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“This is a well-crafted, faithfully biblical, meticulously worked out study of the deity of Christ that brings us from the Old Testament through the New Testament, and into the modern world. This is a superb study.”

—**David F. Wells**, Distinguished Senior Research Professor, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

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—**Daniel L. Akin**, President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

“Morgan and Peterson are to be commended for putting together another outstanding volume for Crossway's Theology in Community series. The editors have assembled a first-rate group of authors to produce this highly commendable volume. The subject of the deity of Christ is carefully explored and clearly expounded from the perspectives of biblical, historical, and systematic theology. Important and timely applications for apologetics and missiology are also appropriately included. The deity of Christ is an essential doctrine of the Christian faith and *The Deity of Christ* should be essential reading for faithful followers of Jesus Christ.”

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—**Rick Holland**, Senior Pastor, Mission Road Bible Church, Prairie Village, Kansas

“In the introduction to this volume, the editors invite you on a journey to discover the biblical, historical, theological, practical, and missional aspects of the deity of Jesus. The book more than delivers on that promise, framing key issues and underlining pertinent points in confronting current movements undermining this crucial doctrine. More than merely a collection of academic essays, this book pulsates with the life of Jesus—evident in the passion of the writers and the life change he has produced in each of them. Affirming the deity of Jesus is not, ultimately, about winning arguments with detractors or proving points to the academy. It is about encountering Jesus! Reading these essays will challenge you intellectually and enrich you spiritually, deepening both your understanding of Jesus and submission to him as Lord. When you fully comprehend the magnificence of our Lord Jesus Christ, no other response will do.”

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“As you read this volume your spirit will breathe a heartfelt ‘thank you’ to the editors and writers. They write of the deity of Christ—this north star of Christian doctrines—with fresh perspective and historical foundation, theological depth and personal challenge. The strength of biblical evidence for the deity of Jesus expressed in these pages is wonderfully overwhelming!”

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