

Jesus Christ—The Son of God

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I. Introduction.

A. Since believers are predestined to be like Christ, we ought to be concerned with what Jesus is like.

B. Text: John 20:30-31, Luke 1.

C. The purpose John recorded the events about Jesus is so that a person might believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God and have life in Him.

D. When Jesus left heaven for Earth, He laid aside His authority. As the son of God, Jesus is deity. As the Son of Man, Jesus is human.

E. If Jesus is not the Son of God we have no hope.

F. Both an angel and God the Father Himself announced that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Peter confesses that Jesus was the Son of God. The demons confess that Jesus was the Son of God. All throughout the Scriptures there are confessions that Jesus is the Son of God. God wants everybody to believe that Jesus is exactly who He says He is—the Son of God. (Matthew 3, Matthew 17)

II. Our self-centeredness results in a diminished form of faith. If a person believes in the Son of God, it will affect everything that he is and does.

A. We have lost our sense of the awesomeness of God.

B. If you are a child of God you are always standing in the presence of the omnipotent God.

C. If Christ is not the Son of God He is a liar. A person has to take Jesus as He is or he does not get Him.

III. When we get to heaven, we will be like Jesus the Son of God.

A. Jesus is the unique loved Son of God. Jesus is the son of whom the Father is well pleased. (John 3:16)

B. God knows that we are not perfect. God does not expect us to be perfect. To be well pleasing to the Lord is to be walking in the Spirit and growing under His patience and kindness.

C. Jesus is the exact image of the Father. Jesus was the Son that honored His Father. (Colossians 1:15, John 8:49)

D. If a person wants to have knowledge of God, he must have a knowledge of God the Father and Jesus Christ His Son. (John 17:1-5)

E. The Son of God lives inside every believer. Our physical bodies are set apart because they house the Son of God. There are some activities that Jesus will not participate in, so we must be mindful with what we do with our bodies. (John 20:31)

F. Believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God results in eternal life. If anybody else died but the Son of God, we would still be lost.

Application questions:

1. How would you respond to somebody who says that Scripture does not teach that Jesus is God's Son?

2. What difference does believing that Jesus is the Son of God make for a person personally?

3. How can you make yourself more aware that Jesus is indwelling you this week in a practical and provable way? Explain.
