

# IS JESUS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD? : PART 1

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Modern Judicial System, Shameless Mock Trials, Perjury And False Witnesses, Laws Are Zionist Tool For The Destruction Of Christianity, A Religion Of Faith, Spiritual Blindness, Parables, Self-Inflicted Divine Judgments And Chastisements

In our modern judiciary system, a person's innocence or guilt concerning any given matter is sometimes determined by the accused, or his defense attorney, presenting specific evidence and witnesses, as well as the plaintiff, or the prosecuting attorney, presenting his evidence and witnesses. After both parties have had ample opportunity to present their case before the judge and jury, it is then up to the jury members to carefully weigh the facts which have been set before them; and to deliberate until they can reach a unanimous verdict. This process finds its precedent, in part, in the Scriptures. For example, in the New Testament we find both Jesus and the Apostle Paul reiterating what is found in the Mosaic Law:

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."  
Matthew 18:15-20, KJV

"This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."  
2 Corinthians 13:1, KJV

"Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses."  
1 Timothy 5:19, KJV

"He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:"  
Hebrews 10:28, KJV

Tragically, due to moral and spiritual corruption, both then and now, these cases are not always decided fairly. In other words, they are mock trials; because the guilt or the

innocence of the accused party has already been decided even before any evidence has been presented. In the mind of the Christian, the most famous mock trial is undoubtedly the one which condemned Jesus Christ to die a slow horrible death by Roman crucifixion. In that particular case, we are clearly told that the Sanhedrin bribed false witnesses into testifying against the innocent Jesus:

"Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?"  
Matthew 26:59-62, KJV

This would not be the last time that the evil unbelieving Jews would try to silence the Voice of Truth by bribing false witnesses into testify against the Lord's children. Realizing how successful they had been to destroy Jesus, it wasn't long before these unholy vipers began dragging His followers to the judgment seat as well. This occurred in direct fulfillment of Jesus' own words when He said:

"Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."  
John 15:20, KJV

"But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them."  
Mark 13:9, KJV

The Book of Acts contains quite a few examples of how the jealous Jews fulfilled the words of our Lord. One famous mock trial revolves around the martyr Stephen, who was killed in Acts chapter seven. What started out as a religious dispute in the synagogue, soon developed into a full-fledged trial before the Sanhedrin, in which certain false witnesses accused Stephen of blasphemy:

"Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God. And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council, And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law: For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us."  
Acts 6:9-14, KJV

Stephen delivered such a powerful testimony before the Jewish kangaroo court, that those present had to literally stop their ears as they dragged him outside of the gates of Jerusalem where they stoned him:

"Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep."  
Acts 7:57-60, KJV

These are but two examples of the many treacherous lies perpetrated by the Satan-inspired enemies of the Lord's children by way of their corrupt judiciary system. In the Old Testament, about one thousand years before Jesus ever came in the flesh, we find another perfect example of the corruption which was rampant within the Jewish court of law. As you will see, it was partially because of this particular incident, that the ancient Israelites demanded that the Prophet Samuel provide them with an Earthly king; just like the pagan nations around them:

"And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beersheba. And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."  
1 Samuel 8:1-5, KJV

As I point out in my in-depth and revelatory series "The International Jew And The Protocols Of Zion", these acts of perjury, that is, setting up false witnesses who knowingly and purposely lie in the courtroom, are not limited to the ancient Israelites or to their New Testament counterparts. In fact, there is ample evidence to suggest that the modern Jews, or more specifically, the Zionists, have quietly positioned themselves within judiciary systems around the world, all for the specific purpose of slowly destroying Christianity by means of man-made laws. As I have pointed out in other articles, it is through this practice of imposing the corrupt laws made by the few upon the many, that the Law of God has for the most part been totally neutralized and abrogated, or abolished, precisely as was revealed by Jesus Christ Himself in the following verses:

"Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like

things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition . . . Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye."  
Mark 7:5-9, 13, KJV

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."  
Matthew 23:23, KJV

This crime and act of rebellion against the God of Heaven is clearly and sadly revealed in the United States of America, a supposedly God-fearing nation, where Christian prayer has been prohibited within the public school system, where manger scenes and other religiously-oriented objects have been outlawed on government property, where antichristian practices such as abortion and gay and lesbian relationships are encouraged, supported and protected by law, and where it may eventually even become illegal to own a Bible! All of these things have occurred as a result of allowing the Zionist conspirators to infiltrate the American judicial system; either directly by placing their own lawyers and judges in positions where they can affect matters of the law, or else by corrupting those who are in such positions by means of various forms of bribery. As we have already seen, this plan has been in effect since the time that Jesus Christ was brought before the Sanhedrin. As I point out in the aforementioned series, almost one hundred and twenty years ago, a certain document came to light which reveals that the Zionists have never veered from the course first set in Jerusalem so many years ago.

On January 13, 1489, a certain Jewish Rabbi by the name of Chemor, of Arles, a town in the region of Provence, France, wrote a letter to the Grand Sanhedrin in which he sought some desperately-needed advice. It seems that the French citizens were threatening the local synagogues of that area, and the Rabbi wasn't quite sure how to respond to the tense situation. Following are some shocking excerpts from the cut and dry response he received from his superiors. This is part of a bona fide document which was published in 1880 in the "Revue Des Etudes Juives", a publication which just so happened to be financed by James de Rothschild of the influential German-Jewish Rothschild financial empire!:

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"Dear beloved brethren in Moses, we have received your letter in which you tell us of the anxieties and misfortunes which you are enduring. We are pierced by as great pain to hear it as yourselves."

"The advice of the Grand Satraps and Rabbis is the following: --"

"As for the many other vexations you complain of: arrange that your sons become advocates and lawyers, and see that they always mix themselves up with the affairs of State, in order that by putting Christians under your yoke you may

dominate the world and be avenged on them."

"Do not swerve from this order that we give you, because you will find by experience that, humiliated as you are, you will reach the actuality of power."

"Signed V. S. S.A.F. F., Prince of the Jews, 21st Caslue (November), 1489."

----- End Of Quote -----

That these court officials are liars and perjurers of the worst kind, is clearly revealed to us by the words of Jesus Christ spoken almost two thousand years ago, when He boldly accused them of the following:

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."  
John 8:44, KJV

In the world today, even outside of the Zionist-controlled judicial systems, there are also many false witnesses and deceived persons who scoff at those who cling in hope to the message of Salvation contained in the Gospels. This is in direct fulfillment of a prophecy uttered by Peter almost two thousand years ago:

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."  
2 Peter 3:3-4, KJV

In his Epistle to the Hebrews, the Apostle Paul clearly tells us that ours is a religion of faith; and that without such faith, it is impossible to please God:

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen . . . But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."  
Hebrews 11:1, 6, KJV

Despite this Biblical truth, these foul-mouthed Endtime mockers of the Word of God demand some kind of physical or scientific evidence before they will believe. Naturally, short of an outright miracle, or the coming Wrath of God, there is absolutely no way that we can meet their demands for proof; at least not to their satisfaction. In fact, even if they were to witness modern-day miracles, I still don't think that it would change some of these people's hearts. As I have explained in other articles, some of these scoffers have had their minds darkened and their hearts hardened to such a degree, that they are totally past feeling the conviction of God's Spirit. This is precisely what the Apostle Paul tells us. In fact, Peter adds that they are brute beasts which will be destroyed:

"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."  
Ephesians 4:17-19, KJV

"But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;"  
2 Peter 2:12, KJV

Taking another look at the past, we know that even though many signs and wonders were performed by the hand of Moses, it didn't change the heart of Pharaoh King of Egypt one bit; any more than the miracles of Jesus changed the hearts of the unbelieving Scribes and Pharisees and their blind obedient followers. Consider some of the things that Jesus said concerning the enemies of His day:

"Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."  
Matthew 13:13-15, KJV

"Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty. Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? . . . Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also."  
Matthew 23:16-19, 24-26, KJV

"And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?"  
Luke 6:39, KJV

". . . If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."  
Luke 16:31b, KJV

This is precisely what happened too. Even though Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, as well as the daughter of

Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, the hard-hearted Jews still did not believe. It seems that the more the truth is shown to some people, the more they harden their hearts against it. This is certainly true in our modern day as more and more people place their faith in science and technology, the new gods of this world. If trying to prove the Divinity of Christ were handled in a Earthly court of law, we would definitely lose the case; at least in the eyes of the unbelievers. However, by even dragging us into court for such a thing, they might not realize it now, but THEY are the ones who are really being put on trial by God Himself; for you see, Jesus told us in the Gospels:

"For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."  
Matthew 12:37, KJV

Many people do not realize it, but by speaking words against the Children of God, or by causing them harm, they are judging themselves. They are bringing God's chastisements upon themselves. I discuss this topic more fully in the article "Exposing The Judge Not Fallacy". This act of bringing God's judgments upon oneself is precisely what happened to Pharaoh of Egypt in the days of Moses. The final plague of Egypt came right out of Pharaoh's own mouth:

"And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die . . . And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more."  
Exodus 10:28, 11:4-6, KJV

Just for the sake of argument, what if we were to hold a trial in order to prove, or in the case of our enemies, to disprove, the validity of the Divine Origin and unique Sonship of Jesus Christ? Naturally, the best witnesses we could find would be those who have firsthand knowledge of the events surrounding this Man's life. With this in mind, I have assembled some firsthand witnesses who are willing to come to the defense of He who has dared to call Himself the Son of God. Of course, we know that the Lord doesn't really need anyone to come to His defense; but this is an imaginary trial to simply prove a point.

Before calling the "Accused" to the witness stand, let's open the case by turning our attention to the first Defense Witness. Our First Witness carries a lot of Authority, and also has a tremendous amount of Influence on this world. I seriously doubt that the Prosecuting Attorney, that is, A.G. Satan, will want to cross-examine this particular Witness. Tragically, this Witness felt that it was in our best interest that He didn't make a Personal Appearance, as it would have been too overwhelming for us mere humans. Thus, instead, He has left this court with His Written Testimony which He has asked us to share with you. His first piece of evidence is the following: During Jesus' water baptism by

John, three of the Gospel writers recorded the Words of our First Witness in the following events:

"And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."  
Matthew 3:17, KJV

"And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."  
Mark 1:11, KJV

"And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."  
Luke 3:22, KJV

You will recall that one of the requirements of the Law is that for a thought to be valid, it must be established in the mouth of two or three witnesses. As can be seen, these statements, made by three different individuals, agree perfectly with each other; thus, there can be no doubt that they are valid testimony and can be admitted as evidence in this case. Let us continue now by examining some additional remarks provided by our First Witness. When Jesus took Peter, James and John up into a high mountain alone and was transfigured before them, we also find these three same Gospel writers recording the following Words from our First Witness:

"While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."  
Matthew 17:5, KJV

"And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him."  
Mark 9:7, KJV

"And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him."  
Luke 9:35, KJV

An undetermined number of years later, the Apostle Peter referred back to the above event in his second Epistle. In recalling this wonderful experience, which undoubtedly affected him for the rest of his life, he wrote as follows:

"For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."  
2 Peter 1:17, KJV

This is the second powerful testimony which has now been confirmed in the mouth of three witnesses. Just like the previous one, it comes down straight from The Top; as such, there is absolutely no reason why it should not also be admitted to this court as valid testimony. Thus far, this man, Jesus Christ, seems to be exactly who He claims to be; that is, the Son of God. For those of you sitting up in the balconies, it appears that the Prosecuting Attorney, A.G. Satan, has suddenly been afflicted with a severe case of the



courtroom jitters. Could it be that he already sees his case falling apart? For those jury members who foolishly wish to dismiss these statements as being pure fabrications made by our First Witness, He wisely foresaw this possibility ahead of time, and thus left the following admonitions for your consideration:

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"  
Numbers 23:19, KJV

"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."  
Romans 3:4, KJV

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"  
Titus 1:2, KJV

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."  
John 8:44, KJV

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."  
1 John 2:22, KJV

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son."  
1 John 5:10, KJV

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."  
1 John 1:10, KJV

With our most powerful Witness having now presented His Evidence, there appears to be little doubt in the jury box that Jesus Christ is indeed the Son of God. At this point in the trial, it doesn't seem likely that any of the jurors are going to accuse Him of being a liar. As the Apostle Paul wrote, they all seem to be fully persuaded that these things are so:

". . . Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."  
Romans 14:5, KJV

This isn't making A.G. Satan very happy in the least. While he is doing his best to try to convince the jurors that the First Witness has lied to them, clearly, only a fool would be so stupid as to make such an accusation against Him. Sadly, there are indeed some people today who not only deny the existence of the Son of God, but they also reject the existence of His Father as well. Even during the time of King David this condition existed. It is for this reason that he wrote in his fourteenth Psalm:

". . . The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good."

Psalms 14:1b, KJV

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IS JESUS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD? : PART 2

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Taking Jesus Christ "The Accused" To Court, Jesus Is The Son Of God, God Does Not Lie, Additional Firsthand Testimonies, Even The Devils Believe And Tremble, Final Conclusions And Verdict, Strong Meat, Jesus's Unique Status, False Children Of The Kingdom, Jesus Christ: The High Priest Of Melchizedek

For our next witness, we will bring the "Accused" to the stand. Concerning His own relationship to His Father, Jesus is recorded as having said the following in the four Gospels:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

John 3:16-18, KJV

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live."

John 5:25, KJV

"Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?"

John 10:36, KJV

"When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby."

John 11:4, KJV

In addition to this, between the four Gospels and the Book of Revelation, Jesus uses the term "my Father" about sixty times. One of the shortest verses in the four Gospels, yet one of the most powerful examples of this, is found only in the Gospel of John:

"I and my Father are one."  
John 10:30, KJV

Jesus was recognized by many people and spiritual beings as being the Son of God, beginning with the angel Gabriel who appeared to Mary to inform her of her forthcoming pregnancy:

"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."  
Luke 1:35, KJV

John the Baptist not only recognized Jesus as the Son of God, but he also referred to Him as the Lamb of God; the very same term that the Disciple John used in the Book of Revelation:

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world . . . And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God . . . And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!"  
John 1:29, 34, 36, KJV

Jesus was recognized as the Son of God by His Twelve Disciples and by other followers as well. After the Lord had walked across the choppy Sea of Galilee, following the miracle of the loaves and the fishes, they could do nothing but recognize Jesus for who He truly is and thus said:

". . . Of a truth thou art the Son of God."  
Matthew 14:33b, KJV

Later, when they were in the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus again tested the faith of His Disciples by asking them who they believed Him to be. Some of them offered a few answers, but then Simon Peter boldly exclaimed:

". . . Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."  
Matthew 16:16b-17, KJV

The Gospel writer Mark, who some people identify as the same John Mark of the Book of Acts, and possibly the Marcus mentioned in some of the Epistles, who accompanied Paul on some of his missionary journeys, clearly recognized Jesus as the Son of God. The very first words of his Gospel are the following:

"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;"  
Mark 1:1, KJV

Luke the physician, who is also believed to have accompanied Paul on some of his missionary journeys, in writing in his Gospel of the genealogies of Jesus Christ, recorded the following:

"Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God."  
Luke 3:38, KJV

After Jesus had called Philip to be a Disciple, Philip went to find Nathanael to inform him that they had found the Messiah. At first, Nathanael was incredulous, but he later acknowledged his error when he also exclaimed with amazement:

". . . Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel."  
John 1:49b, KJV

Just prior to raising Lazarus from the dead in Bethany, Jesus questioned Martha, the sister of Lazarus and Mary, regarding His Divinity; and she replied:

". . . Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world."  
John 11:27b, KJV

John the Beloved, also known as John the Revelator, author of the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation, and also believed by some to have been the youngest of the Original Twelve, provides ample evidence of the Sonship of Jesus Christ with the following remarks:

"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."  
John 20:31, KJV

"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God."  
1 John 4:15, KJV

"Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? . . . He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son . . . He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God . . . And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."  
1 John 5:5, 10, 12-13, 20, KJV

After being chased out of the Temple, Jesus passed by a blind man whom He healed immediately. This resulted in a confrontation with the unbelieving Pharisees, who even went as far as to call in the man's parents. After the blind man had been questioned and thrown out of the Temple, he

encountered the Lord a second time. Jesus used the opportunity to test the man's faith in the following conversation:

"Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him."

John 9:35-38, KJV

In yet another clear example, at the moment of Jesus' death on the Cross, we are told by two of the Gospel writers, that the Roman centurion, and those who were with him, also recognized the Divine Sonship of Jesus Christ:

"Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God."

Matthew 27:54, KJV

"And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God."

Mark 15:39, KJV

Some time later, when Philip met up with the Ethiopian eunuch in Gaza, after witnessing to him in his chariot from the book of Isaiah, the eunuch also believed in the Lord and said:

". . . I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

Acts 8:37b, KJV

In writing of the conversion of the Apostle Paul, and of how he immediately began preaching the Gospel within days of his life-changing experience, Luke tells us:

"And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God."

Acts 9:20, KJV

Throughout his Epistles, Paul testifies to the fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. For example, he opens his Epistle to the Roman brethren with the following words:

"Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:"

Romans 1:3-4, KJV

Paul continued to declare this very same message in other Epistles with such remarks as the following:

"For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea."

2 Corinthians 1:19, KJV

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."  
Galatians 2:20, KJV

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:"  
Ephesians 4:13, KJV

"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession."  
Hebrews 4:14, KJV

"If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."  
Hebrews 6:6, KJV

"Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"  
Hebrews 10:29, KJV

Not only was Jesus recognized as the Son of God by human beings, but even the very demons He cast out were forced to acknowledge His Divine Nature:

"And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?"  
Matthew 8:29, KJV

"And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God."  
Mark 3:11, KJV

"And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ."  
Luke 4:41, KJV

"When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not."  
Luke 8:28, KJV

In his Epistle, James informs us that the demons are so sure of this truth, that they fear and tremble; probably because they know that their final judgment draws near:

"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble."  
James 2:19, KJV

For any open-minded jury member, it should now be clear from

the preponderance of firsthand testimonies from witnesses who actually knew, met and experienced the Presence and Power of the Christ, that Jesus truly is the Son of God. To even consider that all of these witnesses are mentally unstable, deluded, mistaken, or outright liars, is clearly unthinkable. They saw Him! They heard Him! They experienced Him! They had absolutely no doubt as to who Jesus Christ is! Why then do so many people doubt today? Could it be that there is no longer faith on the Earth exactly as Jesus had predicted?:

". . . Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"  
Luke 18:8b, KJV

If there was anyone who was doubtful regarding Jesus Christ being the Son of God, it was clearly Satan himself, and his evil children, the unbelieving Jewish Elders and their blind followers. In fact, Jesus said that these followers were twice the children of hell as their spiritual overlords, the Scribes and the Pharisees:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."  
Matthew 23:15, KJV

"And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread . . . And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone."  
Matthew 4:3, 6, KJV

"And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread . . . And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:"  
Luke 4:3, 9, KJV

"But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God . . . And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross . . . He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God."  
Matthew 26:63, 27:40, 43, KJV

"Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am."  
Luke 22:70, KJV

"The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."  
John 19:7, KJV

Despite the ridiculous and unfounded objections and

accusations made by A.G. Satan and his spiritually-blind gainsayers and false witnesses, it is plain to see that the evidence is clearly in favor of the "Accused"; thus, after carefully considering and weighing all of these overwhelming testimonies, the jury finds that it can only come to the irrefutable determination that this Man, Jesus Christ, is indeed the very Son of God! Therefore, it is my motion that He is hereby acquitted by this court of all of the false charges libelously and slanderously brought against Him by the rebellious and defiant unbelievers. As King David said in his Psalm, these false witnesses truly are fools in light of the evidence brought against them. The Defendant is hereby released into the custody of His Father. Furthermore, if at any time the Defendant should choose to press charges against His accusers, I would be more than happy to hear His case. This court is now adjourned.

While we have firmly established that Jesus Christ is indeed the very Son of God, there is still very much which remains untold. In His Epistle to the Hebrews, the Apostle Paul delves even deeper into the Origin, Nature, Status and Inheritance of Jesus Christ in the Heavenly Realm. Some of these things are very difficult to understand. As I have stated in other articles such as "Biblical Cafeteria, or the Whole Course?", unlike some of the Early Disciples who learned the Christian doctrine at the feet of the Lord's Apostles, it appears that the Lord revealed a number of deep truths to Paul through direct revelation. This is confirmed by Paul himself when he says in his Epistle to the Church at Galatia:

"But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Galatians 1:11-12, KJV

Because of the profoundness of some of these topics, and due to the possibility of their being misunderstood by those who are young in the Faith, that is, the spiritual babes, Paul only mentioned some of these things lightly in his letters; for as he also said:

"But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

Hebrews 5:14, KJV

In the very first chapter of this same Epistle, Paul clearly tells us that Jesus Christ is unique and set above all of the rest of the Spiritual Creation, save for God the Father. While it is a bit lengthy, please read the following fourteen verses so that you can see that this is indeed true:

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on



the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Hebrews 1:1-14, KJV

Notice the key points that Paul emphasizes in the previous dissertation. These primary elements establish the foundation for the wonderful truths which Paul reveals in the rest of this amazing letter to the Hebrews:

1. Jesus is the sole heir of the Kingdom of God
2. Jesus created all things
3. Jesus is the express image of God
4. Jesus purged sin from the world by His Sacrifice
5. Jesus sits on the Right Hand of God
6. Jesus is much higher than the angels who minister to Him
7. Jesus is the Son of God

In the following chapters, Paul describes how Jesus Christ willingly left His Heavenly Estate and became lower than the angels so that He might take the sins of the world upon Himself and become the Captain of our Salvation. Consider what he wrote in the second chapter to confirm these very things:

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he

took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted."  
Hebrews 2:9-18, KJV

Jesus spoke of this very same thing in one of His parables found in the Gospel of Luke. In this particular story, He compared Himself to the beloved Son who was sent by the Owner of the vineyard to gather the fruits of the Harvest. As you will see later in this series, these fruits are known as the firstfruits, from the Greek word "aparche", which is pronounced ap-ar-khay'. Jesus then explained how the Kingdom would be taken from the unbelieving Jews who had killed the Son, and be given to others who were more worthy than themselves:

"Then began he to speak to the people this parable; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time. And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty. And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated him shamefully, and sent him away empty. And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast him out. Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him. But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them? He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard it, they said, God forbid. And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner? Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder."  
Luke 20:9-18, KJV

These very same thoughts are revealed in the Gospel of Matthew where we are also told that the Kingdom of Heaven will be taken from those false Jews who erroneously claim to be the true Children of the Kingdom:

"And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."  
Matthew 8:11-12, KJV

We will take another look at these prophecies later on in this series. You might also want to read such articles as "Is God a Racist?" where I provide a preponderance of Scriptural evidence to further confirm this truth. Returning to the book of Hebrews, it is in the third chapter that Paul

introduces us to Jesus as the eternal High Priest of God after the order of Melchizedek, not by His own doing, but rather by His Father's command:

"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; . . . Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession . . . So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec . . . And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec . . . Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec . . ."

Hebrews 3:1, 4:14, 5:5-6, 9-10, 6:20, KJV

What is particularly interesting about this topic is that over a thousand years before the Apostle Paul wrote the above words, King David wrote another Psalm, similar to Psalm Two, in which he not only described the coming Battle of Armageddon, and the Millennium in which Jesus would rule with a rod of iron, but he also described the Lord as a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek:

"[A Psalm of David.] The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries. He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head."

Psalms 110:1-7, KJV

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Our Eternal High Priest, Abraham And Melchizedek, Meanings

Of King Of Peace, King Of Salem, King Of Righteousness And Jerusalem, "Before Abraham Was, I Am", Levitical Priesthood, Annulment Of The Old Priesthood And The Mosaic Law, The Only Son Of God?, Christ Rules During The Millennium With A Rod Of Iron, Defining "The Only Begotten Son Of God", The Spirit Of Antichrist, False Prophets And Messiahs, Ultimate Evil And Delusion, Physical And Spiritual Birth, Coming Into The World

As I mentioned earlier, Paul was somewhat hesitant to share these deep truths with those to whom he ministered, because he knew that they were not capable of understanding them just yet. Following then is the full context of what he wrote:

"Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

Hebrews 5:11-14, KJV

Paul then continues his discourse by stating that it is time to leave behind the well-established elements of the Faith, in order to explore the deeper truths of the Spirit, God permitting:

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit."

Hebrews 6:1-3, KJV

It is later in chapter seven that Paul reveals more to us concerning this mysterious priestly order referred to as Melchizedek, of which Jesus Christ is the High Priest. In fact, from the following verses, it seems rather clear that Paul is saying that Jesus is Melchizedek; and that He is the very one who appeared to Abraham thousands of years before, following the Patriarch's victory over the Babylonian kings when he freed his nephew Lot:

"For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually."

Hebrews 7:1-3, KJV

There are a number of interesting points I would like to

emphasize regarding the previous verses. As Paul states above, the name "Melchizedek" means "King of Righteousness". It is derived from the Hebrew phrase "Malkiy-Tsedek" which means "my king is Sedek". The Hebrew word for "king" is "melek". In the New Testament, in the Gospel of John, we are told that the name of the servant of the high priest, whose ear Peter cut off during Jesus' arrest, was called Malchus:

"Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus."

John 18:10, KJV

This name is derived from the Greek word "malchos", which also means "king" or "kingdom". The challenge then is to discover how we derive the word "Righteousness" from the Hebrew word "Sedek". The answer is rather simple. During the reign of King David, there was a priest by the name of Zadok. This is the very same priest who anointed Solomon as the new king of Israel at Gihon just prior to the death of his father, King David:

"So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon."

1 Kings 1:38-39, KJV

You will notice the similarities between "Sedek" and "Zadok". The name "Zadok" is derived from the Hebrew "tsadowq" which means "righteous". Additionally, "tsadowq" is derived from another Hebrew word, "tsadaq", which means righteous, just, justice, or righteousness. Thus it is that Melchizedek, or "Malkiy-Tsedek", means "my king is Sedek", "my king is righteous", or "King of Righteousness"; exactly as Paul has stated in his Epistle.

Regarding the fact that Paul also calls Melchizedek the "King of Salem" and the "King of Peace", there is also a very simple explanation. The Greek word "Salem" is derived from the Hebrew "shalem", or "shalam", which means "peace". However, there is more to this mystery that what at first is apparent. Salem is also believed by most Jewish commentators to be one of the ancient names of Jerusalem. The name "Jerusalem" is derived from the Hebrew "Yeruwshalaim", or "Yeruwshalayim", which means "teaching of peace"; the word "teaching" being derived from the Hebrew "yarah", or "yara". I personally believe that when Paul calls Jesus, (that is, Melchizedek), "King of Salem", he isn't referring to the Earthly Jerusalem in Israel whatsoever, but rather to the Heavenly City from which Melchizedek originated. After all, it is from there, from the Holy Mount Zion of God, the golden pyramid-shaped New Jerusalem, that we are told by the Prophet Micah, that the law, or the teaching, shall go forth in the last days:

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the

hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

Micah 4:1-2, KJV

You will also find "the mountain of the house of the LORD" discussed in such series as "New Jerusalem: Heavenly City and Mountain of the Lord's House". The rest of the Apostle Paul's description of the High Priest Melchizedek makes it even more clear that he is telling us that Melchizedek is none other than Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God. Notice that Paul states "Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God". If we turn to the Book of Genesis and read the actual story of Abraham's encounter with the mysterious Melchizedek, we discover some very interesting similarities between the actions of this ancient High Priest, and the events which occurred during the "Last Supper":

"And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all."  
Genesis 14:18-20, KJV

In order for you to clearly see these parallels, here then is the short account of the "Last Supper", taken from the Gospel of Luke:

"And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."  
Luke 22:14-20, KJV

Thus we see that just as Jesus had done with His Disciples, so likewise He had done with Abraham several thousands of years before. It is my belief that it is because of this event found in the Book of Genesis, that the Lord made the following mysterious comment to the unbelieving Jewish Elders:

"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."

John 8:56-58, KJV

In his old age, Abraham was indeed blessed to see Jesus Christ ruling as the eternal Melchizedek; the King of Salem, and the High Priest of God. Only four chapters later, in Genesis chapter eighteen, we again discover that the Lord appeared to Abraham with two of His Angels in the plain of Mamre, just prior to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. You will find this incident discussed in more detail in such series as "The Gay and Lesbian Agenda: To the Point!". But returning to Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews, Paul then goes on to explain the unique status of Melchizedek; for you see, He was a High Priest when as yet the Levitical priesthood had not even come into existence! That event wouldn't occur until three generations later when the twelve sons of Jacob would be born; which of course would include Levi, the Patriarchal Father of the Levitical priesthood:

"Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises . . . And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him."  
Hebrews 7:4-6, 9-10, KJV

It is following the previous explanation that the Apostle Paul finally reveals the gist of the matter; that of course being that the Levitical priesthood, and the keeping of the Mosaic Law, is by no means a sufficient cause for making us worthy of Eternal Salvation:

"If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law."  
Hebrews 7:11-12, KJV

Paul then provides us with an answer and a solution by saying that the Levitical priesthood and the Mosaic Law were simply foreshadows of better things to come; those things being a new High Priest with a New Covenant, which would disannul, or void, the former priesthood and the Old Law:

"And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God."  
Hebrews 7:15-19, KJV

Further on in this same chapter, Paul again emphasizes that our new High Priest, Jesus Christ, has introduced a better Testament, or Covenant; and an unchangeable, or immutable, Eternal Priesthood; and that by offering up Himself as the Ultimate and Final Sacrifice, He has voided the need for any further sacrifice for sin; for through belief in Him alone, we can now inherit Eternal Life:

"By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself."  
Hebrews 7:22-27, KJV

To sum up the main points of his discourse concerning Melchizedek, the Eternal High Priest of God, Paul then offers the following comments:

"Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; . . . But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away."  
Hebrews 8:1, 6-13, KJV

Having revealed these wonderful truths to us, in the ninth chapter of his Epistle to the Hebrews, Paul continues to reiterate the fact that the Mosaic Law and the old Levitical priesthood have been done away with, and replaced by the final Blood Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest of God, who is the Mediator of the New Testament, or agreement, between God and man:

"For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an



heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth . . . Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

Hebrews 9:13-17, 25-28, KJV

Having now firmly established without a shadow of a doubt the Divine Sonship of Jesus Christ, and the Priestly Office which He holds, we are now going to leave aside the issues of Melchizedek and the Sacrifice of Christ, and discuss another issue which is directly related to some of the Scriptures and topics I have already covered in this series.

While we have proven that Jesus Christ is indeed the Son of God, we have not yet addressed the question of whether or not He the ONLY Son of God? There are some people, and not a few, who have interpreted some of the previous verses as meaning exactly that; that is, that Jesus Christ is the only Son that God has. As we will see shortly, this is most definitely not the case. In order to validate this claim, we are going to delve into yet another theme which has been widely misunderstood by many modern-day Christians. Let's begin by taking a look at some verses regarding the children of Abraham. In the Book of Genesis, we read the following:

"And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael."

Genesis 16:15, KJV

"And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac."

Genesis 21:1-3, KJV

In the previous verses we witness the birth of Abraham's two sons; his firstborn, Ishmael, by Hagar the Egyptian handmaid of his wife Sarah, and Isaac, the child of faith given to him by his wife Sarah in their old age. However, notice what the Apostle Paul tells us in his Epistle to the Hebrews:

"By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,"

Hebrews 11:17, KJV

If Genesis tells us plainly that Abraham had two sons, why does Paul refer to Isaac as Abraham's "only begotten son"? Is Paul contradicting the writings of the Old Testament? Definitely not! As you probably already aware, this term "only begotten" is also used to describe Jesus Christ in a well-known verse from the third chapter of the Gospel of John:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."  
John 3:16, KJV

The above verse is actually a fulfillment of one of many prophecies uttered by King David in his Psalms regarding our Saviour, and His future reign on the Earth during the coming Millennium, when He will rule the rebellious world with a rod of iron subduing all nations for the glory and honour of His Father:

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."  
Psalms 2:1-12, KJV

In the above Psalm, I believe that the word "LORD" is actually referring to God the Father who is speaking to His Son, Jesus Christ, who is referred to as "his anointed", "my Son", and "the Son". Notice also the phrase "this day have I begotten thee". As we have already seen, these are some of the very same phrases we find being used in the four Gospels to describe Jesus Christ. Thus in this prophetic Psalm, we witness the glorious reign of the Father and Son team during the Millennium. As I have mentioned in some of my Endtime articles, the Prophet Daniel also spoke of these coming events. In the second chapter of the book named after him, the Prophet interprets a wonderful night vision given to King Nebuchadnezzar, in which the Babylonian king sees a great image composed of different types of metal and clay. This towering statue is then struck in the feet by a rock which causes it to go crashing to the ground. In his interpretation of this particular part of the vision, the Prophet Daniel states the following:

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."  
Daniel 2:44, KJV

As we saw earlier, in the Gospel of Matthew, while speaking to the chief priests and the Pharisees, Jesus refers to this very same prophecy, in order to make a point with these self-righteous rulers of ancient Israel. You might also want to take note of the similarities in the verse references:

"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder."  
Matthew 21:42-44, KJV

The spiritual unity between the Old and the New Testaments is truly amazing. Although written hundreds, and possibly thousands of years apart, they fit together like a hand in a glove. Similar to King David, Daniel and Jesus, the Apostle John likewise mentioned the Lord's coming rule of iron three times in the Book of Revelation:

"And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father."  
Revelation 2:27, KJV

"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."  
Revelation 12:5, KJV

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."  
Revelation 19:15, KJV

Returning to the phrases "Thou art my Son" and "only begotten", in Acts chapter thirteen, when the Apostle Paul preached in the synagogue in Antioch of Pisidia, he also made mention of the prophecies found in Psalm Two when he said:

"God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee."  
Acts 13:33, KJV

This prophecy has much greater significance than most people realize. The fact that it is mentioned in the Psalms, in the Gospels, in the Book of Acts and in the Epistles, certainly attests to this fact. Exactly what is it that the writers

were trying to tell us by using this phrase? Have we truly understood their message?

The key to understanding this wonderful mystery is found in the meaning of the phrase "only begotten". It is derived from the Greek word "monogenes", pronounced mon-og-en-ace', which means "single of its kind", or "only". With this understanding of the term, it is easy to see how Paul was not contradicting the Book of Genesis when he stated that Isaac was the only-begotten son of Abraham. It also helps us to understand how Jesus can still be "the only begotten Son of God" even if there are other sons of God. You see, Isaac truly was the only son begotten, or born to, Abraham by Sarah his wife, which makes him a single of a kind. It should also be noted that in Hebrews chapter eleven, Paul is discussing the heroes of faith; and Isaac definitely was the seed of faith to Abraham and Sarah, and not Ishmael. He was the only one born for that specific purpose. In like manner, Jesus Christ is also a single of a kind because He is the only Son of God who was begotten, that is, conceived in the womb of a woman, and then born through the natural process of childbirth; all by the direct Will of God. To further help you to understand the meaning of this word "begotten" as it is used in the Bible, consider the following example:

"And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?"  
Numbers 11:11-12, KJV

In the previous verses, the Hebrew word for "conceive" is "harah". It means to become pregnant through the union of egg and sperm. On the other hand, the Hebrew word for "begotten" is "yalad" which refers to the actual act of bearing or bringing forth a child through delivery, or natural childbirth. Based upon these verses, we see that the fact that Jesus is referred to as "the only begotten Son of God", means in part that He is the ONLY Son of God who was ever born in human flesh through an Earthly mother. He was conceived in the flesh by a work of God's Spirit, and then brought forth, or begotten, through the process of human childbirth. This is precisely the main point of the opening verses of the Gospel of John. In the first fourteen verses of the first chapter, John describes for us Jesus Christ's pre-existence with His Father in the Spiritual Realm as the Creator of the Universe. He then explains to us how Jesus was willing to leave His Heavenly Abode in order to become the Light of the World. Exactly how did He do this? By taking upon Himself the form of lowly human flesh as the following verse demonstrates:

"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."  
John 1:14, KJV

It is very significant that it isn't until this fourteenth verse that we find John referring to Jesus as "the only

begotten of the Father". Why is this? I am convinced that it is because it isn't until this point in his narration that Jesus has taken on human flesh; in other words, He, the Eternal Son of God, has just been begotten, or born, through natural childbirth, exactly as previous Scriptural examples have shown us. To reiterate then, John is telling us that Jesus is the ONLY Son of God to have ever been born, or begotten, in the flesh. This point is so important to John, that of the six times the phrase "only begotten" is used in the New Testament, five of those times, it is written by John himself. In his fourth Epistle, John again uses the process of coming into the world through natural childbirth, together with this phrase, thus leaving no doubt in my mind, that this is what is to be understood, at least in part, by Jesus being referred to as the "only begotten Son of God":

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."

1 John 4:9, KJV

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IS JESUS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD? - PART 4

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Jesus Christ Is Born In The Flesh And Comes Into The World, Transformation And Resurrection, Redeemable Coupons And The Gift Of Faith, Begotten At The Resurrection, Born Of Water And Of The Spirit, Defining "Beloved" And The "Beloved Son"

How does one come into the world as John states? It is through natural childbirth, through being begotten. Thus again we see that these are actually synonymous terms. What is truly amazing to me, is that only a few verses before the one I have just quoted, John tells us the exact same thing, albeit in slightly different words. Notice what he says:

"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

1 John 4:2-3, KJV

Some of us have read these verses many times before; but how

many of us have truly understood exactly what John is saying in them? We read the above verses and we say to ourselves rather nonchalantly, "Oh yes; of course I believe that Jesus came in the flesh", but do we fully understand what we are confessing when we say this? Until this very minute, I must admit that I never did; and it is for this reason that I am so excited and amazed by this truth! I have no doubt that this is another one of those Heavenly revelations with which the Lord likes to surprise me. He does it all the time, and I just thank Him and praise Him for it!

So exactly what is John saying here? In fact, what are WE claiming when we say that we believe in these verses? Quite simply, when we confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, we are in fact saying that He is "the only begotten Son of God"! We are saying that He is the ONLY one that God has ever sent from the Spiritual Realm, to be born in human flesh! This is one of the main points that John is making from the beginning of his Gospel, to the last chapter of his final Epistle. He wants us to know with all surety that Jesus Christ is "the only begotten Son of God", the ONLY son of God ever to come down to the Earth and inhabit human flesh!

Exactly why is John so concerned about getting this message across to us, even more so that the other writers of the Gospels and the Epistles? It is because, as the previous verses also reveal, from his time until now, the spirit of antichrist has deceived many people into believing to the contrary; or else it has deceived them into totally misunderstanding what is truly meant by this phrase. They have been tricked into believing, even by well-meaning religionists, that the term "the only begotten Son of God" means that Jesus is the only Son of God, which is the furthest thing from the truth! As we saw earlier in this series, this denial of the Divinity of Jesus Christ was the very same accusation laid against Jesus by the unbelieving Jewish Elders. They thoroughly denied that Jesus was the begotten Son of God. They vehemently refused to accept that He had come down from God to take upon Himself the form of lowly human flesh. Thus, as John states, they were antichrist!

Another reason why John apparently emphasized this in his writings, is because the Lord gave him a glimpse of the future in which he saw the final fruit of this evil deception which has been perpetrated by the Jews for almost two thousand years now. John knew, as did Paul and others, that a time would come when belief in Jesus Christ as "the only begotten Son of God", would become so doubted, so questioned and so suppressed, that people would become willing to accept the deceptive false messiahs of Satan himself! They would actually believe that the false apostles, false prophets, and false christs which would arise, would be new manifestations of Jesus Christ in the flesh. It is for this reason that John stressed over and over again that Jesus is "the ONLY begotten Son of God". He is the ONLY one sent by God to take upon Himself the form of a man. Jesus Himself was fully aware that this day would come; and that is why He left us with this sobering admonition:

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."  
Matthew 24:24, KJV

As I have pointed out in a number of my Endtime and New Age articles, that time has already begun! We have already seen this prophecy fulfilled a number of times in our current day by evil men who have made the proud boast of being a new "Son of God" in the flesh. These workers of darkness have the audacity to not just claim to be a prophet of God, but rather to say that they are the latest manifestation of Jesus Christ Himself! They include such evildoers as Sun Myung Moon of the so-called Unification Church, or Moonies, Marshall Applewhite, the deceased leader of the Heaven's Gate UFO cult, Lord Maitreya Buddha, and a number of other oriental mystics, teachers and so-called "holy" men. However, I believe that we are currently only experiencing the very edge of a dark cloud of deceit which will soon cover the face of the Earth. Jesus said that these false christs would show "great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect". Personally, I am not aware of any great verifiable feats being done by any of the aforementioned men; however that could change in the future.

Of course, in God's pre-ordained time, the Ultimate Evil will be revealed in the form of the Jewish Antichrist; for it is with this people that the rebellion began, and it is also with them that it will end. Because they refused, rejected and killed the true "only begotten Son of God", they have set themselves up for the greatest delusion of all time. As I explain in such articles as "Who is Hindering the Antichrist?", this false christ will possess such satanic power, that he will convince many, particularly the unbelieving Jews, that he is in fact God Almighty! Because of the lying wonders he will perform, the Jews will claim him as their "messiah", or as the Orthodox Jews refer to him, "Moshiach ben David", Messiah, the son of David:

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."  
2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, KJV

Why is this going to occur? Because they have rejected the one and only true Son of God who has ever come in the flesh; Jesus Christ Himself. It is for this very reason that, as John wrote, they are antichrist. Here are a few more verses which also confirm that Jesus Christ is God's true Son who was born, or begotten, in the flesh:

"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:"  
Romans 8:3, KJV

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen

of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

1 Timothy 3:16, KJV

As we have now seen, in some cases, the word "begotten" is used to refer to the process of human childbirth. This is the case when Paul speaks of Isaac being the only begotten son of Abraham by his wife Sarah. This is also the case with Jesus being "the only begotten Son of God". The primary difference is that Isaac was conceived by human means involving two Earthly parents. In other words, he was the fruit of two people who consciously engaged in the act of sex. He was also the result of God's blessing upon their lives, and their own free human will and desire to obtain an heir. In discussing the difference between physical and spiritual birth, John mentions this act of human will in the very same verses I spoke about earlier from the first chapter of his Gospel:

"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

John 1:13, KJV

On the other hand, Jesus Christ was the result of the Spirit of God intervening in Mary's womb, in order to bring forth, or beget through natural childbirth, the Son of God in the flesh. Thus, Isaac and Jesus were both unique, and one of a kind as defined by the word "monogenes". Isaac was the only son of Abraham and Sarah; and Jesus was the only Son of God born in human flesh by a work of the Spirit. It is for this very same reason that in the Biblical genealogies, we see the word "begat" being used over and over again. Thus, while some religionists argue that "the only begotten Son of God" means that Jesus is the only Son that God has, it is evident that they do not fully understand the meaning of this term.

However, as I have already stated, this subject isn't quite that simple; for you see, based upon my studies, it has become evident to me that this is not the full meaning of the term "only begotten". Furthermore, the word "begotten" isn't always referring to natural childbirth. Allow me to explain. Just as we were begotten, or born in the flesh, we have also been begotten, or born, a second time of the Spirit, because of our acceptance of Jesus Christ. It is because of this that, possibly in the near future, many will experience a Resurrection from the dead, just like Jesus Christ. This is the entire hope of our current faith. It is something that we cling to in earnest expectation, awaiting the gift of adoption to come:

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting



for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."  
Romans 8:18-25, KJV

The "earnest expectation" and the "manifestation of the sons of God" that Paul is referring to is our very own glorious transformation which will occur at the time of the Lord's Second Coming and the Resurrection of the Dead; when we all will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the Last Trump. Some have the erroneous impression that we already are the Sons and Daughters of God, but technically speaking, this is not the case; for as Paul says above, we are "waiting for the adoption". Right now it is still a matter of faith as we have not yet acquired the purchased gift which has been bought for us by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ:

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."  
Ephesians 1:13-14, KJV

A perfect example of what Paul is talking about can be found in the redeemable coupons that one often finds in cereal boxes, or in catalogs, or in or on the containers of other food products. Each coupon is worth a certain value, and it entitles you to a discount on the product stated when you take that coupon to the grocery store. In other words, because of the arrangement made between the issuer of the coupon, and certain businesses, that coupon acts as a type of promissory note. You are being promised by the issuer that if you take the coupon to the right place, you will get a discount on their product. So, as Paul states, you have the "earnest expectation" that the next time that you go to your local grocery store, you will be able to obtain the "purchased possession"; that is, the special discount.

In like manner, as was evidenced by our study of the Book of Hebrews in part two of this series, a very Special Arrangement has already been made between God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. As the Apostle Paul tells us in several of his Epistles, Jesus performed His part of the Divine Agreement when He made the Ultimate Sacrifice and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. It is for this very reason, that He can now offer us the free gift of Eternal Life:

"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."  
Philippians 2:8, KJV

". . . the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."  
Romans 6:23b, KJV

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of

yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."  
Ephesians 2:8-9, KJV

Despite this wonderful Arrangement and Opportunity, there is a problem. While many people in the world already possess their Redeemable Coupon, they don't believe that it is really worth anything. In fact, they have accused the Issuer of the Coupon of being a liar. They don't have the faith, or the confidence, from the Greek word "hupostasis", to believe that if they unconditionally accept what is written on the Coupon, and present it when they make their next purchase, that they will receive what has been freely offered to them. It is for this very reason that the Issuer of this particular Redeemable Coupon is very displeased with them. Let me again remind you of a verse I shared in part one of this series:

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."  
Hebrews 11:6, KJV

Of course, I am sure that you have already understood that in this example I have shared, the Coupon is the Bible; and the words written on the Coupon are the many Precious Promises concerning Eternal Life which are found within its holy pages. Thus, because these people have rejected these Promises, and have hardened their hearts to the truth, they won't settle for anything less than hard physical evidence before they will believe. Well, they can make their foolish demands all they want, but it won't be until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ that our "earnest expectation" will be fully manifested, that is, revealed, before a shocked and unbelieving world; and they will all finally see that we truly are the born-again Sons and Daughters of God. They may laugh at our "invisible Friend" and our "invisible faith" now, but the time is coming when we will have the last laugh when we are revealed in our purchased possession, that is, in our new and glorified bodies:

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."  
1 John 3:1, KJV

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."  
1 Corinthians 15:51-52, KJV

"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:"  
John 1:12, KJV

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

1 John 3:2, KJV

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Romans 8:14, KJV

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;"  
Philippians 2:15, KJV

Notice that in the previous set of verses, John specifically says "the power to become the sons of God". Even though he is probably writing after-the-fact, that is, after Jesus has already returned to Heaven, John still indicates that it is something which is yet to happen in the future. Thus again we see that we will actually become the Sons and Daughters of God, that we will be adopted into God's Household, at the time of the Resurrection when we are all transformed, and not before. To continue then, another Greek word translated in the New Testament as "begotten", is the word "gennao", which is pronounced ghen-nah'-o. While like the previous words, its primary meaning is to be born after the flesh; that is, through natural childbirth, in the examples found in the New Testament, it appears to be primarily used in a metaphorical sense to denote this second birth when we are actually raised from the dead and/or changed at the Lord's Second Coming. Following is the definition found in the Greek lexicon:

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- 1) of men who fathered children
  - 1a) to be born
  - 1b) to be begotten
  - 1b1) of women giving birth to children
- 2) metaph.
  - 2a) to engender, cause to arise, excite
  - 2b) in a Jewish sense, of one who brings others over to his way of life, to convert someone
  - 2c) of God making Christ his son
  - 2d) of God making men his sons through faith in Christ's work

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Consider the following example where this Greek word "gennao" is used. As you will see, it is used to refer not to our physical birth, but rather to our rebirth at the time of our Resurrection or bodily change. This is evident by the fact that the Apostle Paul uses the term "in that he hath raised up Jesus again", and then he explains that this is what is meant by the word "begotten" in Psalm Two:

"God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee."  
Acts 13:33, KJV

In other words, Paul is saying that when David speaks of Jesus being "begotten", he is not talking about Jesus being

born or created in the Heavenly Realm at the beginning of the Creation; neither is he referring to His physical birth in Bethlehem; but rather, David is speaking of the moment when Jesus rose from the dead and became the Firstfruits, or the Firstborn, of the Resurrection. This is what David means by "begotten", and nothing else, as Paul makes perfectly clear by the previous verse. To simplify this even further, let us remove some of the extraneous words so that you can clearly see Paul's main message: "he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm". Exactly where does Paul say that David is speaking about God having raised Jesus from the dead in the second Psalm? In the phrase "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee". In other words, Jesus was raised up again, He was born again at His Resurrection. This is when Paul says He was "begotten". Additional verses in the New Testament where the Greek word "gennao" is translated as "begotten", and is used to denote spiritual rebirth and/or bodily change at the moment of Resurrection, are the following:

"For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel."  
1 Corinthians 4:15, KJV

"I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:"  
Philemon 1:10, KJV

"For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?"  
Hebrews 1:5, KJV

"So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee."  
Hebrews 5:5, KJV

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him . . . We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."  
1 John 5:1, 18, KJV

Similar to the previous verses which use the Greek verb "gennao", in Peter's first Epistle, he again shows us that the words "begat" and "begotten" are normally used to refer to our physical birth. This is why he says "hath begotten us again" to show that he is talking about a second birth after the first physical birth. The word used here is "anagennao", pronounced an-ag-en-nah'-o, which means to produce again, to be born again, or to be born anew:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"  
1 Peter 1:3, KJV

In the opening verses of John chapter three, we find the

story of Jesus's conversation with a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus. While some legalistic religionists have argued that Jesus was referring to water baptism when He mentions being born of water, I honestly do not believe that this is what He meant. In my view, Jesus was talking about being born the first time through human conception and childbirth. In other words, I believe that He was referring to the amniotic sac which is full of a watery liquid called amniotic fluid. In God's ordained time, this sac, or "water bag" as it is also commonly known, bursts, and the child passes through the birth canal, or cervix and vagina, to enter the outside world. It is right after this that Jesus speaks of being begotten, or born, a second time through spiritual rebirth; that is, being born of the Spirit; precisely as we saw in the previous verses:

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."  
John 3:3-8, KJV

Notice that Jesus is making a clear connection between the two phrases "born of water" and "born of the flesh" to show that they mean one and the same thing. He then makes a similar connection between the two phrases "and of the Spirit" and "born of the Spirit", showing that these also are referring to the same thing. Despite these very obvious connections, some Christians today still hold to their erroneous understanding of these passages in order to justify their doctrine of making water baptism a necessary part of Salvation. I discuss this topic more fully in the in-depth series entitled "Roman Catholicism, Water Baptism and the Holy Trinity". One final Greek word which is metaphorically used to denote this spiritual rebirth, and which is translated as "begat", is the word "apokueo" which is pronounced ap-ok-oo-eh'-o. While it is normally used to imply physical childbirth, here we see it being used in connection with the word "firstfruits". As we have already seen, Jesus is the Firstfruits of the Resurrection, and we will one day follow in His footsteps:

"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures."  
James 1:18, KJV

Thus far we have seen that Jesus is truly unique, or "a single of a kind", in two very special ways. First, He is "the only begotten Son of God" due to the fact that He was willing to be born, or begotten, by human means; and second, as Paul says, He is the "first begotten of the dead" as well; that is, He is the Firstfruits of the Resurrection. The second act would not have been possible without the

first. Jesus was begotten of the flesh, and He was begotten of the Spirit, just as we are too, by faith, when we accept Him. It is because of the very fact that He was willing to leave His Heavenly Abode and make this double Sacrifice for us, that we are told in the Gospels that He is the beloved Son of His Father:

"And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."  
Matthew 3:17, KJV

"While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."  
Matthew 17:5, KJV

"Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him."  
Luke 20:13, KJV

The fact that Jesus is beloved of His Father points to an inevitable truth which will be difficult for some to accept. This English word "beloved" is derived from the Greek word "agapetos", pronounced ag-ap-ay-tos', which means beloved, esteemed, dear, favorite, or worthy of love. Do you see the implication here? If not, allow me to make it clearer for you. To be beloved, esteemed or the favorite implies a degree of comparison. This is clearly brought out in the Old Testament. Consider the following examples where the word "beloved" is used. In all cases, it is being used to show a comparison, to show a different degree of love between two or more people:

"If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have born him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the firstborn son be hers that was hated: Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, which is indeed the firstborn:"  
Deuteronomy 21:15-16, KJV

As can be seen, in this first example, "beloved" is used to show a degree of comparison between two women. In other words, as its New Testament meaning reveals, "beloved" is used to show who is one's favorite in terms of being loved. We find another very clear example in the story of Joseph and his coat of many colors. Consider the following verses:

"Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him."  
Genesis 37:3-4, KJV

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## IS JESUS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD? - PART 5

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Defining "Beloved" And The Beloved Son, Jesus Is Firstborn Of Many Sons, Jesus' Great Sacrifice, Firstfruits Of The "Super Race", Fallen Angels And The Evil Nephilim, Before The Throne Of God, Jesus Is The Creator Of All Things, Other Sons Of God

At first glance, some legalists might argue that "beloved" and "loved more" are not the same word; however, a quick check with the Hebrew lexicon reveals that the same exact word is used in both of the preceding examples. It is the word "ahab". This is not the only Hebrew word which has been translated into English as "beloved"; there are several others. Allow me to give you one more example to again show that "beloved" is used to show a degree of comparison between two or more people. In the following example, the word used is "yedyd", pronounced yed-eed'; and it is used to show a higher degree of love for the descendants of Benjamin than for those of his eleven brothers. After pronouncing the blessings upon the descendants of some of the older sons of Jacob, Moses then states concerning Benjamin:

". . . The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the LORD shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders."  
Deuteronomy 33:12b, KJV

To give you one final example in the New Testament, consider that despite the fact that the Apostle Paul knew many of the brethren in the First Century Church, he viewed Timothy as one of his most favorite sons in the Faith. This is because Timothy was one of his constant travel companions as is revealed throughout the Book of Acts, as well as in the Epistles. In fact, Timothy was eventually ordained as the first Bishop of Ephesus. For this reason then, Timothy was Paul's "beloved son", just as Jesus is God's "beloved son". There is absolutely no difference in the usage of this word "beloved" in all of the verses I have presented. In every case, it means a comparative love between two or more people:

"To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord."  
2 Timothy 1:2, KJV

"For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church."  
1 Corinthians 4:17, KJV

"The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen. [The second [epistle unto Timotheus, ordained the first bishop of the church of the Ephesians, was written from Rome, when Paul was brought before Nero the second time.]"

2 Timothy 4:22, KJV

Thus we see that while Paul had many sons in the Faith, Timotheus, or Timothy, was his "beloved son", which means he was held in special preference above all of the others. The reason I am sharing all of this information with you is quite simple. We have already seen what is truly meant by referring to Jesus as "the only begotten Son of God". Through the Scriptures I have just shared with you, we have also just learned what is truly meant by the term "beloved Son" when it is referring to Jesus Christ; and that is that He is God's most favorite Son, BUT, He is not the only Son of God! If He were God's only Son, then He could not possibly be His most favorite or beloved Son, as there would be no other sons with which to make this comparison.

While we see Jesus being referred to as "the only begotten Son of God", nowhere in the four Gospels do we find Him making the claim that He is the ONLY Son of God. Neither do we find anyone else in the entire New Testament making that claim either. The term "only son" is used one time in the entire New Testament, and it is in reference to the dead son of a widow in Luke chapter seven. A close reading of the Scriptures will reveal that Jesus simply said that God was His Father, and that He was the Son of God. In fact, I should also point out to you that the article "the" was used at the discretion of the English translators. We honestly do not know if Jesus actually said "the" or "a".

Based on the Scriptural evidence I have uncovered, I tend to believe that whichever word Jesus may have used, He did not mean it to be understood that He is the ONLY Son of God. In fact, He may have been implying two things. First of all, the Lord may have been stating that He is but one of many spiritual sons of God who already existed in the Heavenly Realm; and second, He may have also been stating that He is the Firstborn of many future sons of God who were yet to be born and adopted through belief in His name. According to the Apostle Paul, and according to Jesus Himself in the Book of Revelation, He was the beginning of the Creation of God; He was God's Firstborn. This implies that others were created, or will be created after Him. If you doubt this, here is the proof straight from the Scriptures:

"And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

Hebrews 1:6-9, KJV

In the above set of verses, that word "firstbegotten"



is derived from the Greek word "prototokos", which is pronounced pro-tot-ok'-os. The Greek lexicon provides this information concerning this word:

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- 1) the firstborn
- 1a) of man or beast
- 1b) of Christ, the first born of all creation

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As can be seen, the word "firstbegotten" is synonymous with "firstborn", which means that others will follow. But exactly what is Paul referring to here? The answer is found in the very next words he writes: "firstbegotten into the world". In other words, it is possible that Paul may be explaining that Jesus was the first spiritual Being to be born into this world in human flesh through the process of natural childbirth, exactly as we saw earlier with the words "only begotten". As proof of this, consider the following verses where this same Greek word "prototokos" is also used and translated as "firstborn":

"And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS."  
Matthew 1:25, KJV

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."  
Luke 2:7, KJV

Thus we see that, exactly like the Greek word "monogenes", this word "prototokos" is also used in association with human childbirth. However, it should be noted that this is not the only way that Paul uses this word. We have already seen that Jesus is "the only begotten Son of God", as well as "the first begotten of the dead"; in other words, He was the first born in both cases. Paul also uses this word "prototokos" to refer to this new "Super Race" of which Jesus is its first member:

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."  
Romans 8:29, KJV

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;"  
Colossians 1:15-19, KJV

"But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,"  
Hebrews 12:22-23, KJV

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,"  
Revelation 1:5, KJV

Thus we see that in more ways than one, Jesus Christ truly is the Firstborn of God's Creation. To clarify this point, He is the first of God's spiritual beings to be born by the Will of God in human flesh; and He is also the first of God's "Super Race" to be raised from the dead; and it is for this reason that He is also the first, or the favorite, or the most beloved, of His Father. Jesus said so Himself in the following verse:

"And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;"  
Revelation 3:14, KJV

This phrase "the beginning of the creation of God" refers right back to what Paul said in his Epistle to the Colossians:

". . . who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."  
Colossians 1:18b, KJV

In other words, if we put all of the preceding information together, it seems to me that when we see this phrase "the only begotten Son of God" used to describe Jesus, it means two things: First, that Jesus Christ is the first and ONLY spiritual son of God to come down to Earth to dwell in human flesh; and second, that He is the Beginning, the Firstborn, or the First Begotten of the Dead. He is the very beginning of God's New Creation; and that New Creation is nothing less than the worldwide spiritual Nation of born-again Believers by faith, who will someday, hopefully soon, acquire their full purchased possession; that is, their new Glorified Bodies, and thus become in every sense of the word, God's adopted Sons and Daughters, His race of Super Children:

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"  
1 Peter 2:9, KJV

This is "the beginning of the creation of God" that Jesus appears to be talking about. I want to make it very clear to you that I am not saying that God created Jesus at the beginning of time. This would seem to be in contradiction to the following verses from Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews which we looked at in part two of this series:

"For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually."  
Hebrews 7:1-3, KJV

The previous verses serve to further emphasize the Great Sacrifice that Jesus made when He forsook His Heavenly Abode, and His Eternal Divine Nature, in order to take upon Himself the Earthly garb of human flesh; and then later to give up the same by means of a cruel agonizing death, all for the sake of we His wayward children:

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."  
Romans 5:6, KJV

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."  
1 John 3:16, KJV

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But 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. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."  
Philippians 2:5-11, KJV

To continue our main discussion, perhaps another reason why Jesus is referred to as "the only begotten Son of God" in the Scriptures, is because at the time that the Gospels were written, He was in fact the only one who had ever been begotten through spiritual rebirth, that is, raised from the dead and transformed into a combined physical, yet at the same time, spiritual creature. He possessed, and does possess, both human and Divine attributes. It is for this reason that He is both Son of man, and Son of God.

Some people might argue, "Well, what about Lazarus, and the little girl, and the other people who Jesus raised from the dead?". The answer to this question seems very simple in my view. While these people were indeed raised from the dead, it seems to me that they were probably raised and returned to life in their very same human bodies which had simply been temporarily repaired. As far as we know, they did not receive any kind of special Divine Powers or spiritual qualities. They were not new creations like Jesus was. In all likelihood, they eventually died natural deaths just like everyone else, and are thus currently awaiting their

Resurrection. Their bodies have been the subjects of decay, destruction, or corruption, as the Biblical writers refer to it:

"So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: . . . Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption."

1 Corinthians 15:42, 50, KJV

"And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption."

Acts 13:34-37, KJV

As is evidenced by the previous verses, when our Lord was resurrected on that Third Day, He possessed a wonderful, new and completely different kind of body. He could still be touched; He could still eat and drink; yet He could also do other things such as change His physical appearance, or suddenly appear or disappear at will. His weak human body which had been scourged by a Roman whip, made to bleed by a crown of thorns, and pierced by a Roman spear and nails, was replaced by a supernatural indestructible Celestial Body. Like a seed which falls to the ground and appears to die during the cold winter months, but then bursts forth with new life the following Spring, so too, Jesus allowed Himself to be destroyed and buried, that He might take up His life again, and in so doing, open the way for us to do the same. Thus again we see that He is the Firstborn, that is, the Firstfruits of many fruits to come. Consider what our Great Master said:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

John 12:24, KJV

"Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."

John 10:17-18, KJV

"And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day."

John 6:39, KJV

Here are a few more verses concerning the Firstfruits of the Resurrection, taken from the writings of the Apostles Paul and John, to further inspire your heart concerning the glories to come:

"And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the

firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."  
Romans 8:23, KJV

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."  
1 Corinthians 15:20-23, KJV

"These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb."  
Revelation 14:4, KJV

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."  
1 Corinthians 2:9, KJV

While it would be so easy to conclude this series with these inspiring thoughts; we still cannot overlook the important fact that Jesus Christ is not the ONLY spiritual son of God who exists in the Heavenly Realm at this time. Despite the objections made by some rigid religionists, the Holy Bible contains additional evidence to support the claim that, while Jesus Christ is truly unique, the Beloved of the Father, the Creator of all that is, and the Eternal High Priest after the Order of Melchizedek, He is by no means the only son of God who currently resides in the Heavenly Realm. There have been, and still are, other Celestial Beings, both good and evil, which inhabit that world which exists just beyond our human perception. To begin with, consider the following two verses taken from the Book of Genesis:

"That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose . . . There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."  
Genesis 6:2, 4, KJV

While certain narrow-minded Christians refuse to accept it, as I point out in such articles as "Nephilim: The Giants of Genesis" and "The Book of Enoch: Truth or Heresy?", I believe that the above verses are referring to rebellious spiritual beings, or sons of God, which some have referred to as "The Watchers". It appears that these evil creatures came down to Earth in order to have sexual intercourse with human women. It was through these illicit sexual acts, which were in direct rebellion to God's will, that they produced giant super-powerful offspring which have come to be known as the "Nephilim". This Hebrew word is derived from the root word "naphal" which means to fall, to fall down, or to cast down; thus, these giants are sometimes referred to as "the fallen ones" since they were the evil spawn of the fallen angels. The possible motivations for this angelic rebellion

are discussed in more detail in the aforementioned articles.

While this may be difficult for some Christians to accept, it doesn't seem to me that there is any other logical way that these evil spiritual beings could have had sexual intercourse with human women, unless they materialized in some kind of physical body. Regardless of their method of impregnation, it was because of the great evil which these half-human half-angelic creatures introduced into the world, that the Lord was forced to send the Flood in Noah's day:

"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them."  
Genesis 6:5-7, KJV

Having now looked at the darker side of God's spiritual creation, let us consider the following verses found in the Book of Job, which also prove without a shadow of a doubt, that there exists many benevolent sons of God as well:

"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them . . . Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD."  
Job 1:6, 2:1, KJV

As can be seen, it appears that the only evil one amongst this group of sons of God is Satan himself. The fact that he is mentioned as being separate and apart from the main group may be an indication that by the time of this event, he had already become a rebellious son of God. The previous verses describe a day in the Heavenly Courts when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord; just as knights of old would bow themselves before their king in an act of humble obeisance. This scenario seems to be directly related to other such accounts of spiritual beings around the Throne of God found in the Book of Revelation; particularly in chapter four:

"And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."  
Revelation 4:8-11, KJV

All of these verses present us with some disturbing questions: Where did these other sons of God come from; and how long have they been in existence? As to their origin,

from the Scriptural evidence I am aware of, I believe that these other sons of God were spiritual beings created by Jesus Christ through the Power and Permission of God the Father. The following verses seem to bear this out:

"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."  
John 1:3, KJV

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."  
Romans 11:34-36, KJV

"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."  
1 Corinthians 8:6, KJV

"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:"  
Ephesians 3:9, KJV

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."  
Colossians 1:16-17, KJV

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;"  
Hebrews 1:1-2, KJV

Notice that the above verses are referring to both physical and spiritual creations. To emphasize this point, the term "all things" is used a total of ten times, leaving us with absolutely no doubt, that Jesus did in fact create all things according to the Will of His Father. As to when these other sons of God were created, the Book of Job indicates that they were already in existence before the physical world came into being; and that they even witnessed the creation of the Earth:

"Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"  
Job 38:5-7, KJV

In Psalm eighty-two we find some very interesting verses which may possibly be indicating that these sons of God are actually viewed as minor gods in the Heavenly Courts below God the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ:

"[A Psalm of Asaph.] God standeth in the congregation of the

mighty; he judgeth among the gods . . . I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High."  
Psalms 82:1, 6, KJV

The above Scriptures are open to a number of different interpretations, but they definitely seem to be saying that God the Father truly is the God of gods in a very literal sense, and that He has many spiritual children, referred to here as "the congregation of the mighty", who are also gods in their own right. Consider also the following verses:

"For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:"  
Deuteronomy 10:17, KJV

"The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,)"  
Joshua 22:22, KJV

"O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever."  
Psalms 136:2, KJV

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IS JESUS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD? - PART 6

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For God to actually be the "God of gods", these other gods must really exist; therefore, it seems to me that they must be these other sons of God whom we have already spoken about. It might interest you to know that this word "god" is taken from the Hebrew word "Elohim", or "Elohiym", which is actually the plural form of "el", or "ale"; although it is normally translated in the singular form. Consider what the Hebrew lexicon reveals regarding this word:

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'elohiym {el-o-heem'}

1) plural, KJV  
1a) rulers, judges



- 1b) divine ones
- 1c) angels
- 1d) gods
- 2) (plural intensive - singular meaning)
- 2a) god, goddess
- 2b) godlike one
- 2c) works or special possessions of God
- 2d) the (true) God
- 2e) God

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Considering the above definitions, it certainly seems to fit that these sons of god are the Angelic Ministers in the Courts of Heaven; as well as the Spiritual Warriors who fight evil; and the Angelic Messengers or Envoys, from the Hebrew "malak" or "aggelos", sent to impart certain information to humanity. I also discuss this topic in other articles which I encourage you to read. These include "The Urantia Book: A Dangerous New Age Doctrine!", "Satan: King of Tyrus, King Of Empires! Part One" and others. Considering the reality of these facts, we would all be wise to take heed to the following advice from the Apostle Paul:

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."  
Hebrews 13:2, KJV

From a human perspective, these spiritual beings are all gods to us; but, as we have already seen, they are lower in rank than Jesus Christ because they were apparently created by Him. Jesus truly is preeminent, and the Beloved of His Father. He occupies first place in the Divine One's Heart. Consider again some of the verses I shared earlier:

"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."  
Colossians 1:18, KJV

"Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? . . . But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?"  
Hebrews 1:4-5, 13, KJV

"Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually."  
Hebrews 7:3, KJV

Thus, contrary to what is believed by the supporters of that demonic tome, the Urantia Book, the Unbelief Book, Jesus Christ is not just one of many "Creator Sons" of God; He is truly unique. He is above them all, and in fact created them all, based upon the Scriptural evidence that we have looked at. In fact, let us not forget that God's whole Plan of Salvation has the ultimate goal of creating new sons and daughters of God from the pool of human beings right here on

Planet Earth. Just as I have pointed out in other articles such as "The Children Of Light: Are You One Of Us?", one of these days we are going to see the complete fulfillment of the Salvation Plan, when we are finally raised to Eternal Life in incorruptible spiritual bodies just like Jesus Christ. In that day, we will truly be the sons and daughters of God in every sense of the word! It is going to be one glorious day for all of us!

This brings us to the final revelation I wish to share in this series; and it all goes back to our discussion concerning Jesus Christ as Melchizedek, the High Priest of God. Have you ever wondered what we are going to be doing once we are resurrected? From previous verses that we have looked at, we know that we will be miraculously transformed, so that we will be just like Jesus, correct? Aside from the fact that it means that we will all possess super powerful spiritual bodies just like Him, what else could it possibly mean? From everything I have studied on this issue, the answer seems quite clear; and it truly thrills me! Exactly what is Jesus' current role in the Courts of Heaven? Here again is the Scriptural answer for you:

"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."  
Romans 8:34, KJV

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."  
Hebrews 7:25, KJV

Just like the Levitical Priesthood of ages gone by, having offered up Himself as the Perfect and Final Sacrifice, Jesus now occupies the position of High Priest who intercedes for the people of Earth night and day before the Throne of God. As Paul stated, unlike the ancient Levitical Priesthood, Jesus will not be replaced by anyone, for He is Eternal. It is my belief then, based upon the Scriptural evidence, that we may possibly fulfill a similar but smaller role during the Millennium, and perhaps even afterwards. Consider the following verses to see why this may be so:

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."  
1 Peter 2:5, KJV

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"  
1 Peter 2:9, KJV

"And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."  
Revelation 1:6, KJV

"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."  
Revelation 5:10, KJV

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."  
Revelation 20:6, KJV

Can it be any more thrilling than that? I may be wrong, but it seems to me that this may be the identity of the order of priests known as Melchizedek. From the time of Moses, until the destruction of the First Temple in Jerusalem by the Babylonians in about the year 587 B.C., and then again during the Second Temple period up until 70 A.D. when it was once again destroyed by the Romans, the Jews always had a high priest. However, there were also lower priests as well who worked in the Temple. As John the Revelator tells us, there is now no longer any need for a physical temple because as he wrote:

"And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it."  
Revelation 21:22, KJV

This is exactly where we may fit into the picture! Just as Jesus is the High Priest who currently intercedes for us before the Throne of God, perhaps during the Millennium, we will be interceding for the people of Earth before the Throne of Jesus Christ. In other words, perhaps we will be their intercessory priests. Wouldn't this be amazing? The reason that I speculate that we may be doing this, is for the very same reason that Jesus currently makes the perfect Intercessor and High Priest for us. The following verse provides a clue:

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."  
Hebrews 4:15, KJV

Who could possibly make better intercessors for the remaining people of Earth than those who have lived among them as fellow human beings? Of course, we will then be in our Resurrected Super-Bodies, but we will certainly not forget our former experiences; that is, our sufferings, our problems, our sins, shortcomings and weaknesses, our trials and tribulations, etc. Perhaps for this reason we will be pleading their cause before the Throne of Jesus. Right now we all tend to become upset at times with some of these rebellious God-haters and Christ-mockers. They can certainly test one's patience. All we can do is pray that God will work in their lives and break their pride and their haughty arrogant spirits. By doing this, we are already interceding for them; even if we are praying for judgment upon them in order to wake them up.

As I have shown in other articles such as "Are Personal Tragedies Due to Sin", sometimes this is what some people need before God's Voice can get through to them. It isn't until the Lord has taken everything away from them, that they finally realize how small and insignificant they really are; and how far astray they have gone. Man is truly an odd beast to think that he can defy his Creator; yet today this

is happening at unprecedented levels, exactly as we see in the Scriptures:

". . . The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good."  
Psalms 14:1b, KJV

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."  
2 Peter 3:3-4, KJV

"But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts."  
Jude 1:17-18, KJV

You may recall that earlier in this series, I mentioned that Melchizedek actually means "King of Righteousness". As I have pointed out in some of my Endtime articles, the Book of Revelation tells us a number of times that we too, as members of the Order of Melchizedek, will be given priestly Robes of Righteousness; which we are informed is symbolic of our sins being washed away by the shed Blood of Jesus Christ, our Sacrificial Lamb:

"And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."  
Revelation 6:11, KJV

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;"  
Revelation 7:9, KJV

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."  
Revelation 7:13-14, KJV

"And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."  
Revelation 19:8, KJV

So then, please don't worry if some people currently don't understand you, or if they consider you to be a fool because of your Christian beliefs and your "invisible faith" in your "invisible Friend". If they mock you and ridicule you, it doesn't make a bit of difference, because God knows the true score. It is by the very method which some people claim is foolishness, that they could be saved if they would only

believe:

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men."  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25, KJV

At the same time, let us not forget Peter's admonition regarding those who do humbly approach us with a sincere heart and an honest desire to know the truth:

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"  
1 Peter 3:15, KJV

Ask the Lord to give you His Love, and His Wisdom, and His Spiritual Discernment so that you too can feed His true sheep with the only Words that bring Life. At the same time, do your best to avoid the goats and the reprobates who just want to waste your time and drain you of your spiritual energy. Most of all, persevere in your faith in the Lord! Run with patience the race that is set before you! Look not to the left hand, nor to the right, but let your eyes look right on; right on Jesus Christ, the Author and the Finisher of your faith! If you are faithful to do these things, at His Return, He will say to you "Well done thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!":

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."  
Hebrews 12:1-2, KJV

"Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil."  
Proverbs 4:25-27, KJV

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."  
Isaiah 40:31, KJV

"His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

Matthew 25:21, KJV

With these wonderful verses, I will bring this discussion to its conclusion. I truly pray that this series has been an inspiration and a blessing in your life. If you have enjoyed reading this series, please consider sharing its URL with your online friends. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter or Google+, I would also appreciate if you would take the time to click on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

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