

“WORD OF LIFE”

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CHRIST IN HIS PERSON

A. In the Godhead

2 - The **Son of God**

✚ GOD BREATHED (2 Tim 3:16):

- John 20:31** - These have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, **the Son of God**, and that believing you may have life in His name.
- John 1:18** - No one has ever seen God; the **only begotten Son**, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.
- Matt. 16:16** - And Simon Peter answered and said, You are **the Christ**, the Son of the living God.
- Acts 13:33** - God has fully fulfilled this promise to us their children in raising up **Jesus**, as it is also written in the second psalm, **You are My Son; today I have begotten You**.
- Rom. 8:29** - Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the **Firstborn** among many brothers;

✚ THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST (Phil. 3:8):

- **Jesus** is the **Christ** (John 1:41; 4:25, 29; 7:41-42) and the **Son of God** (John 1:34, 49; 9:35; 10:36).
 - Christ is the title of the Lord according to His **office**, His mission.
 - His mission is a matter of **God's work**.
 - The Son of God is His **title** according to His **person**.
 - His person is a matter of **God's life**,
 - He is the Son of God to be the Christ of God.
- **Christ** is the **Son of God**, **implies the expression of God**, the coming out, of God.
 - Concerning **God's existence**, Christ is the **complete God** as God's embodiment.
 - Concerning **God's issue**, His coming out, Christ is the **Son of God**.
- **Christ** is the **anointed One** of God and the **Son of the Living God**
 - The anointed One of God, **refers** to the Lord's **commission**,
 - **His commission** is to accomplish God's eternal purpose **through** His crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and second advent
 - The Son of the living God, as the second of the Triune God, **refers** to His **person**.
 - **His person** embodies the Father and issues in the Spirit for a full expression of the Triune God.

❖ **The Only Begotten Son of God before His Resurrection** (John 1:18; 3:16)

- **From** eternity until the time of His resurrection Christ was the **only begotten** Son of God.
 - This does not mean that **after** His resurrection Christ is no longer the only begotten Son of God.
 - In a sense, He **still** is the **only begotten Son**, this is **His eternal status**.
- **From the time** of His resurrection He **became** the Son of God.
 - In the sense **of being** the **firstborn Son of God**

❖ **The Firstborn Son of God from His Resurrection**

- **Before His incarnation** Christ was the only begotten Son of God from eternity
 - **As** the only begotten Son of God Christ **only had** divinity.
- **By His incarnation** He **entered into humanity** and took on human nature as part of His being.

- Christ put on an element, the flesh, the human nature, that had nothing to do with divinity
 - His human part, the human nature, born of Mary, **was not** the Son of God.
 - **His humanity** was not “sonized,” that is, **designated** the Son of God (**Rom. 1:4**), until His resurrection.
- **Through** resurrection He was begotten by God **in His humanity** to be God’s firstborn Son.
 - **His humanity** was sonized to make Him the Firstborn among many sons.
 - He was begotten by God in His resurrection to be the firstborn Son of God among many brothers (Rom. 8:29).
- By His resurrection Christ sanctified and uplifted His human nature, His humanity, and He was designated out of this resurrection as the Son of God with His human nature (Rom. 1:4).

➤ The Lord Jesus had **two births**.

- First, He was **born of Mary** to be the Son of Man. Then thirty-three and a half years later He was crucified, buried, and raised from among the dead.
- Through **resurrection** He had a second birth, for as a man He was born in His resurrection to be the Son of God (Psa. 2:7; Act 13:33).

✚ **SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE (Act 5:20):**

✚ **Christ is the only begotten Son of God**, The Lord Jesus is the **embodiment of the divine life** (**John 1:4**).

- ✓ **Through** resurrection Christ became the firstborn Son of God as the **life-dispenser** for the propagation of life.
- ✓ **Through** His becoming the firstborn Son of God in resurrection, **the divine life has been dispensed** into all of His believers to bring forth the propagation of the very life that is embodied in Him.

✚ **Not only** was **Christ born in resurrection**, **but all His believers were born with Him at that time**.

- ✓ **Hence**, that birth in resurrection was a **corporate birth**. **We were regenerated in Christ’s resurrection**, when His humanity was born of God. This birth in resurrection included us.
- ✓ We all were born with Christ in His resurrection to be the **many sons** of God and His **many brothers**.

*(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 21, point 2)
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