

# The \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God

*The Three Realms of Sonship*

## I. WHY “\_\_\_\_\_” MATTERS

**Question:** *How can the Bible call angels “sons of God,” believers “sons of God,” and Jesus “the Son of God” without contradiction?*

**Answer:** The Greek word **monogenēs**.

- Jesus is **not** \_\_\_\_\_ another “son of God.”
- Jesus is the **monogenēs huios** — the \_\_\_\_\_, unique in essence.
- Understanding this clarifies the entire Bible’s language about the family of God.

## II. OT FOUNDATIONS: THE FIRST “SONS OF GOD”

**A. Hebrew Phrase:** *bene ha-elohim* (Genesis 6; Job 1–2; Job 38)

- Members of the Divine \_\_\_\_\_ (or Counsel)
- \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, but they are \_\_\_\_\_
- Sonship by \_\_\_\_\_ (heavenly origin)

**B. They are sons by \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_**

- God is the Most High (El Elyon)
- These sons reflect His authority but not His exact nature

**C. Importance for a biblical worldview**

- Explains language like “angels,” “holy ones,” “morning stars”
- Sets a backdrop for understanding Christ’s supremacy

## III. HUMAN SONSHIP: ADOPTION THROUGH CHRIST

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ are called “sons of God” (NT)**

- Romans 8:14 — “sons of God”
- Galatians 3:26 — “sons of God through faith”
- Matthew 5:9 — “peacemakers... sons of God”

## B. Our sonship is \_\_\_\_\_ by nature

- We were **not** originally “sons” in this sense (not purely spiritual beings, we are embodied)
- Sonship granted by \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 4:4–7)
- We share in Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 8:17)

## C. Our sonship is resurrection-oriented

- Resurrection = **full** entrance into divine family, or at least full realization of the declaration
- Luke 20:36 — “sons of God, being sons of the resurrection”

# IV. JESUS: THE *MONOGENĒS* SON OF GOD

## A. Word Study: monogenēs

- *mono* = only
- *genēs* = kind/type/category (think ‘ontology’)
- “unique,” “one-of-a-kind,” “incomparable”

NOT:

“only-begotten” biologically

BUT:

“only one in His category”

## B. Key Passages

1. John 1:14 — “glory of the *monogenēs* from the Father”
2. John 3:16 — “His *monogenēs* Son”
3. John 1:18 — “the *monogenēs* God/Son at the Father’s side”
4. Hebrews 11:17 — Isaac = Abraham’s *monogenēs*  
uniqueness of role, not biology

## C. Christ’s Sonship vs. all others

1. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ → angels are created
2. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ → believers are redeemed
3. Jesus shares God’s \_\_\_\_\_ → others share God’s blessing
4. Jesus is *monogenēs* ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) → others are adopted or created

## D. Why Christ's uniqueness is essential

- Protects Trinity
- Protects Christ's Deity
- Protects Salvation (only a divine Son can redeem)

## V. RECAP of THREE REALMS OF SONSHIP: A THEOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

### 1. Divine Council Realm (OT)

- *bene ha-elohim* = spiritual sons
- Created beings
- Serve God's rule

### 2. Human Realm (NT)

- *huioi theou* = adopted sons
- Believers
- Share inheritance by grace

### 3. Christ's Realm

- *ho monogenēs huios tou theou*
- "The **unique** Son of God"
- The **eternal** Word
- The **One** through whom all other sons exist (Col 1:16)

This framework shows God's family **expanding**, but Christ remains **supreme**.

## VI. APPLICATION

### A. Our \_\_\_\_\_ Identity: You are not a spiritual orphan

- You belong to the divine family
- Adoption is permanent

### B. Our \_\_\_\_\_ (think 'vocation'): You reflect God's character

- Peacemakers → sons of God
- Holiness → resemblance to the Father

### C. Our \_\_\_\_\_ : Calling others into the family of God

- Evangelism = invitation to adoption

- The family of God grows through the gospel
- This is our principle method of Spiritual Warfare, not wrangling boogie men

#### D. Our \_\_\_\_\_: Christ is worthy of ultimate devotion

- Because He is not merely a son
- He is ***the monogenēs (unique) Son***
- Worship belongs to Him **alone**

## VII. CONCLUSION — WHY *MONOGENĒS* MATTERS

- Explains OT divine language
- Clarifies NT adoption
- Protects Christ's deity
- Unites the biblical story
- Reveals the heart of God:
  - Not content with servants
  - He wants **sons & daughters**

“Jesus is the **unique Son**, so that we might become sons.”