

## Doctrine of the Son of God

1. The title *Son of God* is found first in Daniel 3:25.
  - *Daniel 3:25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.*
2. The title is used often in the *New Testament*.
3. Satan is the first to use the title during the period of tempting Jesus. His tone is one of mocking.
  - *Matthew 4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.*
  - *Matthew 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.*
4. The disciples first used the term for Jesus in an act of worship with spiritual understanding. The story is told in Matthew 14: 23-33.
  - *Matthew 14:33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.*
5. Caiaphas, the high priest of Israel sought to know if Christ was the Son of God through a legal point of jurisprudence.
  - *Matthew 26:63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.*
7. The crowd which passed by the cross of Calvary taunted Jesus for using the term with reference to Himself.
  - *Matthew 27:40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. 41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, 42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. 43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.*
8. While some mocked at Calvary others, such as the Roman centurion, believed that Jesus was whom He claimed to be.

- *Matthew 27:54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.*

9. It is often said by the critics of Christ that He never called Himself divine or the Son of God. That is simply not true.

- *John 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.*
- *John 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?*
- *John 10:36 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?*
- *John 11:4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.*

10. While modern liberals and skeptics have trouble understanding Jesus referred to Himself as very God of very God by applying to Himself the Messianic title, Son of God, the Jews of His day did not misunderstand and thought Jesus was worthy of death.

- *John 19:7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.*

11. During His earthly ministering and following the resurrection there was a quiet confidence in the hearts of the disciples of Christ that He truly was the Son of God.

- John the Baptizer. *John 1:34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.*
- Nathanael. *John 1:49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.*
- Martha. *John 11:27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.*
- John Mark. *Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;*
- Saul of Tarsus. *Acts 9:20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.*

12. If men and rulers have trouble recognizing Christ as the Son of God, the unclean spirits do not.

- *Mark 3:11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.*
- *Luke 4:41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.*

13. The angels do not have any trouble recognizing Christ as the Son of God.

- *Luke 1:35 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.*

14. If any person today wishes to know whether or not Jesus truly is the Son of God there is a way to establish that fact with certainty which is by studying and accepting the record of the gospel of John.

- *John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*

15. The resurrection proves that Jesus is whom He claimed to be.

- *Romans 1:4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*

16. Those who accept Jesus as the Son of God are proper candidates for baptism.

- *Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*
- *1 John 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.*
- *1 John 5:10 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 God gave of his Son.*
- *1 John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

17. Because Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, He can do the following.

- Christ can love sinners and die a substitutionary death on their behalf. *Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

- Christ can make Himself known to every believer. *Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:*
- Christ can function as the Great High Priest of Heaven. *Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.*
- Christ can function as the Great High Priest in heaven forever after the pattern of Melchisedec, king of Salem. *Hebrews 7:3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.*
- Christ can destroy the works of the devil. *1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*
- Christ can enable the believer to overcome the world. *1 John 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*
- Christ can give assurance of eternal salvation to all who believe. *1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*
- Christ can give understanding of spiritual truths. *1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*
- Christ can continue to write love letters to the church. *Revelation 2:18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;*