



“HOW CAN A SON BE EQUAL TO THE FATHER?”

QUESTION: How can the scriptures call little baby Jesus as the Father?

ANSWER: The Holy Scriptures say *“For unto us a **child** (Jesus) is **born**, unto us a son is given: ... his name shall be called ... **The mighty God, The everlasting Father** ...”* ([Isaiah 9:6](#))

The Bible definition of what a son is, is not the same as the world’s definition. The world describes a son with **earthly** characteristics, while the Bible says it’s about **place of origin**.

When a man has a son there are many **obvious** differences - the son is very small, not as strong, hasn’t had a job, doesn’t have any money, hasn’t been to school to learn anything, and so on.

But the Holy Scriptures are **NOT** referring to any of that when it talks about what a son is.

THE BIBLE DEFINITION OF A SON IS SIMPLY CALLED AN ‘ISSUE’.

In the Bible, a son is **simply something that has come out of the father**.

When the prophet Isaiah talks to King Hezekiah, he calls the king’s sons by the term **“issue”**.

*“And of thy **sons** that shall **issue** from thee, which thou shalt **beget**, shall they take away; ...”* ([2 Kings 20:18](#)).

Indeed when a man dies without having had any children, it is said that he died **without an issue** ... this means he died without giving birth to any offspring.

An everyday example is the **lava** that **issues** out of a volcano.

When you turn on a tap, the **water issues** out of the pipe.

So to be called a **son** simply means you have been **issued** out of your father, and has nothing to do with height, weight, career, influence, intelligence or money and so on.

To be called a son is simply about **where you came from – your origin**.

LIKE GIVES BIRTH TO LIKE

Now the Bible principle is that everything **produces** its offspring after its own **kind**.

The elephant issues, that is produces, an elephant not a tiger.

Apple trees do **not** produce oranges.

The issue of a cow is a cow. Like produces like.

As the Holy Scriptures say *“And God made the beast of the earth after his **kind**, and cattle after their **kind**, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his **kind**: and God saw that it was good.”* ([Genesis 1:25](#)).

AN EXPRESSO COFFEE MACHINE

Ever had an espresso coffee from an espresso coffee machine?

Hot water is passed through the coffee powder and the essence of the powder is **expressed** into a cup as a brown liquid.

Now this is very poor example, but Christ was 'expressed out of God' when Jesus Christ left heaven.

Jesus Christ is called "**the express image**" of God. "*Who being the brightness of his (God's) glory, and **the express image of his person** ...*" ([Hebrews 1:3](#)).

In heaven he is called the Word ([1 John 5:7](#)) but when expressed out of God, his earthly name became the Lord Jesus Christ. To say someone is "the son of ..." simply means that the son has **come out from** or **emerged from** the father and is the **same** as the father.

JESUS AS THE SON OF GOD THEREFORE IS GOD

The Holy Scriptures say "God is a Spirit" ([John 4:24](#)) and as Jesus is the Son of God, he must also have been a Spirit in heaven at the beginning before he came to earth.

The Holy Scriptures say of Jesus Christ, called the Word in heaven, that he is God.

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and **these three are one.**" ([1 John 5:7](#))

Furthermore, the Holy Scriptures say

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God...** And **the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us ...**" ([John 1:1, 14](#))

So the offspring out of God is God. This is the reason Jesus could say "I and my Father are one." ([John 10:30](#)) and this is why "... the Jews sought the more to kill him (Jesus), because he ... said also that **God was his Father, making himself equal with God.**" ([John 5:18](#)).

God produces God. God issues out of himself God. Out of God comes God.

Indeed, that's why God the Father can say to God the Son, Jesus Christ "**But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: ...**" ([Hebrews 1:8](#)).

JESUS AS A MAN IS THE SON OF MAN

Just as Jesus is a man he is called the Son of man.

Jesus was a Spirit in heaven (called the Word [1John 5:7](#)) and he is also flesh as the Son of man.

He is both God and man at the same time.

Just as science has proven that light is both particle form and wave form, Jesus Christ, also called the Light ([John 1:9](#)), and is God and man at the same time ... that is ... the Son of God and the Son of man.

JESUS IS THE SON OF MAN

As Jesus was a man he can be called the Son of man. Jesus Christ "... made himself of **no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**" ([Philippians 2:7-8](#)).

THE GODHEAD HAS THREE PERSONS

God is made up of the Godhead (loosely called the trinity [Acts 17:29](#); [Romans 1:20](#); [Colossians 2:9](#)) which is the three persons – God the **Father**, God the **Son** and God the **Holy Ghost** ([1 John 5:7](#)). One God but three persons.

Like an apple with three parts – the core is the apple, the flesh is the apple and the skin is the apple. **Three parts but one apple.**

Another example is the **sun** in the sky which has **light, heat** and **invisible actinic** (invisible) **rays** which come out of it.

Three parts but one sun. Similarly, God has three parts but there is only one God.

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT GOD WAS JESUS' FATHER?

*"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as **his mother Mary** was espoused to Joseph, **before** they came together, she was found **with child of the Holy Ghost.**"*

([Matthew 1:18](#))

Can you see that? Joseph was not the father of Jesus but the Holy Ghost was.

In heaven Jesus is called **the Word** ([1 John 5:7](#)) and the Holy Ghost took the Word, Jesus Christ, of out heaven and placed it in Mary's womb, and when born, the Word was known as Jesus Christ.

JESUS GREW IN WISDOM AND STATURE

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." ([Luke 2:52](#)) Of course he did. He learnt many things – how to be a carpenter, how to earn a living and so on. But he was always God in the flesh ... he came from the Godhead.

So if we come to the holy scriptures wanting to change the meaning of words with our own definitions we will be sadly disappointed. We will start to believe what we want to believe and destroy God's meanings of words.

Misunderstanding what a son is in the Bible gives men another example of not believing what the holy scriptures **actually say.**

People are too ready to put their own interpretation with "Oh, what that **means** is this" before studying "what the scriptures **say**".

People have destroyed the true meaning of the phrase "the son of ..." and substituted it with another.

The Jews knew that Jesus, to be called the Son of God, meant that he was God, come out of heaven, to be God in the flesh.

The holy scriptures say *"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was man-ifest in the flesh, ..."*** ([1 Timothy 3:16](#)).

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