

# THE DIVINE SON OF GOD

MATTHEW 1:23 Christ is called “Immanuel” - “God with us.”

I TIMOTHY 3:16 “God was manifest in the flesh.”

COLOSSIANS 2:9 “For in Him dwells **all the fullness** of the Godhead (divinity) in bodily form.”

ISAIAH 9:6 “For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and **His name shall be called** Wonderful Counselor, **the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father**, the Prince of Peace.”

I CORINTHIANS 15:47 “The Second Man is the Lord from heaven.”

JOHN 20:26-29 Thomas called Christ “My Lord and **My God.**” (Christ did not correct him.)

## THE ONLY “BEGOTTEN” SON OF GOD

MATTHEW 1:18,20,23 Mary was His human mother and God in heaven was His divine Father.

LUKE 1:35 “And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”

HEBREWS 1:4-6 “Being made so much better than the angels, as He **has by inheritance** obtained a more excellent name than they.” (Angels are created beings. Jesus was “begotten.”)

JOHN 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of **the only begotten of the Father**, full of grace and truth.”

JOHN 1:18 “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”

JOHN 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have ever-lasting life.”

JOHN 3:18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

I JOHN 4:9 “In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.”

## HE WAS THE SON OF GOD BEFORE HE INCARNATED

PROVERBS 8:22-25 “The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. I have been established from everlasting, From the beginning, before there was ever an earth. When there were no depths **I was brought forth**, When there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills, **I was brought forth**,” [Jesus was begotten from God the Father long before this world was created.]

*This passage from Proverbs is from an allegory on wisdom. But these are also the words of Christ concerning Himself, and His existence with His Father prior to His incarnation. Paul was alluding to this passage when he wrote, "...Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1Cor.1:24) and "...Jesus Christ, who of God is made unto us wisdom..." (1Cor.1:30).*

*The Hebrew word in this passage translated "brought forth" means "to be born." In the Septuagint translation (300BC) from the Hebrew to Greek, the word "gennao" was chosen. This is the same word which Paul uses in Hebrews 1:5, speaking of Christ.*

At the last supper, Jesus prayed to His Father. A part of that prayer reads,

JOHN 17:5 "And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with **the glory I had with you before the world began**"

JOHN 17:8 He also said, "**I came forth from You [Father]** and they have believed that You sent Me."

JOHN 16:27 "**I came forth from the Father** AND have come into the world."

MATTHEW 16:16-18 Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."  
And Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church."

*Why call Him the Son of God, if He was not really a Son at all?*

**Was Christ simply a different manifestation of one divine being  
Who also manifests as "the Father" and as "the Holy Spirit?"**

LUKE 22:42 Christ prayed, "Not my will but Thine be done."

*How could there be "my will" and "Thy will,"  
if Christ and His Father are two manifestations of the same divine being?*

### **JESUS CLAIMED TO BE THE SON OF GOD.**

JOHN 5:18 "Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the Sabbath, but said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God".

JOHN 10:30-33 (Christ speaking) "I and my Father are one..." The Jews answered Him, saying, 'For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.'"

*Christ was not saying that He and the Father were two manifestations of the same divine being. In John 17:20-23 Christ prayed that His followers would also be "one" with the Father and Himself.*

### **CHRIST FORGAVE SINS COMMITTED AGAINST GOD**

MARK 2:7 "Who can forgive sins but God alone." (JOB 14:4,ISA 43:25)

DANIEL 9:9 "To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness,..."

LUKE 5:24 "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"; He said to the man who was paralyzed, 'I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.'"

LUKE 7:48-49 “And He (Christ) said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, ‘Who is this who even forgives sins?’”

MARK 2: 5-12 “...He (Christ) said to the paralytic, ‘Son your sins are forgiven you.’..... ‘But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins’-- He said to the paralytic, ‘I say unto you, arise, take up your bed, and go your way to your house’” (Matt 9:6).

*(This story illustrates that forgiveness is not just a legal maneuver; blotting out a mark against our name in a book in heaven. Forgiveness is healing the effects of sins upon our nature. Only God can forgive sins because only God has this healing power. No mere human being can forgive sin.*

### **JESUS WAS GIVEN THE AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SIN**

MATTHEW 6:12 In the model prayer, we are to pray to the Father for forgiveness. But **God the Father has given to His son authority to forgive sins.**

JOHN 3:35 “The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.”

JOHN 5:22 “For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son.”

### **THE SON OF GOD “WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.”**

MATTHEW 3:11 “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

MARK 1:8 “I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

LUKE 3:16 “John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

JOHN 1:33 “I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’”

JOHN 20:22 “And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

### **GOD HAS COMMANDED MEN AND ANGELS TO WORSHIP CHRIST.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:10-11 “That **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of **things in heaven**, and **things in earth**, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.” *(Notice that only two divine Beings are glorified.)*

HEBREWS 1:6 “But when He again brings the first born into the world, He says: ‘Let all the angels of God worship Him.’”

MATTHEW 2:11 “Wise men directed of the Holy Spirit worshiped the infant Jesus.”

REVELATION 5:13 “And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “**Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!**”

*(Two divine beings are worshiped here.)*

**IF CHRIST WERE NOT OUR GOD,  
WE COULD NOT WORSHIP HIM AND STILL KEEP THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.**

EXODUS 20:3-6 “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” “Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them.”

MATT 8:2 “And behold, a leper came and *worshiped Him*, saying, ‘Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.’”

MATT 14:33, MATTHEW 28:9, REVELATION 5:8-14 Jesus received worship while on this earth.

**THE BIBLE FORBIDS THE WORSHIP OF CREATED BEINGS**

COLOSSIANS 2:18, REVELATION 19:10, REVELATION 22:8.9

*NOTE: Does Revelation 3:14 refer to Christ as a created being?*

*The word “beginning” is “arche”, which can also be translated correctly “head” or “chief.” Christ is the creator, the ruler, the head, the chief over all of creation. Christ refers to Himself as the “Alpha and Omega”- the beginning and the end - the first and the last. (REV 21:6, REV 22:13)*

*NOTE: John was a Hebrew, and probably did NOT write in Greek. The “alpha and omega” actually should have been left untranslated, as the “aleph and tav” - the first and last letter of the Hebrew alphabet. This aleph and tav appear - that is, they were inserted into key verses of prophecy concerning the messiah. Most importantly, the prophecy of Isaiah 9:6 contains the insertion. This prophecy names HIM “Wonderful Counselor,” “Mighty God,” “Everlasting Father” and “Prince of Peace” Jesus was saying, “I am THAT aleph and tav.”*

**CHRIST EXISTED LONG BEFORE THIS WORLD WAS CREATED.**

JOHN 8:58 (Jesus speaking) “Before Abraham was, I AM” (*EXODUS 3:14*).

MICAH 5:2 “But thou Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel: **Whose goings forth (origins) have been from old, from everlasting.**”

JOHN 17:5 (Christ’s prayer) “And now, O Father glorify, Me together with Yourself, with **the glory which I had with You before the world was.**”

II COR 8:9 “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though **He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor,...**”

HEB 3:3 “He who hath builded the house, hath more glory than the house.”  
(speaking of Christ and the temple)

JOHN 6:38 “For **I came down from heaven**, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me .”  
(Here again we see two individual wills.)

JOHN 1:1-2 “In the beginning was the Word, and the **Word was with God**, and **the Word was God**. The same was in the beginning with God.”

JOHN 1:15 “John (the Baptist) bore witness of Him, and cried out, saying. **This was He of whom I said. He who comes after me is preferred before (is greater than) me: for He was (existed) before me.**”

PHIL 2:5-6 “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who being in the form of God, **thought it not robbery to be equal with God**, But **made Himself of no reputation**, and **took upon Him the form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men;”

PROVERBS 8:22-30 “the Lord possessed me in the beginning of His way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. (v. 24-30) .... **Then I was beside Him, as a master craftsman**; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before Him;”

COMPARE PSALM 45:6 WITH HEBREWS 1:1-10 LOOKING FOR THE  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD THE FATHER AND HIS SON.

PSALM 45:6-8 (David speaking of Christ) “**Thy throne, O God (Jesus), is forever** and ever; the scepter of Thy kingdom is a right scepter. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: **therefore God, thy God (the Father), hath** anointed Thee (Jesus) with the oil of gladness (the Holy Spirit) above Thy fellows. (Compare HEB 1:8,9) All Thy (Jesus) garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of ivory palaces, whereby, thy have made Thee glad”.

PSALM 50:1-6 (A beautiful Old Testament prophecy of the second coming of Christ. Compare the Old Testament wording with the New Testament prophecies of the same event.)

“Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; A fire shall devour before Him, (II Thess 1:8) And it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, And to the earth, (John 5:28,29) **That He may judge His people. Gather my saints together unto Me**; (MATT 24:31, I THESS 4:16, II THESS 2:1) those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare His righteousness, **for God is judge Himself**” (II COR 5:10) (JOHN 5:22 “**the Father judges no man, but has committed all judgment to the Son**).

JESUS CLAIMED  
THAT HE WAS HIMSELF THE SUBJECT  
OF ALL THE OLD TESTAMENT WRITERS, WHEN HE SAID:

JOHN 5:39 “You search the **scriptures** (Old Testament) for in them you think you have eternal life: and these **are they which testify of Me.**”

I TIMOTHY 2:5 “For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus”;  
(This statement applies with equal force to Old Testament times. See study “**The MEDIATOR.**”)

JOHN 1:18 (Christ said) “**No one has seen God at any time.** The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him” (Jn 5:37; Jn 6:46).

*How could it be said then that the Lord “knew” Moses “face to face” and spoke with him “face to face, as a man speaks to his friend” (DEUT 34:10, Ex 33:11). Moses was speaking with the Son of God.*

EXODUS 6:3 “And God spoke to Moses and said to him: ‘I am the Lord’ ... ‘I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as God Almighty...’”

This must be the preincarnate Christ speaking to Moses, because He later said, “No man has seen the Father” (John 1:18) and “No man has seen God at any time” (John 5:37, John 6:46).

## COMMENTARY

“The Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:3).  
What are our options for understanding this passage?

The word translated “God” simply means “divine being,” in the Greek. “The Word (Christ) was with “divine being” (the Father) and was “divine being.” We could understand that “God” is one divine being who manifests as two persons. Or we could say that the Father is one divine being and the Son is another.

If we take the second option, that the Father is God, as is the Son, how do we then understand the passage which says that “God is one?” (Deuteronomy 6:4). How do we understand the command to “have no other gods?” (Exodus 20:3).

My personal belief is that God the Father is one divine being, and is the one and only God Supreme. When we worship the Father as supreme, we fulfill the first commandment. God the Father beget a Son in His exact image (almost like a clone, if you will excuse the word.) Just as the son of a human father is a human being, so the Son of The Divine Father was Himself also divine. The only difference between the Father and the Son was that the Son was begotten and had not always existed. As the Father is all-knowing, so was the Son before His incarnation. The Son was also all-powerful, and omnipresent. At the incarnation, when the Son assumed human form, He emptied Himself of divine power.

After the sin of Eve and Adam, the Son became the mediator between the Father and the estranged world (1 Timothy 2:5). To mankind He became “Mighty God” and “Everlasting Father.” God His Father would then be our divine Grandfather - but there is no such word in Hebrew. All of the male ancestors are simply called “father.” (John 8:56 “Your Father Abraham rejoiced to see my day.”) We must not be confused because the Son of God is called “Father.” He IS our Father - and God is HIS Father. Christ commanded the disciples to baptize in the name of “the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matt. 28:19). Yet the disciples went about baptizing in the name of Christ. (Acts 2:38; 10:48 “in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 8:16; 19:5, Ja. 2:7). This is because they understood that Christ IS Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Finally the Father sent His Son into the world, to live and die, to effect a reconciliation with all who would be won. Paul makes it clear that we are reconciled to the Father through His Son (Colossians 1:19-20, 2Corinthians 5:18-19).

Because the Son represented His Father to human beings, and because the Son was exactly like his Father, He was called by the same name/s in the Old Testament. He stood in place of His Father. He acted as God to human beings. Yet the Father is supreme. The Father is called the God of Christ (John 20:17, Romans 15:6, 1Corinthians 11:3, 2Corinthians 1:3, 2Corinthians 11:31, Ephesians 1:3, Ephesians 1:17, Colossians 1:3, Hebrews 1:9, 1Peter 1:3, Revelation 1:6, Revelation 3:12).

The Father is the ultimate source of life (1Corinthians 8:6) and it was by His will that all things were created (Revelation 4:9-11, 1Corinthians 15:24-28). The whole family in heaven and earth is named after the Father (Ephesians 3:14-15).

The Father's will is recognized in Scripture as supreme (Ephesians 4:6, Luke 11:2, Matthew 7:21, Matthew 12:50, Matthew 26:42, Mark 14:36, John 5:30, John 6:38-39, Galatians 1:4, Ephesians 1:5, Ephesians 1:9, Ephesians 1:11, Hebrews 13:20-21, Revelation 4:11).

**I believe that Christ is the divine Son, begotten of the divine Father, before the foundation of the world. As such he is worthy of worship. We worship the Son because the Father has commanded us to worship Him. Yet we recognize the Father as The Supreme Being who is without beginning.**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:24-28 "Then comes the end, when He delivers up the kingdom to God the Father, after abolishing every kind of domination, authority, and power . . . **the Son himself will also be made subordinate to God** who made all things, subject to him, and thus God will be all in all."

### THE FATHER CREATED ALL THINGS THROUGH HIS SON

JOHN 1:1-3 "In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word was with God, and the Word was God**. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made through Him; and without Him nothing was made that was made.**"

COL 1:15-17 "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For **by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth**, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him**. And He is before all things, and **in Him all things consist**."

I COR 8:6 "yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom are all things**, and through whom we live."

JOHN 1:10 "He was in the world, **and the world was made by Him**, and the world knew Him not."

GENESIS 1:26 "Let us make man in our image, after **our** likeness." "God...Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds;**" (HEBREWS 1:1-3).

HEBREWS 1:8,10 (God the Father speaking of the Son)

v. 8 "**Thy throne, O God**, is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom".

v. 10 "Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands. (Christ addressed as creator by the Father)

### THE ANTICHRIST DENIES THAT CHRIST IS LITERALLY THE SON OF GOD

1 JOHN 2:22-23 "Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is Antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also."

## THE FATHER AND THE SON

1 JOHN 1:3 “**and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.**”

1 JOHN 2:24 “**If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.**”

1. The prophecies call Him God.
2. The Father called Him God.
3. He is called the **only** “begotten” Son of God.
4. He claimed preexistence with God.
5. He existed before the creation..
6. He created this earth and “all things.”
7. He received worship.
8. He baptizes with the Holy Spirit.
9. He forgave sin, by authority given to Him by the Father.
10. He gives eternal life, and the power to overcome sin, to “whom He will.”