

Part 6 The Doctrine of Christ – Relationship with the Father

The Relationship of the Son to the Father

A. Introduction

- As God, Jesus in his preincarnate state, was, is, and always will be equal with God the Father, however; in his incarnate state he is definitely in submission to the Father.
 - **DEFINITIONS:**
 - **Preincarnate:** *Existing before the Incarnation; specifically designating Christ in his divine pre-existence.*
 - **Incarnate:** *The embodiment of God the Son in human flesh as Jesus Christ.*

B. Jesus Christ as God is equal to the Father = *John 10:30* I and my Father are one.

- *1 John 2:23* Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.
- *John 5:18* Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.
- *John 10:33* The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.
- *John 14:8-9* Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?
- **Paul speaking of Jesus says in *Colossians 1:15-19*** *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 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: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 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. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;*
- **Also, we find Paul stating the following in *Philippians 2:5-8*** *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*
- *John 17:5* And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.
- *John 1:1* In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- *1 John 5:20* 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.
- *Titus 2:13-14* Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
- *Hebrews 1:8* 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.

C. Jesus Christ as man is subordinate to the Father

- *John 14:28* Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.
- *Psalms 2:7* I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

- **The Gospel of John is the fulfilling of that prophecy in Psalm 2:7: *John 3:16*** *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 6:57*** *As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.*
- ***John 5:19-20*** *Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. 20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.*
- ***John 6:29*** *Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.*
- ***John 8:25-29*** *Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning. 26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. 27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father. 28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. 29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.*
- ***John 8:42*** *Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.*
- ***John 10:14-18*** *I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. 17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 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 13:3*** *Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;*
- ***John 5:36*** *But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.*
- ***John 17:1-5*** *These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.*
- ***Luke 22:29-30*** *And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; 30 That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*
- ***Hebrews 7:25*** *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.*

D. Conclusion