
IV. Raised Redeemer.
   A. Raised for our justification (Rom. 4:25).
   B. If not raise we are still in our sins (1 Cor 15:17).
V. Living Lord.
   A. Ascended to heaven be our Lord and Christ (Acts 2:29-36).
   B. He ever lives and makes intercession for us (Heb. 7:25).
VI. Just Judge.
   A. Will judge the world in righteousness/justice (Acts 17:30).
   B. He is a righteous/just Lord (2 Tim. 4:8).
   C. Judge without respect of persons (Col 3:24-25)

Conclusion:
A. We believe we have accurately described the nature of Christ.
B. He is the author of salvation to all who obey him.
C. Won’t you begin your obedience of him today?