

# SON OF GOD Part 1

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We are currently in the Christmas season, and people everywhere are celebrating the birth of Christ. Moreover, Scripture declares that Christ is the *Son of God*.

## **Luke 1:35**

***35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the SON OF GOD.***

Many Christians are guilty of taking this fact (*Jesus is the Son of God*) for granted. However, the entire Christian faith rests on this reality. In fact, you can't be saved or be considered 'Christian' if you do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God!

## **John 3:36**

***36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.***

Notice, the difference between having life and not seeing life depends on whether or not you believe in the 'Son'. Now, the question you might be asking yourself is,

## **WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO BELIEVE JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD?**

The reason it's important that we believe that Jesus is the Son of God is because only God has the power to give life and cleanse men from their sin. Therefore, if Jesus is our Saviour, then He must be God.

## **John 5:26**

***26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;***

Furthermore, only God alone can purge (fully remove) our sins.

## **Hebrews 1:1–3**

***1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 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; 3 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 on the right hand of the Majesty on high;***

Notice how the "purging of our sins" is tied in Scripture to Jesus' identity as the Son of God. In fact, Jesus had to be fully God AND fully man in order to accomplish our salvation.

Let me explain...

First, if Jesus was fully God but NOT fully man, it would've been impossible for Him to die for our sins. In other words, He had to take on human flesh to *die*.

**Hebrews 2:14**

***<sup>14</sup> Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;***

Second, if Jesus was fully man but NOT fully God, it would've been impossible for His death to save or redeem us from our sins.

**1 Peter 1:18–19**

***<sup>18</sup> Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; <sup>19</sup> But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:***

Jesus' blood was both "precious" (costly) and "spotless" (without defect). This could ONLY be possible if He was God. If He was merely human (a man) and not also God, His blood would have been corrupted by sin!

**Romans 5:12**

***<sup>12</sup> Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:***

Because of the sin of Adam, sin is passed on to everyone through the blood. Thus, every person (aside from Jesus Christ) is born with a corrupt, sinful nature. The reason Jesus did not share in this 'corruption' is because He was born of God. While He received His flesh from man, His nature (His life) came from God!

**Romans 1:3–4**

***<sup>3</sup> Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; <sup>4</sup> And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:***

According to the *flesh* Jesus was declared to be the seed of David, or the *Son of Man*. However, according to His *spirit* (or nature) He was declared to be the *Son of God*.

Again, this was necessary in order to accomplish our salvation!

Now, you might be asking yourself...

## HOW COULD JESUS BE BOTH MAN AND GOD?

To answer this question we first need to know what it actually means to 'be God'. If you ask most people what it means to 'be God,' they might tell you that it means to be *all powerful, all knowing, and present everywhere*. However, Jesus was never any of these things while on the earth. Yet, we still proclaim Him to be the Son of God. How could Jesus be God if He did not possess any of the attributes that we ascribed to God?

The answer is, the attributes that we typically ascribe to God are attributes that are NOT ESSENTIAL to being God!

### ***Romans 1:4***

***<sup>4</sup> And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:***

Notice, Jesus was declared to be the Son of God according to the spirit of HOLINESS. Therefore, holiness, not omnipotence, is an essential attribute of God.

### ***1 John 3:9–10***

***<sup>9</sup> Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. <sup>10</sup> In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.***

According to this, God cannot sin! In fact, to the extent to which someone does not sin is the extent to which they are like God! Also, notice how the Bible ties not sinning, or being like God, to having the SEED (or the word of God).

### ***John 1:1***

***<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.***

If the word is God, then anyone who *has* the word is, to some extent, God!

### ***John 10:31–36***

***<sup>31</sup> Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. <sup>32</sup> Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? <sup>33</sup> The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?***

***<sup>35</sup> If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; <sup>36</sup> Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?***

Notice, Jesus defended His right to call Himself ‘God’ (or Son of God) based on the fact that Scripture calls those to whom the word of God came, God! There are many examples of this in the Old Testament.

***Exodus 7:1***

***<sup>1</sup> And the Lord said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.***

***Zechariah 12:8***

***<sup>8</sup> In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; And he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; And the house of David shall be as God, As the angel of the Lord before them.***

In all these examples, individuals were called ‘God’ because they were given God’s word and commissioned to speak on His behalf. Jesus’ argument was that if it’s permissible for men to be called ‘God’ because they have received God’s word, why is it strange to call a man who “is the word” God?