

IS JESUS THE LITERAL SON OF GOD?

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Due to the trinity teaching, it is believed by the majority of churches that Jesus Christ is not the literal begotten Son of God, but instead an equal, co-eternal God alongside the Father, and never had a beginning. Some people astonishingly, even believe that the Jesus and the Father are the same being. This is all thanks to the confusing false trinity teaching. The trinity teaching says that Jesus had no beginning and the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three co-equal, co-eternal beings that are just playing a 'family role'. In other words, they are just play acting these roles of Father and Son. Because you are either a literal Father and Son, or you are just playing the roles.

Take a look at the following official statement from the Adventist Biblical Research institute (which was also published in Adventist World magazine)

*"the father-son image cannot be literally applied to the divine Father-Son relationship within the Godhead. **The Son is not the natural, literal Son of the Father ... The term 'Son' is used metaphorically when applied to the Godhead.**" (Adventist Biblical Research Institute [source](#) - Also published in the official 'Adventist World' magazine [source](#))*

So according to the churches today who have embraced Rome's trinity god, Jesus as the 'Son of God' is only a 'SYMBOLIC' application and He is not the literal Son of the Father. But this causes a major problem concerning the authority and TRUTH of God's Word. You see Jesus once said ... *"I am the way, **THE TRUTH**, and the life"* (John 14:6). James 1:17 says that in the Father, there is *"no variableness"* and *"no shadow of turning"*. And Isaiah 65:16 says that God is a *"GOD of TRUTH"*. This means that whatever the Father and His Son declare - IT IS TRUTH!! - NOT 'symbolic' or 'role playing', but **TRUTH**.

God the Father said TWICE, concerning Jesus ... *"**THIS IS MY BELOVED SON**"* (Matthew 3:17, Matthew 17:5)

Jesus Himself confirmed ... *"I am **THE SON OF GOD**"* (John 10:36, John 11:4).

And the apostle John confirmed in John 17:17 ... *"**Thy Word IS TRUTH**"*. And Jesus said that we are to live by *"EVERY WORD that proceeds from the mouth of God"* (Matthew 4:4).

Do you know what this means friends? This means that God the Father IS the Father of Jesus Christ. And that Jesus Christ IS the literal Son of God the Father. You see, they are both OF the truth and of righteousness (Psalm 89:14). So they CANNOT be "role playing", as role playing is NOT truth. God the Father and His Son Jesus cannot be anything other than what they have both declared, because they are the TRUTH.

Those who do not believe the testimony of the Father call God a LIAR ... *1 John 5:9-10 ... 'for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. 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.'*

This truth of the Father and His Son is the FOUNDATION of the true Church, just as Jesus confirmed to the disciples.

"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, thou art the Christ, **the Son of the living God**

... And Jesus answered and said unto him, blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock** I will build my church."

Matthew 16:15-18

*"Peter declared, 'THOU ART THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.' ... Peter had expressed the TRUTH which is **THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH'S FAITH**, and Jesus now honored him as the representative of the whole body of believers." (Desire of Ages, 412-413)*

*"Upon **THIS ROCK**", Jesus declared ... "I will build **MY CHURCH**" (Matthew 16:18)*

Satan even knew the truth that Jesus was the Son of God, because it was on this point where Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness ...

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.'

And even the demons (fallen angels) knew very well that Jesus was the Son of God when they cried out to Him in Matthew 8:29. So why can't we believe that Jesus Christ is in fact the Son of God?

We are "*compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses*" concerning the Son of God, LOOK:

GOD THE FATHER - "*This is MY BELOVED SON.*" (Matthew 3:17)

JESUS CHRIST - "*I AM THE SON OF GOD.*" (John 10:36)

SATAN - "*If thou be THE SON OF GOD, command that these stones be made bread.*" (Matthew 4:3)

THE FALLEN ANGELS - "*What have we to do with thee, JESUS, THOU SON OF GOD? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?"* (Matthew 8:29)

NEBUCHADNEZZAR - *"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."* (Daniel 3:25)

THE DISCIPLES - *"Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, OF A TRUTH THOU ART THE SON OF GOD."* (Matthew 14:33) - *"we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."* (John 6:69)

JOHN THE BAPTIST - *"And I saw, and bare record that THIS IS THE SON OF GOD."* (John 1:34)

PAUL - *"And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, THAT HE IS THE SON OF GOD."* (Acts 9:20)

- *"For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for HIS SON from heaven."* (1 Thess.1:9-10)

PETER - *"And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."* (Matthew 16:16)

JOHN - *"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."* (John 20:31)

NATHANAEL - *"Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, THOU ART THE SON OF GOD; thou art the King of Israel."* (John 1:49)

PHILIP AND THE EUNUCH - *"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."* (Acts 8:37)

MARK - *"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, THE SON OF GOD."* (Mark 1:1)

CENTURION AND PEOPLE AT CALVARY - *"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."* (Matthew 27:54)

Seeing then that we are *"compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses."* (Hebrews 12:1), let us BELIEVE! Let us believe in the INSPIRED Word of God, rather than the current church leaders who have been indoctrinated with the teachings of Babylon! So what does the rest of the Word of God in the Bible have to say on this? Does the Bible suggest in any way that Jesus is just playing a role as the Son of God? Or is He the literal Son? Let us look at some Bible texts to see if we can get some understanding as to who Christ really is.

In Colossians 1:15 we are told that Jesus is *"the firstborn of every creature."* And then in the next verse Paul says ... *"For by him were all things created."* So Paul is linking the fact that Jesus is the 'firstborn of every creature' with the fact that all things were created by Him. Thus the act of being the 'firstborn' must also belong back in eternity past when the work of creation began. And so Jesus is in fact the 'only begotten' of God the Father, the 'firstborn of heaven', BEFORE anything was created, because it was through His Son that God created all things.

*John 3:16 ...'For God so loved the world, that he **gave his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'*

*Romans 8:3 ...'God **sending his own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.'*

*Galatians 4:4 ...'But when the fulness of the time was come, **God sent forth his Son**, made of a woman, made under the law.'*

*Mark 12:1-8 ...'And he began to speak unto them by parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about it, and digged a place for the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country. And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard. And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty. And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled. And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some. **Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him** also last unto them, saying, they will reverence **my son**. But those husbandmen said among themselves, this is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours. And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard.'*

Did you notice above in John 3:16 and Romans 8:3 we are clearly told that God 'GAVE' His Son and God 'SENT HIS OWN SON'? Now read the parable again in Mark 12 above, concerning the Jews. What did it say? That the vineyard owner (God the Father) '**HAVING ONE SON, His wellbeloved, SENT Him ... saying, they will reverence MY SON.**' This is pointing to BEFORE Jesus was sent. And shows Jesus was God's Son BEFORE He came to earth.

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.'

*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.'*

*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.'*

*1 John 4:15 ...'Whosoever shall confess **that Jesus is the Son of God**, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.'*

*John 20:17 ...'Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to **my Father**: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto **my Father**, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.'*

*1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 ...'For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for **his Son** from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.'*

WHAT OUR ADVENTIST PIONEERS BELIEVED

The pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist church clearly taught that Jesus **was the literal son of God**. Take a look at the following quotes.

*"If we take the liberty to say there is not a literal Ark, containing the ten commandments in heaven, we may go only a step further and **deny** the literal City, and **the literal Son of God**. Certainly, **Adventists should not** choose the spiritual view, rather than the one we have presented. We see no middle ground to be taken."* (Review and Herald, June 9, 1851, Vol.1, No.13, p.101)

*"Christ is the only **literal** Son of God. The only begotten of the Father. John 1:14."* (J.G. Matteson, Review and Herald, October 12, 1869)

*"It is true that there are many sons of God, but Christ is the '**only begotten Son of God**,' and therefore the Son of God in a sense in which no other being ever was or ever can be. The angels are sons of God, as was Adam (Job 38:7; Luke 3:38), by creation; Christians are the sons of God by adoption (Rom. 8:14, 15), but Christ is the **Son of God by birth**. The writer to the Hebrews further shows that the position of the Son of God is not one to which Christ has been elevated but that it is one which He has by right."* (E. J. Waggoner, Christ and His Righteousness, page 12, 1890)

*"There was a time when **Christ proceeded forth and came from God**, from the bosom of the Father (John 8:42; 1:18), but that time was so far back in the days of eternity that to finite comprehension it is practically without beginning."* (E.J. Waggoner, Christ and His Righteousness, pp. 21, 22)

*"God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,--not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but a **son begotten** in the express image of the Father's person."* (Ellen G. White, Signs of the Times, May 30, 1895)

*"The dedication of the **first-born** had its origin in the earliest times. God had promised to give the **first-born of heaven** to save the sinner."* (Ellen G. White, Desire of Ages, p. 51)

*"The Father was greater than the Son in that **he was first**. The Son was equal with the Father in that he had received all things from the Father."* (James White, The Review & Herald, January 4, 1881)

*"He was born of the Holy Ghost. In other words, **Jesus Christ was born again**. He came from heaven, **God's first-born**, to the earth, **and was born again**. But all in Christ's work goes by opposites for us: he, the sinless one, was made to be sin, in order that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. He, the living one, the prince and author of life, died that we might live. He whose **goings forth have been from the days of eternity, the first-born of God, was born again**, in order that we might be born again."* (A.T.Jones, Review and Herald, August 1, 1899, Vol.76, No.31, p.487)

*"As Christ was **twice born**,- **once in eternity, the only begotten of the Father**, and again here in the flesh, thus uniting the divine with the human in that second birth,- so we who have been born once already in the flesh, are to have the second birth, being born again of the Spirit, in*

order that our experience may be the same,--the human and the divine being joined in a life union." (W.W.Prescott, Review and Herald, Apr.14, 1896, Vol.73, No.15)

"Just another thought. **Jesus was born twice. He was the only begotten of the Father. Isn't that true? And then he came and was born on this earth. Isn't that true? Jesus was born twice** and every soul that gets into the kingdom will have to be born twice. Isn't that so? Did not Jesus say it?" (J.G.Lamson, The Life Boat, March 1918, p.80)

"God alone is without beginning. At the earliest epoch when a beginning could be,-a period so remote that to finite minds it is essentially eternity,-appeared the Word. - John 1:1 - His beginning was not like that of any other being in the universe. It is set forth in the mysterious expressions, "God's only begotten Son", "the only begotten of the Father", and, "I proceeded forth and came from God." **Thus it appears that by some divine impulse or process, not creation, known only to Omniscience, and possible only to Omnipotence, the Son of God appeared.**" (Uriah Smith, Looking Unto Jesus, p.10)

IN THE 'EXPRESS IMAGE' OF THE FATHER

Many Christians today think that when the Bible says Jesus is the 'begotten' Son of God, it is pointing to Bethlehem when Jesus was born as a human. But I will show you from inspiration that this is **IMPOSSIBLE**. Pay careful attention to the following quote:

"A complete offering has been made; for 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,'-- not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, BUT A SON BEGOTTEN IN THE EXPRESS IMAGE OF THE FATHER'S PERSON, AND IN ALL THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS MAJESTY AND GLORY, one equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection. In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." (E.White, Signs of the Times, May 30, 1895)

Do you see what this is saying and what it means? This is **VITAL** to understand. But before we explain, let us read the passage in Hebrews 1, upon which the above quote is based.

*Hebrews 1:1-6 ...'God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 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; 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: Being **made so much better than the angels**, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?** And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he **bringeth in the firstbegotten INTO the world**, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.'*

Do you see what this is saying? We are clearly told that Jesus was 'begotten' **IN THE EXPRESS IMAGE** of the Father's person and in **ALL THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS MAJESTY AND GLORY**. Does this point to Jesus as that lowly human baby, **BORN IN A STABLE** at Bethlehem among the animals? Of course not! Jesus was **NOT** in the 'EXPRESS image of the Father's person' and in 'ALL THE BRIGHTNESS' of the Father's 'MAJESTY AND GLORY' at Bethlehem. So this **CANNOT** be pointing to Bethlehem.

Was Jesus "made so much BETTER THAN THE ANGELS" at Bethlehem? No! Look at what it says about Jesus coming as a human in Isaiah 53:

Isaiah 53:2 ... 'For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.'

When Jesus came as a human, He had 'NO FORM OR COMELINESS' and he would have 'NO BEAUTY THAT WE SHOULD DESIRE HIM.' Does that sound like being begotten in the 'EXPRESS IMAGE OF THE FATHER'S PERSON' and in 'ALL THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS MAJESTY AND GLORY' and 'so much BETTER THAN THE ANGELS'? No way! So when was Jesus 'begotten' in the 'express image of His Father's person'? It MUST have been BEFORE anything was created in eternity past:

Proverbs 8:23-25 ... 'I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth.'

*"Oh but Proverbs 8 is just talking about wisdom not Christ." And who is 'wisdom'? ... I Corinthians 1:24 ... 'But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ** the power of God, and **the wisdom of God.**' ... JESUS is the wisdom of God.*

*"Through Solomon **CHRIST DECLARED**- 'The Lord possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I WAS BROUGHT FORTH; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I BROUGHT FORTH .. When He gave to the sea His decree, that the waters should not pass His commandment; when He appointed the foundations of the earth; then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him." (E.White, Signs of the Times, August 29, 1900)*

*Proverbs 30:4 ... 'Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, **and what is his son's name**, if thou canst tell?'*

*Micah 5:2 ... 'But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; **whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.**'*

Now those words 'goings forth' in Micah 5:2 are very interesting, because in the original Hebrew they mean to literally 'GO OUT FROM' something, or someone. So Micah 5:2 is confirming that sometime in eternity past, Jesus 'came out' from something or someone. Did Jesus back this up Himself? Yes!

*John 16:27-28 ... 'For the Father himself loveth you, because you have loved me, and have believed that **I came out from God. I came forth from the Father**, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.'*

John 17:7-8 ... 'Now they have known that all things whatsoever you have given me are of you. For I have given unto them the words which you gavest me; and they have received

*them, and have known surely that **I came out from you, and they have believed that you did send me.**'*

So Christ confirmed what Micah 5:2 and Proverbs 8 said, in that He came out of God the Father, as a true Son, sometime in eternity past.

Oh friends! I hope and pray that you can see the clear truth here. The Bible is very clear that Jesus came forth from the Father in eternity past, when there was nothing yet made. Jesus came forth from the Father as a **literal Son**. But now the churches, including the Seventh-day Adventist Church have turned away from this vital truth and gone into apostasy.

IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Is it important to know the truth concerning this? Does it really matter whether we believe that Jesus is the literal Son of God or not? Well, for starters, by saying that Jesus is NOT the literal Son of God, you are calling God the Father a LIAR. Also you are destroying the very gospel message that says ... *'For God SO LOVED the world, that He GAVE His only begotten Son, that whosoever BELIEVETH in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God SENT not HIS SON into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that BELIEVETH on him is not condemned: but he that believeth NOT is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God'* (John 3:16-18)

*1 John 2:22 ...'Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? **He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.**'*

Yes, this issue is very important, because as the Bible clearly says in John 3:16, we are saved by the only **begotten Son** of God. And if you dig into the original Greek and Hebrew, you will see that Jesus was literally 'born' of God as a literal Son. So if you don't believe Jesus to be the Son of God, then how can you be saved by Him? This is very serious friends. And as 1 John 2 confirms, if you deny the Father and Son relationship, then you are an 'antichrist'.

*"**Modern spiritualism**, resting upon the same foundation, is but a revival in a new form of the witchcraft and demon worship that God condemned and prohibited of old Peter, describing the dangers to which the church was to be exposed in the last days, says that as there were false prophets who led Israel into sin, so there will be false teachers, 'who privily shallbring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them ... And many shall follow their pernicious ways.' [2 Peter 2:1-2]. **Here the apostle has pointed out one of the marked characteristics of spiritualist teachers. They refuse to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God.** Concerning such teachers the beloved John declares: 'Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.' [1 John 2:22-23]. Spiritualism, by denying Christ, denies both the Father and the Son, and the Bible pronounces it the manifestation of antichrist." (Ellen White, Patriarchs and Prophets, p.686)*

The pillars of our faith are being rejected in the church today and the trinity teaching from Babylon has been embraced by virtually all the churches. This 'ecumenical' false trinity god is something that will unite the churches of Babylon in the last days. Please don't be deceived any longer. Stand on the firm foundation - Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and God gave His only Son for your salvation. Believe on the Son of God and you will be saved.

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

*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.'*

*Matthew 16:15-18 ...'He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?** And Simon Peter answered and said, **thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God**. And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven**. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'*