

Doctrine of Son of God

1. The title "*Son of God*" is the name given to Christ.
 - It was given by the angel Gabriel to Mary prior to the Lord's birth. *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.*
 - It was given by the heavenly voice at Christ' baptism. *Mark 1:11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*
 - It was given at the Lord's transfiguration. *Mark 9:7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.*
 - It was given by Peter in a wonderful moment of spiritual illumination. *Matthew 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*
 - It was given by the demons. *Mark 5:7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.*
 - It was given by the centurion. *Mark 15:39 And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.*

2. The title "*Son of God*" is Messianic. In the Old Testament the title "Son" was used in such a way as to anticipate a special person who was to come. David wrote of the Messiah.
 - *Psalms 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.*

Jesus taught that He was the fulfillment of all the prophetic utterances. One day, on the road to Emmaus, two men were walking. They were heading for Jerusalem which was 7.5 miles away.

- *Luke 24:15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them."*
- *Luke 24:27 And beginning at Moses and the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*

3. The title "*the Son of God*" indicates that Jesus was not simply *a* Son but *the* Son. As THE Son of God Jesus was different from all others in that He shares the same essence and glory of God. It is the testimony of the Scriptures that Jesus is very God of very God. This is the heart of the New Testament doctrine. The Son of God is also God. It is a great mystery to be sure and harder to understand because,
4. Unfortunately, the term "Son" has often been misunderstood, as we have seen. The term "son" by itself is often interpreted to refer to someone wholly different from, subsequent to, and inferior to the Father. As a result, what is missing is the understanding that the term "Son", when used of Christ was a functional term for time.
5. It was in the sphere of time that Jesus functioned as the Son: separate from the Father, subordinate to Him, and dependent. But this function in the Divine relationship did not negate the essential substance that the Son shares with the Father. In His essence, Jesus is the same as the Father. In His function, as a Son, He is subordinate. Consider the evidence.

- The Father and the Son are one in essence.

Is the Father eternal? The Scriptures state that the Son is eternal. Micah 5:2 speaks of One, "*whose going forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*" The reference is to Jesus of Nazareth (Matthew 2:4-6).

Is the Father omnipresent? Then so is the Son. Jesus said in Matthew 18:20, "*Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*"

Is the Father immutable (unchangeable)? Then so is the Son. Hebrews 13:8 says that Jesus Christ is the same, "*yesterday, and today, and forever.*"

Is the Father almighty? Then so is the Son. Creation demands the display of divine power, and Jesus manifested that power. John 1:3 says of Christ that, "*All things were made by Him.*" Colossians 1:17 declares that "*By Him all things consist.*" Hebrews 1:3 states that Christ is the One upholding "*all things by the word of His power.*" Jesus said in Matthew 28:18, "*All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*" Jesus is one with the Father. He is the Almighty God.

Is the Father infinitely good and holy? Then so is the Son. Matthew 19:17 says that, "*There is none good but one, that is God.*" In John 10:11 Jesus said plainly, "*I am the good shepherd.*" Elsewhere, Jesus is called "the Holy One and the Just," the One who knew no sin, who is without sin and without spot, "*holy, harmless, and undefiled.*" Jesus Christ is the righteous One, in who is no sin for He is full of "*grace and truth.*" (Acts 3:14; Heb. 7:26; John 1:14).

- The Father and the Son are one in will.

John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

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

- The Father and the Son are one in power. The Father has power to bestow spiritual life upon others, but so does the Son. Jesus said, John 5:26 *“For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;”*