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Melbourne Church of Christ

"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."

What Does the 'Son of God' Mean?

by Aaron Berry

When we hear the term, *son*, we typically think of biological offspring. However, when used in reference to Jesus Christ, the title takes on multiple meanings and carries great significance. As the Son of God, Jesus exemplified a perfect relationship with the Father. His sonship was also connected to his role as the chosen Messiah, prophesied to bring salvation to men. The term *Son* is often used to designate a chosen vessel for an important task.

In John 1:49, Nathanael equates Jesus' sonship with kingship when he says, "You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" As such, Jesus has the preeminence and authority over creation, being the eternal Son of God.

Perhaps most significantly, the term "Son of God" speaks of Jesus' deity. Jesus spoke clearly that he and the Father were equal in nature and essence (John 10:30; John 14:11). In Colossians, Jesus is described as God's "beloved Son" (Colossians 1:13) and is "the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15). Hebrews describes him as the "radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature" (Hebrews 1:3). When Jesus' disciples saw him calm the storm in Matthew 14, they worshipped him and called him the "Son of God." Their worshipful response indicates that they viewed Jesus the Son as God himself.

Jesus did not become the Son of God at the moment of his earthly birth. The Bible describes him as the preexistent Son of God whom the Father sent into the world (John 3:17; John 11:27). The title also does *not* mean that God the Father created God the Son, as is the teaching in Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormonism.

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The Encouragement Group meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come serve with us as we reach into our community!

Sunday Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
Wed. Services 6:00 p.m.

Visitors, please take a card from the back of the pew, fill it out, and put it in the offering tray. We are glad you're here and want you to know that you're welcome in the family of Christ that meets here!

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- There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for teachers for children's church for kids ages 2-5 and ages 6-11.
- Nancy Richardson is in Pioneer Nursing Home and would love for you to stop by and say hi.
- David Smith has been moved to Pioneer for physical therapy. Please keep him and Debbie Lord in prayer.
- CourtneyAnn Minick's grandfather, David Minick, has terminal cancer. Please keep David, CourtneyAnn, and their family in prayer.
- Bob Morris is in Pioneer for physical therapy. Please keep Bob and his family in prayer.
- Dennis Dobbs, Shelby Qualls brother in law, had a leg amputated. Please keep Dennis and his wife Gwenda in prayer.

Opening Prayer.....Danny Runion
Communion Reading.....Shelby Qualls
Closing Prayer.....Kelley Don Webb



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John 1:3 states that Jesus was the creator of all things and "without him was not anything made that was made." This phrase clearly designated Jesus as an uncreated being, since all created beings were made through Jesus.

Because Jesus is the Son of God, he is God himself. It is quite common for people to consider Jesus as "just a good a person," not as God himself who demands our worship. But Jesus himself did not leave any room for doubt regarding his own identity. He clearly attested to his own deity.

Most clearly in the Gospel of John, Jesus made several direct statements regarding his deity (John 8:56-58; John 10:30-33; John 12:44-46; John 14:6-9). If Jesus were just a good teacher and not God in the flesh, he would not have made such direct and stunning claims. Even God calls Jesus, God, in Hebrews 1:8-9 which is quoted from Psalm 45:6-7. The title Son of God means that Jesus is God, and that is exactly what the Bible positively confirms.

Prayer List

Military: Derek & Allison Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman, Shirley Hill, Imogene James, Bill Roland

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| Boyde Martin | Wilma Cooper | Phyllis Gilbreath | Dorothy Teague |
| Ruby Patillo | Joe Gultner | Cornelia Summers | Christie Haney |
| Joanna Smith | Wayne Crosby | Brooke Partin | Toby Weatherford |
| Sanyia Austin | Charlotte Cooper | John Young | Regenia Gillihan |
| Regina Master | Shawna Teegarden | Gage Barns | John Ward |
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January Birthdays

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| Eula Faye Fulbright 1 st | Shayann Caraway 2 nd | Emma Caraway 3 rd |
| Marshall Branscum 3 rd | Anthony Weston 7 th | Emmitt Weston 8 th |
| Julie Teague 10 th | Kimberly Hoskinds 12 th | Harper Cotter 13 th |
| Melissa Lamb 14 th | Kiley Carter 14 th | Arlene Davidson 15 th |
| Lance Cannon 17 th | Charles Everett 19 th | Ken Bone 20 th |
| Wayne Crosby 20 th | Rusty Treat 20 th | Hannah Lamb 22 nd |
| David Hoskinds 23 rd | Sharon Watson 23 rd | Rhetha Lamb 24 th |
| Jeanette Everett 24 th | Trey Lamb 25 th | Daylee Brightwell 25 th |
| Zori Brightwell 25 th | Joe Paul Smith 28 th | Adam Hoskinds 31 st |
| | | Caleb Gross 31 st |


January Anniversaries

John & Marilyn Smith 18th
 Jack & Lisa Hendrix 24th

Dates to Remember

Ladies Night Out 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.
 Ladies Bible Study 1st, 2nd, 3rd Monday @ 6 p.m.
 Men meet 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.
 Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

1 John 5:9-13, "The testimony of God is that He has testified concerning His Son. The one who does not believe God has made God a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life."

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