

THE DIVINE SON OF GOD

- Worthy of Worship -

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Scripture is from New King James Version unless otherwise noted.

Matthew 1:23 Christ is called "Immanuel" - "God with us."

1 Timothy 3:16 "God was manifest in the flesh."

Colossians 2:9 "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead (divinity) bodily."

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."

1 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. Christ 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.”

1 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 BEGOTTEN (or brought forth)
FROM GOD HIS FATHER
LONG BEFORE HE WAS BORN
IN HUMAN FORM - WITH HUMAN NATURE**

HE WAS THE SON OF GOD

Proverbs 8:22-25 “The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. I have been established [anointed] 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;”

This passage from Proverbs is from an allegory on wisdom. Solomon was inspired by the Spirit of Christ to write these words. They are the words of Christ concerning Himself, and His existence with His Father prior to His creation of “all things,” and 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, the Greek word “gennao” was chosen. This is the same word which Paul uses in Hebrews 1:5, speaking of Christ.

*NOTE: “Gennao” is Strong’s #1080, gennao {ghen-nah'-o}.
Meaning: to beget, to bring forth.*

Proverbs 8:25 “before the mountains were settled, and before all hills, he begets me.” (LXE)

NOTE: The LXE is an English translation of the Septuagint by Sir Lancelot C. L. Benton, 1844.

John 17:5 [From Christ’s last public prayer at the last supper] “And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began”

John 17:8 “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.”

Was Jesus, was Paul, were the disciples trying to mislead? A son - in any language - is one who was begotten by a Father. Why call Him the Son of God, if He was not really a Son at all? Did He simply take the role of a son, when He incarnated? I don't believe so. Proverbs presents Him as begotten before anything was created. And Christ shared the glory of the Father, "before the world was."

I know someone is going to ask, "Who was His mother?" We understand that both Adam and Eve were made "in the image of God." God can beget from Himself alone.

**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."

As a son - when grown - may be the equal of his father, so Christ the Son WAS equal with His Father, before His incarnation into human nature (See Philippians 2:6-7). He did not seek to retain that equality, but rather "emptied Himself" of divine power, to "take the form of a servant."

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, Isaiah 43:25)

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

Luke 5:24 [Christ] "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 includes healing. Only God can forgive sins because only God can heal. No mere human being can forgive sin.

JESUS WAS GIVEN THE AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SIN Who gave Him this authority?

Matthew 6:12 In the model prayer, we are to pray to the Father for forgiveness, in the name of the Son. God the Father has given to His son authority to forgive sin.

John 3:35 [Christ speaking] “The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.”

John 5:22 [Christ speaking] “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 [John the Baptist] “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 [The Baptist] “I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Luke 3:16 [The Baptist] “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 [The Baptist] “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 [Christ] “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 worshiped.*)

Hebrews 1:6 "But when He again brings the first born into the world, He [God the Father] says: 'Let all the angels of God worship Him.'"

Matthew 2:11 Wise men directed of the Holy Spirit "worshiped" the infant Jesus.

CHRIST IS WORSHIPED

Matthew 14:33 "Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, 'Truly You are the Son of God.'"

This scene took place just after Jesus walked on the water during a terrible storm, after He invited Peter to walk out to Him on the water and then rescued Peter as his faith failed and he began to sink. The men who "worshiped Him" were "His disciples" (Matt. 14:22). They were the ones in the boat, caught in the storm. There is no indication that Christ corrected this worship of Him.

Luke 24:51-52 "Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,"

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."

NOTE: I explain in the study titled "[The Mediator - Christ thru the Old Testament](#)," my belief that the earth was cut off from God the Father by the sin of Adam. The Son then became the mediator - the representative of His Father to our world. As such, HE became God of this world - Yahweh to Israel. He was worshiped as Yahweh. He gave the Ten Commandments. His taking this role of Mediator was predicated upon His promise to submit Himself to the temptations of Satan, while in human form and nature. Only when the Son incarnated, was the rupture between mankind and God the Father partly closed. The Father was not yet physically present, but the Spirit of the Father was restored to earth, when the Son became a man.

Matthew 8:2 "And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, 'Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.'"

Jesus received worship while on this earth (Matthew 14:33, Matthew 28:9, Revelation 5:8-14).

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 in (they were inserted into the margin of) key verses of prophecy concerning the messiah. Most importantly, the prophecy of Isaiah 9:6 contains the "aleph tav" insertion. This prophecy names HIM "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Everlasting Father" and "Prince of Peace" Jesus was telling John the Revelator, "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 prayed] "And now, O Father glorify, Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."

2 Corinthians 8:9 "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor,..."

Hebrews 3:3 "He [Christ] who hath builded the house, hath more glory than the house."

As Yahweh, the Son of God "built" the Tabernacle. He communicated the instructions for its construction. He gifted the artists who made the ark, the alter of incense, the lamp stand, and the table of shewbread.

John 6:38 “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me.”

Christ was SENT by His Father. 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.”

Philippians 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 [anointed] from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.” . . . “Then I was beside Him, as a master craftsman; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before Him;” (v. 24-30).

THE EXPRESS IMAGE - OF GOD HIS FATHER

Hebrews 1:1-3 “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,”

Prior to His incarnation into human flesh, the Son of God upheld the worlds by His power, and was the express image (exact copy) of His Father’s person. He emptied Himself of this divine power when He came with human nature. Jesus said, “God is Spirit” (*Jn 4:24*), speaking of “the Father.” Yet we know that He “sits on the throne” (*Rev 5:13, 7:10*). He has a “face” (*Rev. 20:11*) and two hands (*Rev. 5:1,7*). We were made in His image, but we are not the “express image.”

“God is Spirit.” He is omnipresent as Spirit, yet He manifests in a form which can be seen by created beings. If this is true of the Father, then it was also true of the Son, prior to His incarnation. And we find exactly that. He “appeared” in human form to Abraham, to Joshua, to Ezekiel, and to Daniel (*Gen. 18, Josh. 5, Ezek. 1:26, Dan. 10:5, Dan. 12:7*). The “saw” Him. Yet “the spirit of Christ” inspired the prophets of old (*1 Pet. 1:10-11*).

Now that Christ has ascended to the Father’s throne, He has been “glorified” with the glory that the shared with the Father before the world was (*John 17: 5*). The Father has infused His Son with His own spirit. The two have now become “one” in this shared spirit, which is poured out to us as the presence of Christ. This spirit is our comforter, and “our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ” (*1 Jn 1:3*).

NOTE: The text does NOT say that our fellowship is with the Spirit. It is “through the Spirit” (Gal. 5:5, 1 Pet. 1:22). I do not have a conversation with my cell phone. I converse WITH the person whose voice I hear by means of that form of energy.

COMPARE Psalm 45:6 WITH Hebrews 1:1-10
LOOKING FOR THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN GOD THE FATHER AND HIS DIVINE SON.

Psalm 45:6-8 [David writing of Christ in his humanity.] “Thy throne, O God 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 [Christ] with the oil of gladness [the Holy Spirit] above Thy fellows. All Thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of ivory palaces, whereby, thy have made Thee glad.” (KJV)

The writer of the Book of Hebrews quotes this Psalm as the words of the Father to His Son, and then goes on to quote the Father as saying to His Son, “You LORD in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth and the heavens are the work of Your hands” (Hebrews 1:8-10).

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.”

1 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 then could it be said 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)

John 6:46 “Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.”

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...”

Moses was speaking with the Son.

THE WORD WAS GOD

John 1:3 "The Word was with God, and the Word was God."

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 (or as three),
OR we could understand that the Father is one divine being and the Son is another.

If we take the second option, that the Father is God, and beget another divine being out of Himself - so that there were TWO, then how do we then understand the passage which says "God is one?" (*Deuteronomy 6:4*). How do we understand the command to "have no other gods before Me?" (*Exodus 20:3*).

My personal belief is that God the Father is one divine being, and is the one and only God Supreme. He is above all. He is above Christ (*1 Cor. 11:3, 1 Cor. 15:27*). When we worship the Father as supreme, we fulfill the first commandment.

God the Father beget a Son in His exact image (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. He would live as a man among men.

One could say that the Son existed from eternity because He created all things. He created time. He existed before time - therefore He existed from eternity. This does not preclude His having "come forth from the Father."

In a sense, the Son of God WAS/IS our "everlasting Father" BECAUSE He created us. He is our Father, and HIS Father is our divine Grandfather. There is no word in the Hebrew for Grandfather. 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."

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 (*Col. 1:19-20, 2 Cor. 5:18-19*).

Until the incarnation of Christ, human beings were separated from God the Father. The Son of God acted as the agent of His Father. Because the Son represented His Father to human beings, He took the name of His Father - Yahweh. He stood in place of His Father. He acted as God to human beings. Yet His Father is supreme. His 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*).

God 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 Jesus Christ is the divine Son, begotten out of His 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.

Then comes the end.

The Son will subject Himself - to God His Father

1 Corinthians 15:24-28 " . . . then the culmination, when he [Christ] hands over the Kingdom to God the Father, after having put an end to every rulership, yes, to every authority and power. For he [Christ] has to rule until he puts all his enemies under his feet [defeats all enemies]. The last enemy to be done away with will be death, [in the lake of fire]. for 'He put everything in subjection under his feet.' But when it says that 'everything' has been subjected, obviously the word does not include God [The Father], who is himself the one subjecting everything to the Messiah. Now when everything has been subjected to the Son, then he [the Son] will subject himself to God [the Father], who subjected everything to him; so that God may be everything in everyone." CJB

When Christ has completed His mission as Mediator, to reconcile earth with the Father, then He will present this Kingdom to His Father as a perfect offering - cleansed and restored. The Holy City New Jerusalem will descend from Heaven to Earth. God and the Lamb are the Temple of that City.

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!"

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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."

Colossians 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.

1 Corinthians 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;" (*Heb. 1:1-3*).

Hebrews 1:8,10 [God the Father speaking to His 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 is addressed as creator by His 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 "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.”

He is the divine Son of God.

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