

The Son of God

Pt 1

The most wonderful thing about Christianity is that it is not just another religion. There are many religions in the world, but Christianity is different. Instead of a set of rules and doctrines, it is a Person, a GOD-MAN. If you take this Person away from Christianity, it ceases to exist. The Man's name is JESUS. In Hebrew He was called Yeshua, which means 'God will save us from our sins'. The Hebrew translated into English is 'salvation'.

"Let those who love Your salvation (Yeshua) say continually, "The LORD be magnified." Psalm 40:16.

Everything about Christianity is Jesus. He is the Son of God, the *only begotten* Son of God. He is God the Father's representative, He is the Saviour, the Redeemer, the Mediator between God and man, the Intercessor, the Sustainer, the Healer, the Forgiver, the Helper, the Firstborn, the Comforter, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature, the firstborn from the dead, the One by whom all things consist, the Word, the Resurrection, the Life, the Light of the world, the Way, the Truth, the Reconciler, the Advocate, the Judge of the lost, the Creator (in conjunction with His Father), the Head of the church, the Head of the human race, the Hope of glory, and so much more.

When we uplift Jesus, it pleases the Father. Colossians 1:19. Hebrews 1:6.

When Jesus asked His disciples, "*Whom do men say that I am*", He received various answers. But when He asked, "*Whom say ye that I am?*" Peter replied, "*Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*" Matthew 16:13-16. Jesus told the disciples that it was His Father who had revealed this truth to Peter, and on this declaration of faith He would build His church. Matthew 16:17,18.

As soon as Saul was converted (to become Paul), he preached in the synagogues that Jesus was "the Son of God." Acts 9:20. He "declared Him to be the Son of God with power..." Acts 1:4.

When Philip asked the Ethiopian eunuch if he believed Jesus is the Son of God, he replied, "*I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*" Acts 8:37. Based on this testimony of faith, Paul baptised him.

"We have a High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God..." "... the minister of the true sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched and not man." Hebrews 4:14. 8:2.

"Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God." 1 John 5:5.

"He that believeth on the Son of God, hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar, because he believeth not the record that He gave of His Son. And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." 1 John 5:10,11.

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At Jesus' baptism, the Father testified, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17.

God was not saying He was pleased with an *eternal* Son, one who had always existed, without origin or beginning. You need to think clearly. If there is no beginning, there can be no Son. Do not shy away from the true meaning of begotten, *monogenes* in the Greek. The Bible verses make it clear, 'only (monogenes) son' of the widow and 'only (monogenes) daughter' of Jairus. Luke 7:12. Luke 8:41.42. The Bible interprets itself if you allow the text to reveal the true meaning.

Monogenes is absolutely vital to John 3:16, but men want to change it to "only son" or "one and only son". There are many sons of God in the universe. Jesus is not one of them; He is their Creator. Jesus was begotten of the Father at some point in eternity. If you do not believe this, you cannot help but be on the side of the Sanhedrin who condemned Jesus to death for saying He was the Son of God. Certainly Jesus is unique, but He is also begotten. Job 1:6. 2:1. Job 38:7. Luke 3:38.

Monogenes safeguards John 3:16 against a Son who began with the conception to Mary. The text says God gave His only begotten Son and the next verse says He *sent* Him. He was begotten, but not of Mary. Jesus did not begin with the Incarnation. God's Son came from Heaven. He was born in Heaven and *sent* by His Father. He could only be *sent* if God had a Son to send. John 3:17. 7:28.29.33. 8:16. 8:21.29.42. (Over 50 times in the gospels)

Monogenes safeguards against believing that Jesus was created. This is an accusation that began with antagonists to Arianism, but it continues today. It seems impossible for men and women to escape believing that to have a beginning always means 'created'. My son had a beginning, but he was not created like the angels. My son was begotten over 50 years ago, just like Jesus was begotten at a point of time in the far distant days of eternity. There are differences of course, but both were begotten. We do not know how Jesus was begotten of His Father. It has not been revealed.

Monogenes safeguards believing that the Father and the Son played roles of a father and a son. This is believed by some Christians, even churches. If the first and second Persons of a triune Godhead can exchange roles, there is no Son. To act as if a son or a father is to pretend. This is the work of actors in Hollywood; we all know they are acting. God the Father does not pretend to be a Father – He *is* the Father of His Son.

Monogenes safeguards believing in an eternal Son without beginning. The church counsels called Jesus the 'eternal Son', but this is false. Eternity has no beginning and therefore it is impossible to be begotten. He was born at a point of time *in* eternity.

Believe it. God will give you an enlightened mind and heart.