

## Sons of God, Part 1

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**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** How does the uniqueness of Jesus as Son of God affect your view of the invitation to become Sons of God (child of God)?

John 3:16-18 *“For God so loved the world that HE gave HIS only begotten Son...”*

I do not equate Jesus being the Son of God and us being called the Son of God as equal. We will look into the very uniqueness of Christ as God yet revealed as Son of God and the invitation for us to become Sons of God.

### 1. Remarkable Son (Unique)

Christ as Son it has a very unique meaning that does not apply to anyone else. The Disciple John and John the Baptist record this unique and remarkable truth for us this way:  
 John 1:1-4 *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men...10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. 15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. 16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace...29 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.”* [KJV]

Jack Hayford writes: “Those are the central affirmations we want to make about Jesus’ unique life—His birth, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, present reign, and soon return. But there is more. Consider, as well these five truths about who Jesus Christ is—truths that show His magnificent uniqueness.”

I want to begin with those Five Unique Characteristics.

#### a. Jesus Christ is unique as Creations’ Source.

Vs. 3 *“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”*

Jesus is the creator of all things. HE enters the creations that HE created. HE preceded creation and exceeds creation. As the eternal Word HE is the source of all creation.

#### b. Jesus Christ is unique as humankind’s Savior.

Vs. 4 *“In him was life; and the life was the light of men...”*

The Bible declares and science affirms that life is in the blood. But there is only one blood that can redeem us. It is Christ alone.

Acts 4:12 *“There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*

**c. Jesus Christ is unique as the church's chief Shepherd.**

John 10:11 *"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."*

HE is not only a good shepherd HE is the ONE that lays down HIS life for the sheep. HE alone guides, provides, leads and feeds HIS church. HE alone builds HIS church! We as sheep are absolutely dependent upon the Chief Shepherd and Bishop (Overseer) of our souls.

**d. Jesus Christ is unique as heaven's sovereign over the universe.**

vs. 10 *"He was in the world, and the world was made by him..."*

World is the word kosmos; the basic meaning is **order or arrangement**; This idea of order is always present in the meaning of universe or world in the sense of that which is well arranged and that which has order or harmoniously arranged. Jesus, the Word, spoke the universe into a harmonious arrangement. HE the creator has absolute authority. HE as Sovereign Lord gives us the right to self-government, to absolute self-determination. These are God endowed privileges invested to every human being. There are rulers and kings in the earth but none can be Sovereign over the universe! None can cause it to function in harmonious order...therefore only HE is appointed as King and Lord over HIS creation!

**e. Jesus Christ is unique as God's Son.**

vs. 29 *"And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."*

Not all uses of the term son are the same. The term son is used literally in the sense of a male child. But it also denotes descendants or the succeeding generation of people. Example: The Sons of Israel. Sons in this case would imply children of Israel.

But the idea of Son and specifically Son of God is remarkable in that it carries great significance and great mystery. Jesus' sonship reveals HIS relationship to God the Father, HIS role as Messiah and HIS divine nature. Jesus did not become the Son of God at what we call HIS earthly birth...rather HE is eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

**Why do we believe HE is the Son of God?** The Old Testament points HIS coming; Moses said the Lord would raise up a Prophet like him; other prophets called HIM the Son of David; Isaiah told us a virgin would bring forth a son and they would call HIM Emmanuel, God with us; John the Baptist reveals HIM to be the Son of God at HIS baptism: Angels and demons call HIM the Son of God; the Apostle declare HIM to be the Son of God; Peter thou art the Christ the Son of the Living God. Jesus declares HE is the Son of God!

Many argue and even hate the term Son... but it is God's revelation of HIMSELF. We didn't choose how HE chose to reveal HIMSELF. I accept the revelation of HIMSELF but also look for the richness of this meaning.

Jesus Christ is uniquely the Son of God and the revealer of the Father to humankind. Yet HE is fully God.

This is the Christmas reality...it is remarkable...unique and one that we like the angles stand and marvel as we look into this mystery.