

SON OF GOD

To believe in Jesus as the “Son of God” is to believe in Him as God. Son of God means He is of the very order and nature of God (cf. Jn. 1:34; 4:25; 9:35; 10:36; 11:4). He is God of very God Who reveals God to us. He is God come in the flesh. This is the MAJOR theme of the entire book of John, seen, for example, in the I AM statements in the book.

John 8:24

Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that **I am**, you will die in your sins.”

John 8:58 (NKJV)

Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM.**”

“The title [Son of God] does not, of course, imply biological descent...but the metaphor of sonship expresses the unity of nature, close fellowship, and unique intimacy between Jesus and the Father. Human fatherhood and sonship are only a faint copy of the relation between God the Father and God the Son.” - **Expositors**

In John 20:31, John writing evangelistically says that in order to be saved we must believe in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. In Matt. 16:16-18 Peter confessed this very thing saying to Jesus, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” to which Jesus responded by saying on this ROCK (this truth ROCK) “I will build My Church.”

On what is Christ building His Church? On the gospel TRUTH of Who Jesus is as the Christ Who is the Son of God. It is NOT built upon some ritual. It is not built upon water baptism. Rather it is built on the truth of WHO Jesus is as GOD! When people BELIEVE this gospel truth then they are saved and added to the forever family of God called the Church of Jesus Christ. This is HOW Christ is building His Church – namely through FAITH in His Person as God. And it must be personal as when “Doubting Thomas” expressed a New Testament faith in saying to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!” (Jn. 20:28)

In summary the title “SON OF GOD” means He is of the order of God, meaning very God of very God (cf. Jn. 5:18). Just as “Son of Man” emphasizes His humanity (He had no earthly father), so “Son of God” emphasizes His Deity (Jn. 10:30, 33, 36; Jn. 1:1, 20:28-31; 1 Jn. 4:15, 5:20; cf. 1 Jn. 5:9-13).

1 John 5:20 (NKJV)

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Who is “the true God and eternal life”? It is JESUS! THIS IS THE TRUE GOD AND ETERNAL LIFE! Get it right, or you will be on the wrong side of truth for all eternity! If we don't believe in Jesus as the eternal “I AM” (God) we will surely die in our sins! (cf. Ex. 3:13-15) This is non-negotiable!

John 17:3 (NKJV)

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

To know God is to know Jesus, and to know Jesus is to know God! To be saved we must believe in Jesus as our personal Lord-God and Savior!