

BLESSEDNESS OF THE TRUTH: GOD'S SON IS OUR LORD

Intro: We have seen the beauty and significance of our Savior's names: Jesus and Christ. Now we press on to see the names "Only begotten Son" and "Lord".
 -Some translations of the Bible say "only Son" or "one and only Son". Is this true? Does not God have many other sons and daughters?
 -How is the sonship of Jesus Christ unique? How do we become sons of God? What is the blessedness of Christ's lordship?

I. THE CONFESSION OF JESUS' UNIQUE SONSHIP

- A. His origin.
1. Jesus is not called the son of God because he was the first creature, as Jehovah Witnesses teach.
 2. He is not called the son of God because he was born of a virgin. His origin did not begin at Bethlehem.
 3. He is not called the son of God because of his life or death, or resurrection. Son of God is not just a title given to him.
 4. He is God the Son! Begotten of the Father, he shares his father's divine nature. He is very God, second person of Trinity!
 5. Only in this way can we confess, "I believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son..." We worship him.
- B. He is the only begotten of the Father! WE read this six times in the Bible, in the writings of the Apostle John.
1. While God has many other children, Jesus Christ is the **only** one begotten. There is only **ONE** divine Son.
 2. **Begotten**, not made. The Father produces the Son who has life in himself (John 5:26).
 3. Begotten means to partake of the being of another, to come out of another's being. He is God's **natural** son. (John 10:30).
 4. **Eternal** Son: He was always with the Father and the Father sent forth his Son (Gal.4:4).
- C. The testimony of this truth confessed:
1. Old Testament prophets call him the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the man that is God's fellow...
 2. The shepherds and wise men came, bowed down, and worshipped him..
 3. The Apostles proclaim him: "We beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father..."
 4. Christ says, "he that hath seen me, hath seen the Father. I and my Father are one."
 5. God's testimony: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."
- D. The importance of this blessed confession.
1. If you do not believe this, you do not have true saving faith. You cannot be saved. Faith is believing that Jesus is God.
 2. Only as God could he in his birth become Immanuel, God with us.
 3. Only as God does his death on the cross have meaning. He was able to bear awful wrath of God in our place.
 4. Only as God is he mighty to save and to apply to us the benefits of his cross and resurrection.
 5. As God, his love never changes, but he is faithful.

II. THE CONFESSION OF OUR SONSHIP

- A. Believers are also children of God "**for his sake**".
1. We are children not by virtue of creation, not because we are worthy, not in ourselves, and surely not the whole race.
 2. By the fall of Adam and our nature, we are children of wrath, children of the devil!
 3. But God chose us eternally in Christ to be his dear sons and daughters.
 4. God in time purchased our sonship by the precious blood of his only begotten Son.
 5. Experientially we know our selves as children of God by the testimony of the Christ's Spirit in us crying "Abba, Father".
- B. We are children of God by **adoption**
1. Christ not only did a great work for us, but h does a great work in us.
 2. We are given a new heart and a new life, born from above.
 3. We are given faith: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus (Gal.3:26)."
 4. God has taken us who were no children and included us in his family, sons and daughters.
 5. God enables us to conduct ourselves as children of God, children of light, fighting sin and walking in obedience.
- C. We are children as a **fruit of God's grace**.
1. What blessedness that the Lord chooses and adopts us as children. Undeserved & particular favor. For who are we?
 2. Were we not debtors to the law and righteousness, slaves to Satan and sin, enemies of God?
 3. All that we can say is that it is all of God's irresistible grace!
- D. Implications:
1. This sonship makes us different from the rest of humanity. There is not a great brotherhood of mankind.
 2. This is not a matter of sinful pride or boastfulness. But the fact is that we are made separate from the world.
 3. Wonderful comfort: god is my Father, Jesus my elder brother, the angels our servants, heaven our home, church family.

III. THE CONFESSION OF JESUS' LORDSHIP

- A. How is Jesus Christ our Lord?
1. He is Lord by virtue of the fact that he is the Son of the living God. He is God.
 2. He is Lord by virtue of his salvation, by virtue that he has purchased us with his precious blood from all our sins.
 3. He owns us, posses us, therefore he has a great responsibility for us.
- B. He is the Lord over a very happy people.
1. He cares for us feeding us with his Word.
 2. He rules and governs us so that we are not unruly or disobedient.
 3. He protects us so that not one of God's children is lost.
 4. We are content with ourselves and our path in life, not caught up in self-pity or rebellion when our path is difficult.
- C. We have a great responsibility towards him.
1. "Our Lord": not merely a confession of the lips, but we acknowledge that we are his in our life.
 2. We humbly devote ourselves to serve and worship him, body and soul.
 3. How can we show this? Let my tongue, my actions, and my life be as a continual offering of praise to him.