

1 What Does "The Only Begotten Son of God" Really Means?

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23 It may surprise some of you to know that most people --
24 including quite a few Christians -- do NOT fully understand
25 what the phrase "only begotten son of God" really means. Of
26 course, many of them may THINK that they do, but personally,
27 I am inclined to believe that they actually do NOT properly
28 understand this phrase.

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30 Honestly speaking, when I was a young Christian some sixty
31 years ago, I didn't really properly grasp the meaning of the
32 phrase either. However, as I have pointed out before, quite
33 a few years ago, I looked more deeply into this matter, and
34 it was only then that I truly came to understand the unique
35 significance of this phrase. Having said that, allow me to
36 share my thoughts with you concerning this issue for your
37 personal consideration. You can then decide whether or not
38 you want to agree or disagree with me.

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40 The first point we need to establish is that, contrary to
41 the long-held view which has been traditionally embraced by
42 organized religion - meaning the churches - which promotes
43 the erroneous view that Jesus is the only son of God, the
44 Scriptures plainly declare that God in fact has MANY sons.

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46 No, my friends; I am not referring to John 1:12 and similar
47 Bible verses which describe how we can become the adopted
48 children of God through our faith in the atoning Sacrifice
49 of Jesus Christ. Rather, I am actually referring to God's
50 OTHER spiritual sons, who since the very beginning of God's
51 creation, have resided in the Heavenly Realm. They were all
52 created by our Heavenly Father. As some of you will already
53 know, the Book of Job in particular refers to these beings
54 as "morning stars" and "sons of God". I assume that this
55 includes the various Angels who are mentioned throughout the
56 Scriptures. While it is just my personal speculation, I tend
57 to believe that these spiritual beings are referred to as
58 "morning stars" because God the Father made them at the dawn
59 of His creation.

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61 At any rate, the Patriarch Job in fact informs us in the
62 opening chapters of his book that Satan presented himself
63 amongst these sons of God in the Courts of Heaven. Please
64 consider the following group of interesting verses which
65 confirm these two points:

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67 "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of
68 God shouted for joy?"

69 Job 38:7, KJV

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71 "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present
72 themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them."

73 Job 1:6, KJV

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75 "Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present
76 themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them
77 to present himself before the LORD."

78 Job 2:1, KJV

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80 Clearly then, there should be no doubt in your mind that God
81 truly does have MANY other spiritual sons, and that Jesus
82 Christ is NOT the only son of God. Now, before some of you
83 start freaking out, jumping to erroneous conclusions, and
84 accusing me of being a false teacher and a heretic, allow me
85 to continue.

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87 You see, while Jesus is not the ONLY son of God -- as per the
88 previous verses -- He is most certainly the only BEGOTTEN Son
89 of God. Now THAT is where confusion enters the picture for a
90 lot of Bible-believing Christians. In other words, how can

91 the Bible on one hand declare that God the Father has many
92 spiritual sons in the Heavenly Realm, and then turn around
93 and state that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God? What is
94 going on here?

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96 My friends, relax. There is absolutely no contradiction here.
97 As I have mentioned before, in my experience, any seeming
98 contradiction in the Scriptures is a result of our own lack
99 of a proper understanding of what we are reading. So, in this
100 case, the solution to this seeming contradiction is found by
101 determining precisely what the phrase "only begotten son of
102 God" really means. Would you like to know? Good; because I
103 will now tell you precisely what I discovered many years ago,
104 which you can easily prove for yourself.

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106 The simple truth of the matter is that throughout the Holy
107 Scriptures -- both in the Old and the New Testaments -- the
108 words beget, begat, and begotten are very specifically used
109 as the verb to describe PHYSICAL HUMAN CHILDBIRTH. We find
110 these words in the Scriptures over and over again; no doubt
111 hundreds of times; so there is a very strong basis for this
112 understanding of these words.

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114 Now do you get it? If not, let me explain it more clearly to
115 you. In other words, Jesus is the only begotten Son of God
116 because He is the ONLY spiritual son of God who was born
117 into this physical world through the process of physical
118 human childbirth. He was begotten of a human woman, meaning
119 Mary -- or Miriam -- the wife-to-be of Joseph -- or Yosef.
120 In fact, this event of a son of the Most High being born in
121 human flesh -- or begotten -- was so important, that it is
122 mentioned in Bible prophecy, and in other verses, multiple
123 times, as we can determine by the following group of verses:

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125 "Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain
126 came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such
127 a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made
128 to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at
129 once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her
130 children [son]."

131 Isaiah 66:7-8, KJV

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133 "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a
134 virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his
135 name Immanuel."

136 Isaiah 7:14, KJV

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138 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and
139 the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name
140 shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The
141 everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

142 Isaiah 9:6, KJV

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144 "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his
145 name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

146 Matthew 1:21, KJV

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148 "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring
149 forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."

150 Luke 1:31, KJV

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152 "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in
153 swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there
154 was no room for them in the inn."

155 Luke 2:7, KJV

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157 "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all
158 nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto
159 God, and to his throne."

160 Revelation 12:5, KJV

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162 No other spiritual son of God has ever done this. At least
163 we find no mention of such an event in the accepted canon.
164 So I am personally convinced that this is the real meaning
165 of the phrase "only begotten son of God". It is one of the
166 primary reasons why Jesus Christ is indeed so very unique.
167 He did what no other spiritual son of God had ever done
168 before. Furthermore, I believe that this is precisely what
169 the Apostle John is referring to in the following verse:

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171 "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess
172 not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a
173 deceiver and an antichrist."

174 2 John 1:7, KJV

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176 Of course, as all Bible-believing Christians know, what also
177 makes Jesus unique, is what He did for us all, after He was
178 born in human flesh, and after He grew into a young man. It
179 is precisely because Jesus willingly sacrificed Himself for
180 the sins of humanity, so that our broken relationship can be

181 restored with God the Father, that God has highly exalted
182 Him above EVERY OTHER spiritual son of God, and given Him a
183 name which is ABOVE every other name, as we can also easily
184 confirm by the following group of verses:

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186 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
187 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be
188 equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took
189 upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness
190 of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled
191 himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of
192 the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and
193 given him a name which is above every name: That at the name
194 of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and
195 things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every
196 tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
197 glory of God the Father."

198 Philippians 2:5-11, KJV

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200 "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee
201 shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

202 Romans 14:11, KJV

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204 "Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the
205 dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly
206 places, Far above all principality, and power, and might,
207 and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this
208 world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all
209 things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all
210 things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him
211 that filleth all in all."

212 Ephesians 1:20-23, KJV

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214 But that is not all. Not only was Jesus the only son of God
215 to be born through physical human childbirth, but as you
216 will probably already know, He was also the first begotten
217 of the dead, and the Fruitsfruits of a new race of spiritual
218 beings. This point becomes evident by the following group of
219 verses, which declare that we too will undergo a similar
220 transformation at the moment of our physical death, if we
221 believe in Him:

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223 "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth
224 in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves
225 also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we

226 ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption,
227 to wit, the redemption of our body . . . For whom he did
228 foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the
229 image of his Son, THAT HE MIGHT BE THE FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY
230 BRETHREN."

231 Romans 8:22-23, 29, KJV

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233 "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all
234 men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead,
235 AND BECOME THE FIRSTFRUITS OF THEM THAT SLEPT. For since by
236 man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the
237 dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be
238 made alive. But every man in his own order: CHRIST THE
239 FIRSTFRUITS; afterward they that are Christ's at his
240 coming."

241 1 Corinthians 15:19-23, KJV

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243 "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to
244 be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who
245 hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath
246 translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we
247 have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of
248 sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, THE FIRSTBORN
249 OF EVERY CREATURE . . . And he is the head of the body, the
250 church: who is the beginning, THE FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD;
251 that in all things he might have the preeminence."

252 Colossians 1:12-15, 18, KJV

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254 "To the general assembly and CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN, which
255 are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to
256 the spirits of just men made perfect,"

257 Hebrews 12:23, KJV

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259 "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we
260 should be A KIND OF FIRSTFRUITS OF HIS CREATURES."

261 James 1:18, KJV

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263 "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and THE
264 FIRST BEGOTTEN OF THE DEAD, and the prince of the kings of
265 the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our
266 sins in his own blood . . . I am he that liveth, and was
267 dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have
268 the keys of hell and of death."

269 Revelation 1:5, 18, KJV

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271 "These are they which were not defiled with women; for they
272 are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb
273 whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men,
274 BEING THE FIRSTFRUITS UNTO GOD and to the Lamb."
275 Revelation 14:4, KJV

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277 Thus we see that the word "begotten" has a double meaning.
278 Not only does it refer to how Jesus was the only spiritual
279 son of God who was born in human flesh, but it also refers
280 to how He became "the first begotten of dead". Absolutely
281 amazing! And that, my dear friends, is what I personally
282 believe the phrase "only begotten son of God" really means.
283 There is nothing blasphemous about it whatsoever, and as you
284 can see, this interpretation of the phrase is firmly based
285 on the Scriptures. But again, you must determine for
286 yourself if I have spoken the truth.

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288 With these thoughts, I will bring this article to a close. It
289 is my hope that you have found it informative, enlightening,
290 and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life as well.
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