

# **Jesus Is the Son of God**

**The Sonship Controversy  
Simplified and Settled**

# Here is the Controversy - 1

## Incarnate Sonship

Jesus is Son of God by His miraculous conception in Mary by God the Father.

## Eternal Sonship

The Word of God is Son of God by eternal generation by God the Father.

# Here is the Controversy - 2

## Incarnate Sonship

It is Christ's humanity that God begat that made Him the Son of God by flesh.

## Eternal Sonship

It is Christ's divinity that God begat that made Him the Son of God in deity.

# Here is the Controversy - 3

## Incarnate Sonship

The deity of Jesus Christ is absolutely underived in any sense; He is Jehovah.

## Eternal Sonship

The deity of Jesus Christ is begotten and derived; He is a begotten God.

# Here is the Controversy - 4

## Incarnate Sonship

Following Bible language consistently rejects most heresies of Jesus Christ.

## Eternal Sonship

Origen's ideas and words intended a lesser God, which Arians & JW's used.

# Here is the Controversy - 5

## Incarnate Sonship

Jesus in His divine nature is LORD Jehovah, without derivation of any kind.

## Eternal Sonship

Jesus in His divine nature is begotten God, derived from and less than God.

# What is the Sonship Controversy?

- It is a conflict for the deity and identity of Jesus.
- Most Christians in the pew understand it as we do.
- It is a conflict between Biblicism and philosophy.
- Is it a conflict? *Question eternal sonship and see?*
- Rome's followers fought our ancestors and us.

**The identity of Jesus is  
the most important  
Bible fact to know.**



**It is one of the chief  
landmarks of our faith.**

**Men and churches  
argued and fought  
about this topic  
by Satan's lies.**

**Who is the  
Son of God?**

**Men have made this  
subject complicated  
and mysterious.**

**But it is not so ...  
to Bible Christians!**

**It is all plain to Him  
that understandeth.**

**Proverbs 8:9**

**It is right to them  
that find knowledge.**

**Proverbs 8:9**

**God reveals things to  
babes He hides from  
the wise and prudent.**

**Matt 11:25-27**

**I Cor 1:18-20**

**I Cor 3:18-20**

**Job 32:6-10**

**Ps 119:98-100**



# Warning of Christ Heresies - 1

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”

Colossians 2:8-9

- Let us be cautious, on guard, wary, and vigilant.
- All men are liars, so any man can bring heresy.
- Paul condemned Greek ideas and Jewish legalism.

# Warning of Christ Heresies - 2

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”

Colossians 2:8-9

- We can be stripped, pillaged, plundered of truth.
- Philosophy = natural reasoning over revelation.
- Vain deceit = lies of men in pride and false science.

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- Tradition = what dead men speculated to be truth.
- Rudiments = elementary facts of world and Jews.
- The danger is heresy about Jesus Christ (Col 2:1-4).

# Warning of Christ Heresies - 4

“But I fear ... as the serpent beguiled Eve ... so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus ... ye might well bear with him.”

II Corinthians 11:3-4

- The doctrine of Christ and salvation is quite simple.
- Satan attacked foundation truth then and now.
- There is more than one Jesus – we hate all others.

# The Sonship of Jesus Christ

- Satan, like in Eden, lies to men ... by false teachers.
- They will make simple gospel things complicated.
- They will confuse or deny that Jesus is fully God.
- They will confuse or deny plain Bible statements.
- They will mix pagan philosophy into the gospel.

**You want an example?**

**Of false teachers  
spoiling Christians?**

**By philosophy,  
vain deceit,  
tradition of men,  
worldly rudiments?**




**Baptism!**


**95% of all “Christians”  
cannot figure out the  
simplest doctrine and  
practice of the N.T.**

**How do they spoil  
Christians about the  
simplest doctrine?**

**How can they come up  
with infant sprinkling  
from the Bible?**



**By philosophy,  
vain deceit,  
tradition of men,  
worldly rudiments!**



**Never forget  
this example!**

**It will remind you ...  
seminaries, councils,  
and creeds ...  
do not have a clue!**

**But they will  
belittle ... mock ...  
ridicule ... persecute  
you ... for sticking to  
the Bible.**



# The Sonship of Jesus Christ

- Who Is the Son of God?
- How Is He the Son of God?
- When did He become the Son of God?
- Where do our adversaries get their ideas?
- Do we have enough Bible evidence for the truth?

**Who is the  
Son of God?**

John the Baptist

Elijah

Jeremiah

Another Prophet

A God

A Begotten God

I AM THAT I AM

# Jesus Is the Son of God - 1

“Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.”

I John 4:15

# Jesus Is the Son of God - 2

“Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?”

1 John 5:5

# Jesus Is the Son of God - 3

“And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

Acts 8:37

# Jesus Is the Son of God - 4

“He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?  
And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the  
Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16:15-16

# Jesus Is the Son of God - 5

“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



# Jesus Is the Son of God - 6

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

Acts 9:20

# Jesus Is the Son of God - 7

“Jesus ... 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.”

John 9:35-37

# Jesus Is the Son of God - 8

“For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed....”

Acts 4:27

# Jesus Is the Son of God - 9

“By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.”

Acts 4:30

# Jesus Is the Son of God - 10

“And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.”

John 6:69

# Who Is the Son of God?

- The clearest gospel fact = Jesus is the Son of God.
- This should settle the controversy for all time.
- The Word of God is not the Son of God. Get this!
- The Word of God *made flesh* is the Son of God.
- The Man Jesus is the Christ and the Son of God.

**Who or What  
is Jesus?**

# Who Is Jesus? - 1

“The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son  
of David, the son of Abraham.”

Matthew 1:1



# Who Is Jesus? - 2

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

# Who Is Jesus? - 3

“And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.”

Luke 1:30-31

# Who Is Jesus? - 4

“And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.”

Matthew 1:25

# Who Is Jesus? - 5

“And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.”

Luke 1:30-31

# Who Is Jesus? - 6

“Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:”

II Timothy 2:8

# Who Is Jesus? - 7

“Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.”

Romans 9:5

# Who Is Jesus? - 8

“Of this man’s seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:”

Acts 13:23

# Who Is Jesus? - 9

“Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;”

Romans 1:3



# Who Is Jesus?

- Jesus is the Man born to Mary and Joseph.
- Gabriel told Joseph and Mary to name Him Jesus.
- No one was named Jesus before Mary's baby boy.
- Jesus has a birth certificate and birthday in time.
- Jesus has a full human nature, and He died at 33.

**When was  
Jesus born or  
begotten?**

# When Was He Begotten? - 1

“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

# When Was He Begotten? - 2

“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

# When Was He Begotten? - 3

“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,”

Galatians 4:4

# When Was He Begotten? - 4

“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead  
bodily.”

Colossians 2:9

# When Was He Begotten? - 5

“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

Matthew 1:23

# When Was He Begotten? - 6

“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.”

I Timothy 3:16



# When Was He Begotten?

- Not until a flesh being was made for us to behold!
- When Mary had a baby boy by the power of God.
- Until Jesus on earth with a body – no begotten Son.
- He was begotten in fullness of time – of a woman.
- Begetting ... fathering ... is always and only in time.

**Let us summarize the  
controversy about  
Jesus**

## **Incarnate Sonship**

**The Word of God, Who is God,  
took on a human nature in  
time, which was begotten by  
God through Mary, and was  
named Jesus the Christ.**

## **Eternal Sonship**

**God the Father begat God the Son in eternity past, without any regard to His humanity, by some mysterious process of eternal generation.**

# \*\*\* Incarnate Sonship \*\*\*

- Who is the Son of God? Jesus is the Son of God.
- Jesus is the Godman born to Mary 2020 yrs ago.
- God begat the human nature for the Word to join.
- He is absolutely fully Jehovah – the Word of God!
- He is absolutely fully man – with a human nature.

# \*\*\* Eternal Sonship \*\*\*

- Who is the Son of God? The Word of God is Son.
- The Word was begotten (fathered) in eternity.
- God begat God in eternity by mystery generation.
- Jesus Christ is begotten in His divine nature as God.
- Jesus is a begotten God ... God of God (NASB; NWT; JW).

## \*\*\* Incarnate Sonship \*\*\*

- Who is the Son of God? Jesus is the Son of God.
- “Only begotten” refers to His miracle virgin birth.
- He was generated in fullness of time in a woman.
- He is fully Jehovah by being the Word of God.
- Trinity is fully ... I AM THAT I AM ... in each Person.

# \*\*\* Eternal Sonship \*\*\*


- Who is the Son of God? The Word of God is Son.
- “Only begotten” is a mystical way of begetting.
- Generated in eternity past before all time.
- Questionably God by being generated by God.
- Trinity is ... begotten and proceeding of each other.



| <b>INCARNATE SONSHIP</b>       | <b>ETERNAL SONSHIP</b>            |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Son of God = Jesus</b>      | <b>Son of God = Word of God</b>   |
| <b>Jesus is God</b>            | <b>God is God</b>                 |
| <b>God</b>                     | <b>God of God</b>                 |
| <b>Independent Deity</b>       | <b>Dependent Deity</b>            |
| <b>Underived Deity</b>         | <b>Derived Deity</b>              |
| <b>Born of Mary</b>            | <b>Born of God</b>                |
| <b>Light</b>                   | <b>Light of Light</b>             |
| <b>Bible</b>                   | <b>Origen</b>                     |
| <b>Consistent use of words</b> | <b>Contradictory use of words</b> |
| <b>Clear Bible statements</b>  | <b>Manmade speculations</b>       |

| <b>INCARNATE SONSHIP</b>     | <b>ETERNAL SONSHIP</b>       |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Human nature</b>          | <b>Divine nature</b>         |
| <b>Begotten Son</b>          | <b>Begotten God</b>          |
| <b>Word = God</b>            | <b>Word = Son</b>            |
| <b>God begat Son</b>         | <b>God begat God</b>         |
| <b>With a woman</b>          | <b>Without a woman</b>       |
| <b>Miraculous generation</b> | <b>Mysterious generation</b> |
| <b>Son of God</b>            | <b>God of God</b>            |
| <b>Humanity generated</b>    | <b>Deity generated</b>       |
| <b>Jesus is Son</b>          | <b>God is Son</b>            |
| <b>Fullness of time</b>      | <b>Eternal Process</b>       |
| <b>Absolute Deity</b>        | <b>Doubtful Deity</b>        |

| <b>INCARNATE SONSHIP</b> | <b>ETERNAL SONSHIP</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>God's mind</b>        | <b>Man's mind</b>      |
| <b>Scripture</b>         | <b>Imagination</b>     |
| <b>Revelation</b>        | <b>Speculation</b>     |
| <b>Saints</b>            | <b>Scholars</b>        |
| <b>Faith</b>             | <b>Philosophy</b>      |
| <b>Facts</b>             | <b>Opinions</b>        |
| <b>Inspiration</b>       | <b>Tradition</b>       |
| <b>Apostolic</b>         | <b>Catholic</b>        |
| <b>Revealed</b>          | <b>Mysterious</b>      |
| <b>Christian</b>         | <b>Pagan</b>           |
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come from?

## **Gobbledygook.**

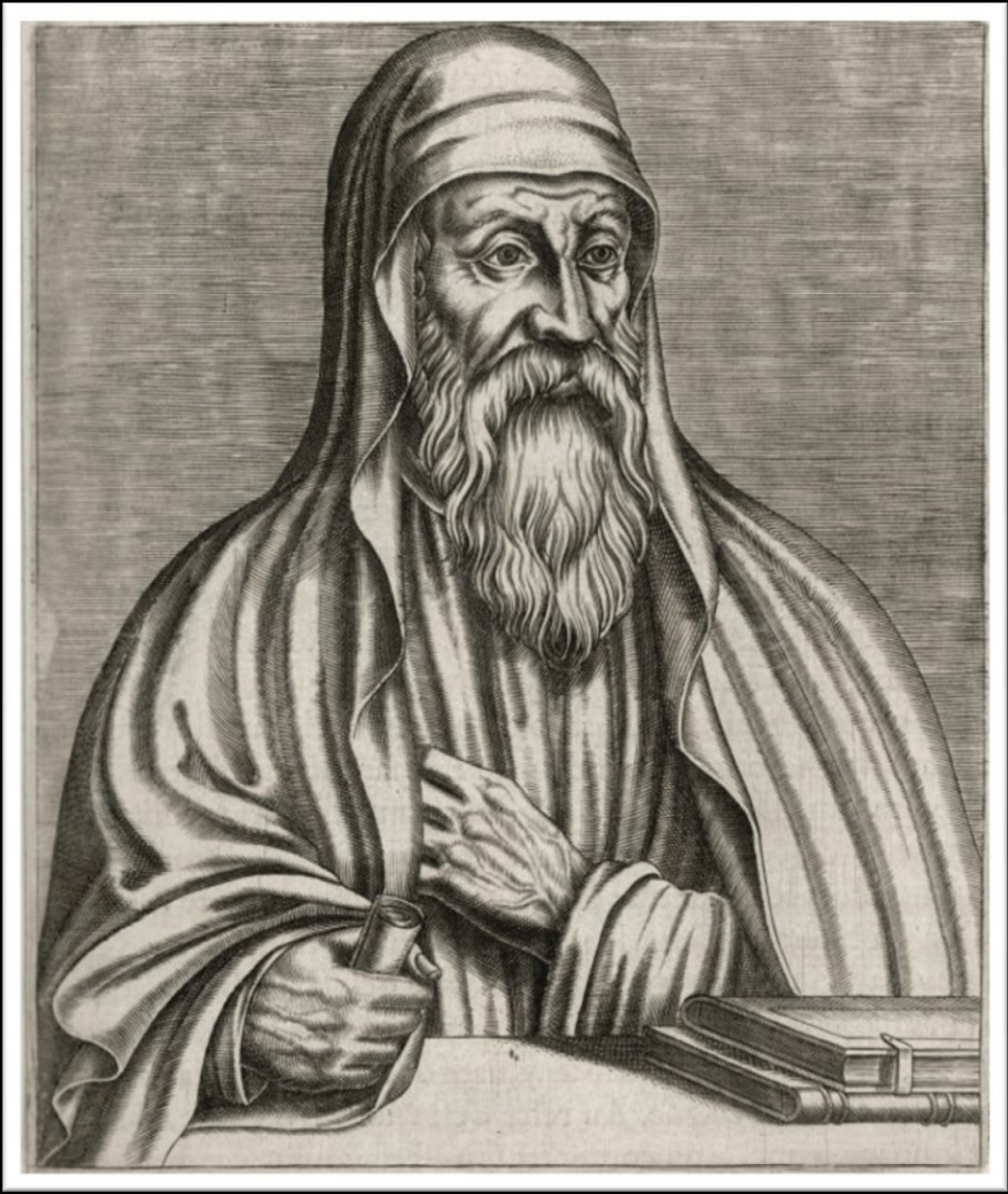
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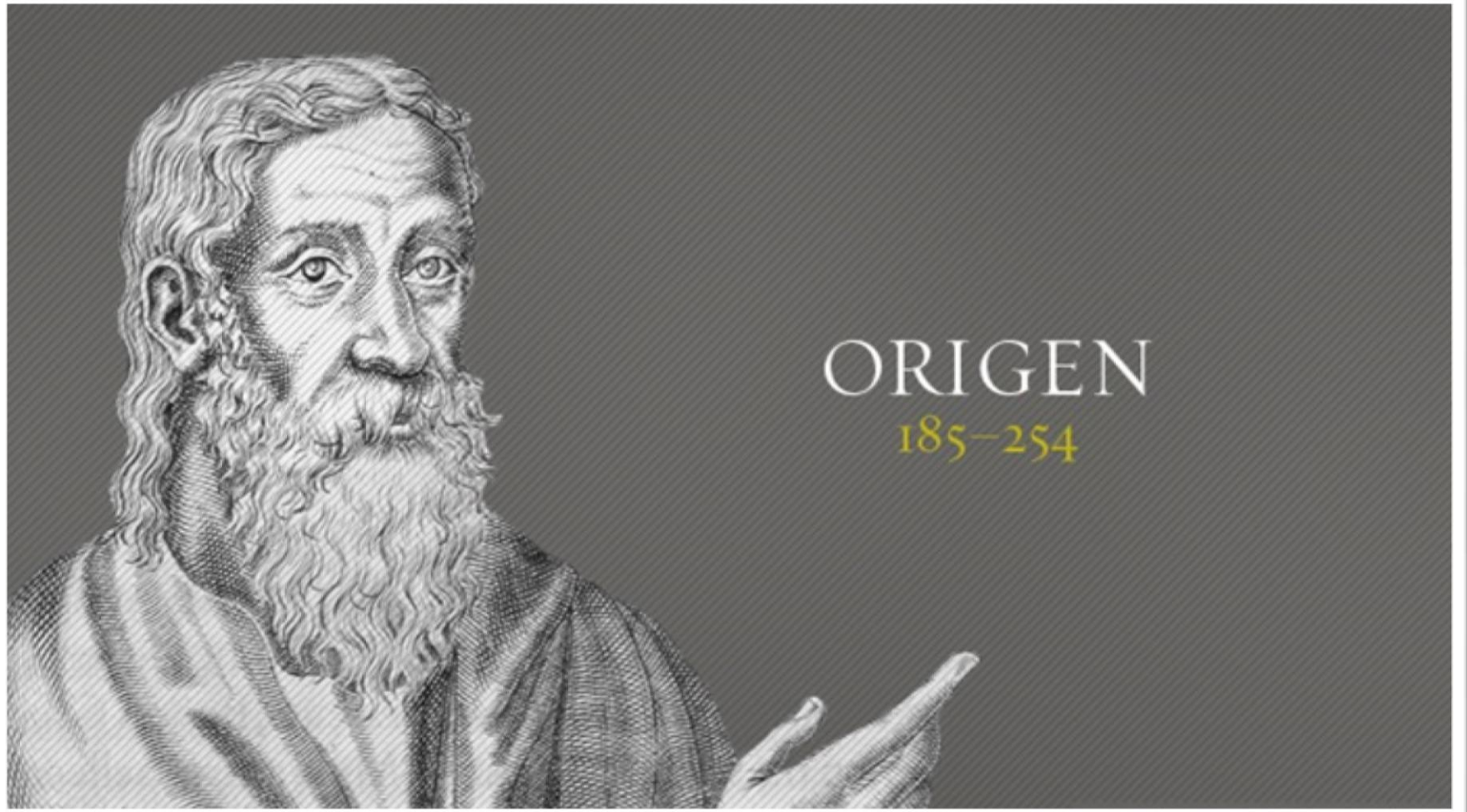
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Where did it  
come from?







# Origen (185-254)

- He was a speculative heretic of Alexandria, Egypt.
- Did he do some good? ... maybe ... so did Judas.
- Smartest to many ... greatest corrupter to others.
- Platonist/Gnostic philosophy affected his theology.
- Extreme, impulsive theologian without constraints.

# Origen's Heresies (a sample)

- Denied infallible inspiration of whole Bible
- Ridiculed reality of Genesis, Adam, Eden
- Infant baptism
- Baptismal regeneration
- Salvation by works
- Universalism (including devil) and no real hell
- No resurrection of the body
- Allegorization of the Bible (help it fit Gnostic/Platonic philosophy)
- Castrated himself by Matthew 19:12 (Eusebius; Abelard; Gibbon; et. al.)
- Preexistence and intermediate state of the soul
- Transubstantiation

# Origen's Sonship

- Gnostic/Platonist philosophy affected his theology.
- God the Father was independent, underived God.
- The Word/Son was derived by “eternal generation.”
- The Word/Son's Deity was inferior to the Father's.
- Jesus = *a God* and *begotten God*, but not creature.

# The Nicene Sonship Controversy

- Arius saw Origen's opinions made Jesus a creature.
- He attacked doctrine of Alexander of Alexandria.
- Athanasius was a young deacon that opposed him.
- "Christian" Constantine called a council for peace.
- 318 bishops brought priests and deacons (1500+)



## Arius (256-336)

Priest at Alexandria, Egypt

Applied Origen's Christology

Father predated the Son

Eternal generation impossible

Son must be divine Creature

## Athanasius (296-373)

Bishop of Alexandria, Egypt

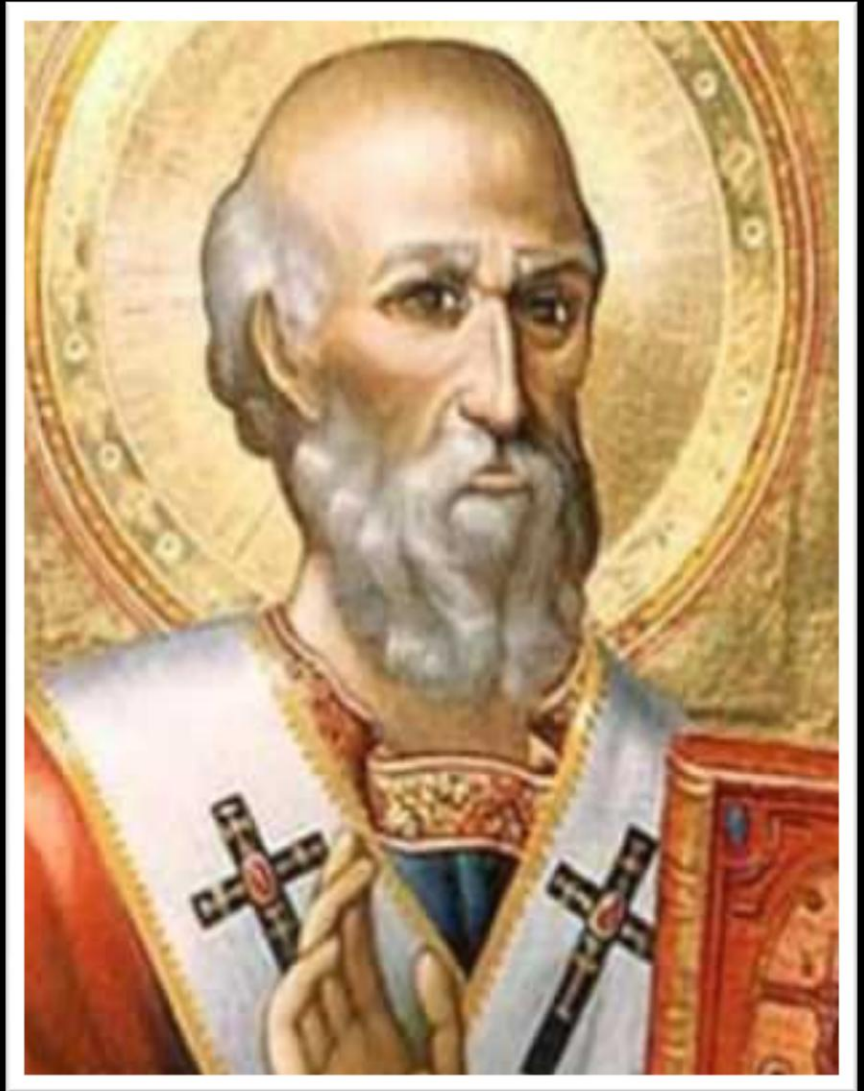
Opponent of Arius / Arianism

27 years old at first Council

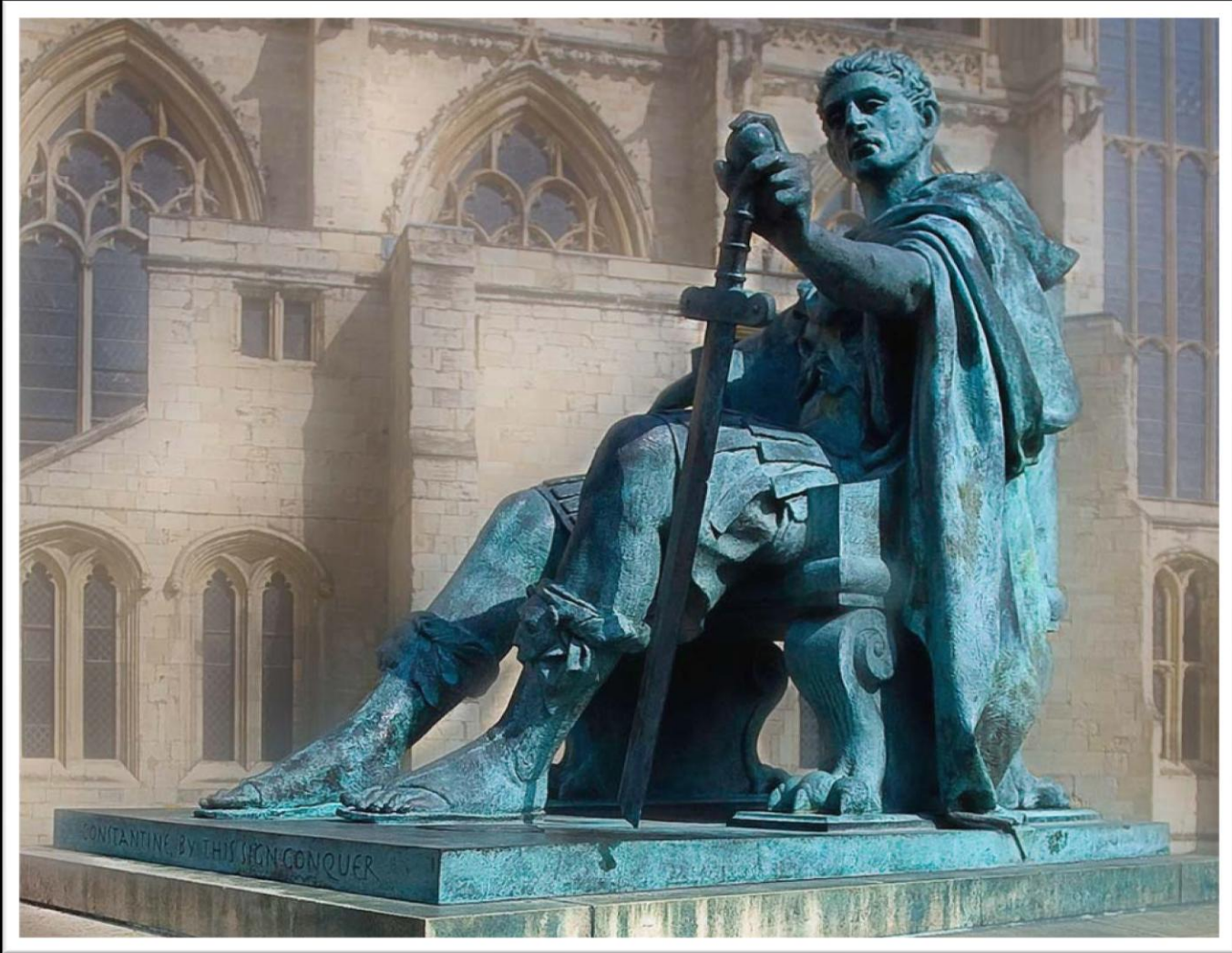
Father-Son same substance

Father-Son same eternity

Son by eternal generation

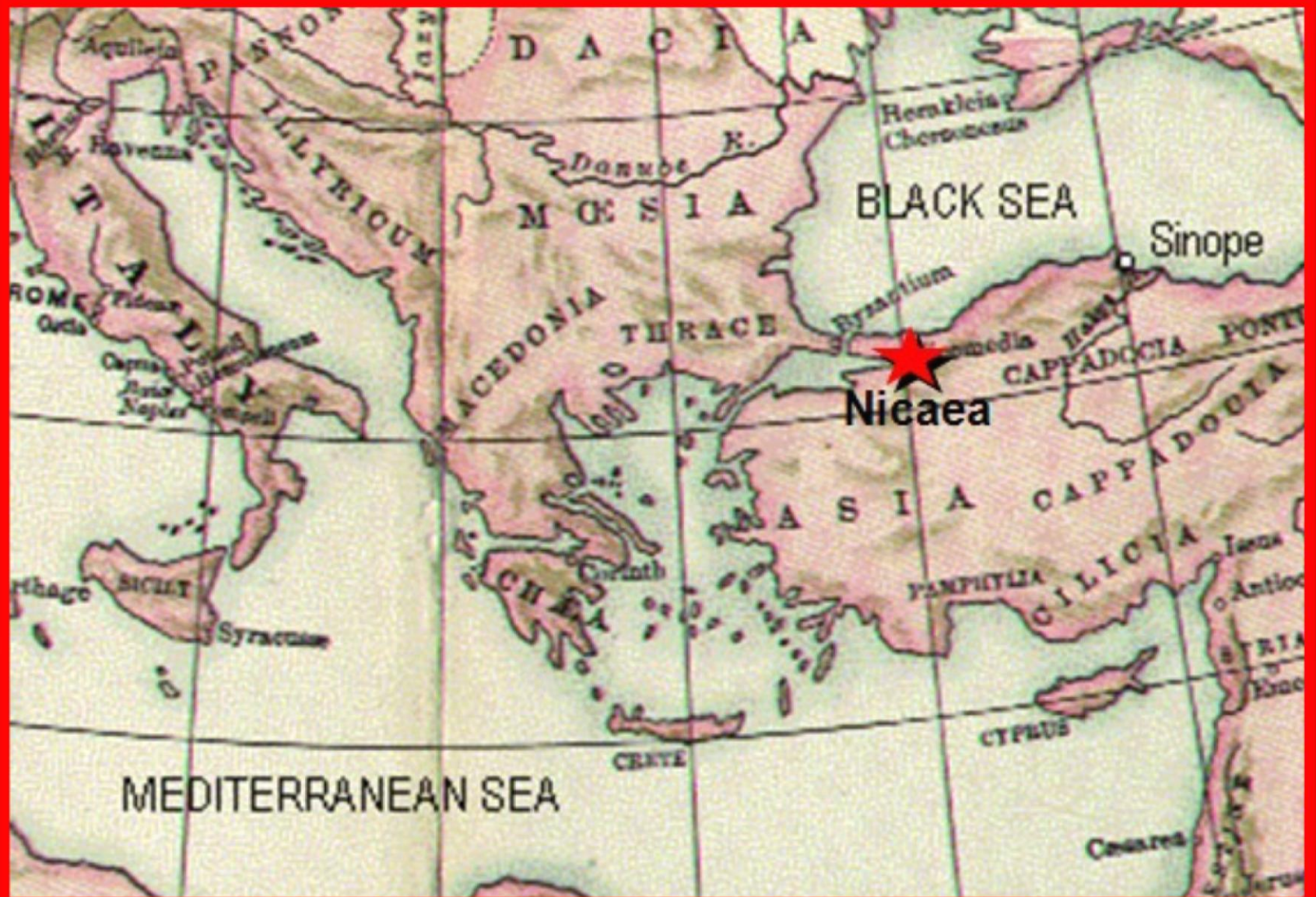






Constantine the Great (272-337)





# The Nicene Sonship Controversy

- Roman emperor Constantine called for it in 325.
- It was held in Nicea ... now northwestern Turkey.
- It dealt with Christology, Easter dating, canon law.
- Athanasius won – Jesus is God begotten, not made.
- Origen's concept of eternal generation was used.

# The Council of Nicea - 1

- True Christian pastors did not attend such a thing.
- They would not fornicate with kings of the earth.
- They rejected regional/metropolitan bishops.
- They would have flushed the canon laws given.
- It is heresy to appeal to a “Fathers”-State council.

# The Council of Nicea - 2


- This is a Mother Church council to be reviled.
- She is mother of abominations & harlot churches.
- These bishops would persecute any true Baptists.
- Rome's bishop was soon preeminent for the RCC.
- Should we revere and appeal to church councils?

# The Nicene Creed - 1

We believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

# The Nicene Creed - 2

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God,  
Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father....



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come from?

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*Begotten of his Father  
before all worlds?*

*God of God?*



*Light of Light?*

*Very God of Very God?*

*Begotten, not made*



Where did it  
come from?

**It came from the devil,  
who gave it to Origen,  
and pagan prelates of  
Rome copied it!**

**She is the mother of  
abominable heresies  
and harlot churches,  
and her daughters  
appeal to her.**



# Private Creed of Arius (328)

We believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty;  
and in the Lord Jesus Christ,  
his Son,  
who was begotten of him  
before all ages,  
the Divine Logos....

# Luther's Small Catechism (1529)

I believe that Jesus Christ,  
true God,  
begotten of the Father from eternity  
... is my Lord.

# Council of Trent (1546)

I believe in one ... Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
and born of the Father before all ages;  
God of God,  
light of light,  
true God of true God;  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father.

# Belgic Confession (1561, Reformed)

We believe that Jesus Christ,  
according to his divine nature,  
is the only begotten son of God,  
begotten from eternity,  
not made nor created  
(for then he would be a creature),  
but co-essential and co-eternal with the Father....  
Who is the son of God, not only from the time  
he assumed our nature, but from all eternity....

# Thirty-Nine Articles (1563, Church of England)

The Son,  
which is the Word of the Father,  
begotten from everlasting of the Father,  
the very and eternal God,  
and of one substance with the Father....

The Nicene Creed ...  
ought thoroughly to be received and believed:  
for they may be proved by most certain warrants of  
Holy Scripture.

# Westminster (1647, Presbyterian)

In the unity of the Godhead  
there be three persons,  
of one substance, power, and eternity:  
God the Father,  
God the Son,  
and God the Holy Ghost.  
The Father is of none,  
neither begotten nor proceeding;  
the Son is eternally begotten of the Father;  
the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding ....

# Savoy Declaration (1658, Congregational)

In the unity of the God-head  
there be three Persons....

The Father is of none,  
neither begotten, nor proceeding;  
the Son is eternally begotten of the Father;  
the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding ....

## Second London (1677/1689, Baptist)

In this divine and infinite Being  
there are three subsistences,  
the Father, the Word (or Son), and Holy Spirit,  
of one substance, power, and Eternity,  
each having the whole Divine Essence,  
yet the Essence undivided,  
the Father is of none neither begotten nor proceeding,  
the Son is Eternally begotten of the Father,  
the Holy Spirit proceeding....



# Philadelphia (1742, Baptist)

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# Philadelphia Association (1774, Baptist)

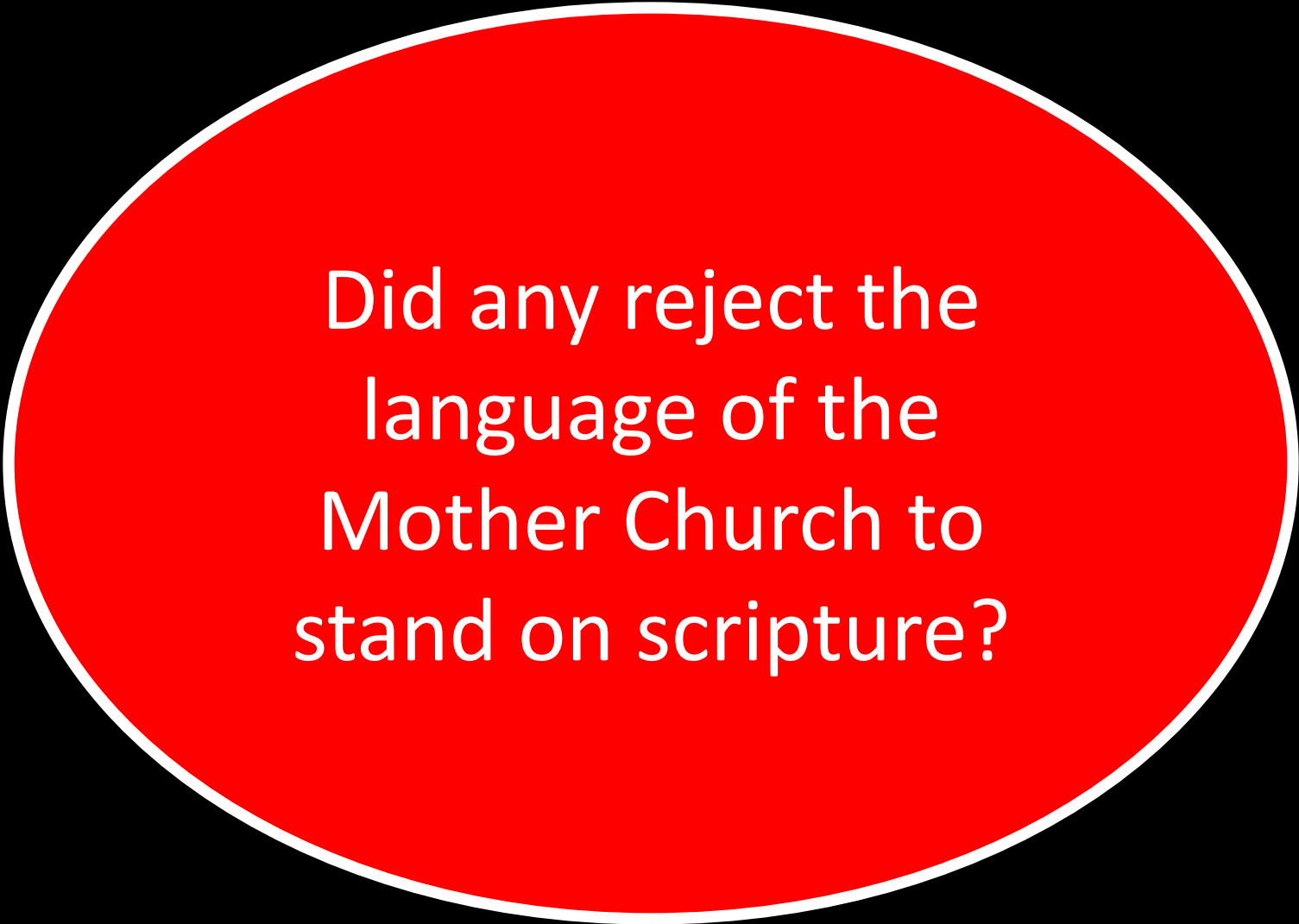
Question – In what respect is Christ the only begotten Son of God?

Answer – 1. Not with respect to His human nature; for He was the only begotten Son of God before...  
4. It remains, then, that He was the only begotten Son of God by eternal generation, inconceivable and mysterious.

## Fulton (plagiarized 1900, Primitive Baptist)

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the Father, the Word (or Son), and Holy Spirit,  
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yet the Essence undivided,  
the Father is of none neither begotten nor proceeding;  
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the Holy Spirit proceeding....

| <b>INCARNATE SONSHIP</b>      | <b>ETERNAL SONSHIP</b>            |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Apostles</b>               | <b>“Church Fathers”</b>           |
| <b>Scripture</b>              | <b>Origen</b>                     |
| <b>God’s wisdom</b>           | <b>Nicene “wisdom”</b>            |
| <b>Proven truth</b>           | <b>Assumed truth</b>              |
| <b>Faithful churches</b>      | <b>Catholic Church</b>            |
| <b>Church faith</b>           | <b>Church creeds</b>              |
| <b>Saints</b>                 | <b>Seminaries</b>                 |
| <b>Christ’s witnesses</b>     | <b>Jehovah’s witnesses</b>        |
| <b>Never killed over it</b>   | <b>Even Calvin killed over it</b> |
| <b>Intuitively reasonable</b> | <b>Intuitively impossible</b>     |
| <b>Not traditional</b>        | <b>Totally traditional</b>        |



Did any reject the  
language of the  
Mother Church to  
stand on scripture?

# Midlands (1655, Particular Baptist)

We believe and profess,  
that there is only one true God,  
Who is our God....

That this infinite Being is set forth to be  
the Father,  
the Word,  
and the Holy Spirit;  
and these three agree in one.

I John 5:7

## First London (1646, Particular Baptist)

In this divine and infinite Being there is  
the Father,  
the Word,  
and the Holy Spirit;  
each having the whole divine Essence,  
yet the Essence undivided;  
all infinite without any beginning,  
therefore but one God;  
who is not to be divided in nature, and being,  
but distinguished by several ... relative properties.

Adam Clarke

Albert Barnes

James Graves

Walter Martin

Thomas Ridgley


Moses Stuart

Gilbert Beebe



# Others Holding Incarnate Sonship

- Michael Servetus tried, but Calvin burned him.
- Samuel Richardson (Baptist) ridiculed it in 1647.
- Particular Baptists split over it in mid-1800's.
- Primitive Baptists crucified a minister in 1978.
- Freewill Baptists believe it and state it as we do.



Are there any  
consequences for  
holding incarnate  
sonship?

# Are there Consequences for Truth?

- Any criticism of Nicene tradition will mark you.
- John MacArthur had to defend and then retract.
- You will be ridiculed as Sabellian or Modalistic.
- Though they give Arians the wording they need.
- You will be slandered as denying deity and trinity.

# **Bible Truth #1**

Jesus of Nazareth  
is the Son of God

(Luke 1:32,35)

# **Bible Truth #2**

The Word of God is God

(John 1:1)

# **Bible Truth #3**

Jesus Christ is  
the Word of God  
made flesh

(John 1:14)

# The Bible Doctrine - 1

## The Word of God is God

He is not the Son of God ... He is God.  
He is not begotten of God ... He is God.  
He is ... I AM THAT I AM.  
He is not ... I AM THE BEGOTTEN GOD.

# The Bible Doctrine - 2

The Word of God joined a human nature.

This is the incarnation or hypostatic union.

This is the great mystery of godliness.

This brought Immanuel into being.



# The Bible Doctrine - 3

The resulting Godman is Jesus Christ.

He is the Son of God.

He is the Son of Man.

He possesses both natures.

He is One Person.

# The Bible Doctrine - 4

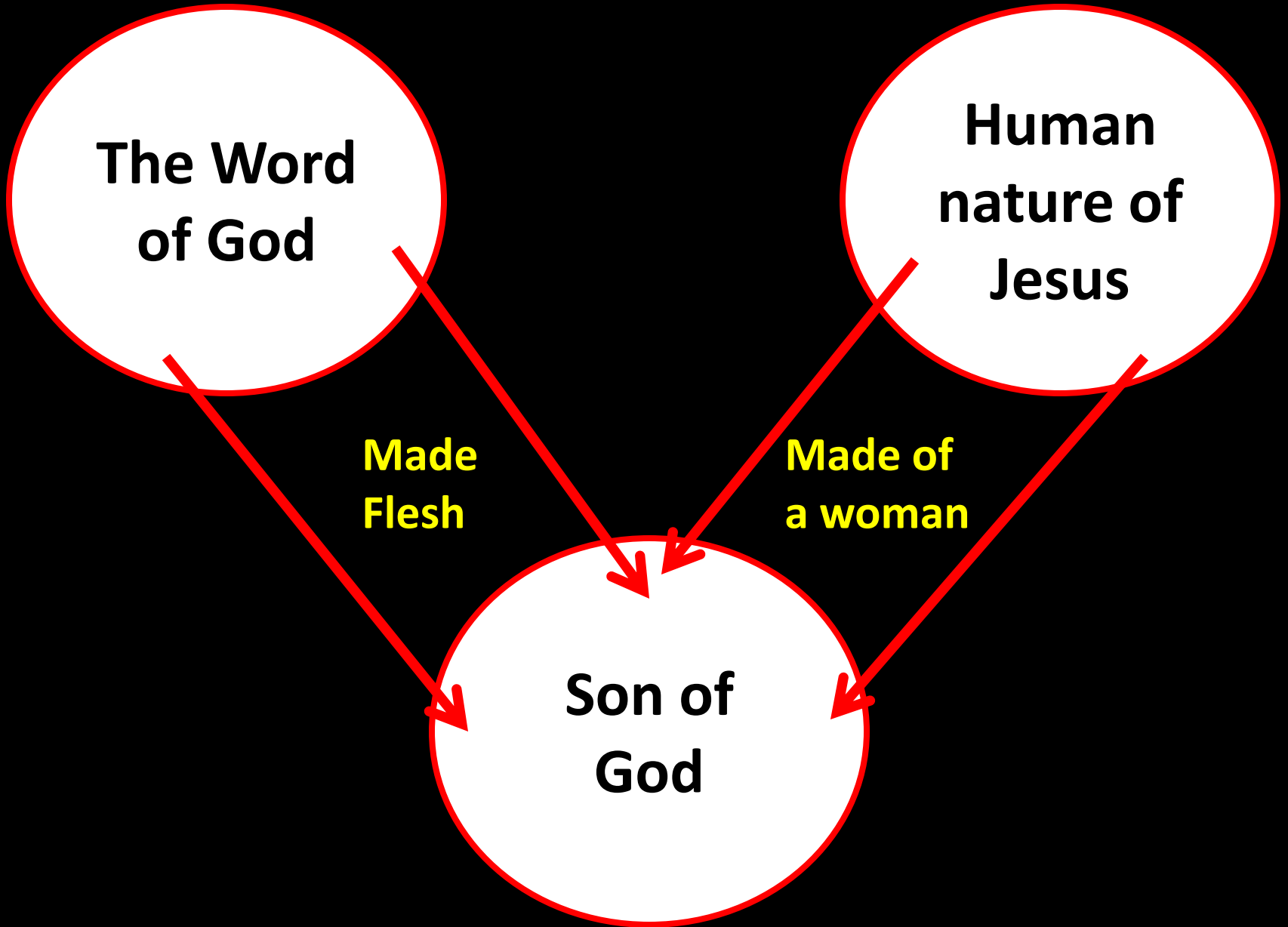
He may do both human and divine things.

He grew in stature.

He created the worlds.

He suffered thirst.

He was before Abraham.



# Doctrinal Distinctions - 1

Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God.

The Word of God is not the Son of God.

The Word made flesh is the Son of God.

## Doctrinal Distinctions - 2

Jesus of Nazareth was begotten by God.

The Word of God was never begotten.

The Word made flesh was begotten by God.

# Doctrinal Distinctions - 3

Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God.

Jesus was made 2020 years ago (2016).

Therefore, there was no Son of God 3000 years ago.

# Doctrinal Distinctions - 4

Jesus of Nazareth is the Word of God.

The Word made all things 6000 years ago.

Therefore, Jesus Christ created all things.

# Doctrinal Distinctions - 5

God is a Spirit.

Jesus is a Man.

Jesus is God, but God is not Jesus.

God manifest in the flesh is Jesus.



# Doctrinal Distinctions - 6

God cannot die.

Jesus the Son of God died.

The human nature of Christ died.

# Doctrinal Distinctions - 7

Jesus is God.

Jesus will be subject to God for eternity.

The human nature will be subject to God.

# Doctrinal Distinctions - 8

The Word was made flesh.

The Word made flesh is the Son.

The Son was not made flesh.

# Doctrinal Distinctions - 10

The humanity of Christ was begotten.

Jesus Christ is both God and Man.

The complex union of Christ was begotten.

# Is Jesus Subordinate to God?

- Of course! Every son is subordinate to his father!
- Believe ... I Cor 15:28 ... Mark 13:32 ... Luke 22:42.
- Jesus of Nazareth as the Godman is subordinate.
- The Word of God is not subordinate whatsoever.
- Jesus is underived Jehovah in His divine nature.

# Is Jesus of Same Substance as God?

- Of course not! Jesus has a full human nature.
- Rightly divide His natures to see God and man.
- Jesus has a full fleshly body ... but God is a Spirit.
- The divine nature of Jesus Christ is God Himself.
- Jesus is underived Jehovah in His divine nature.

# Eternal Sonship Exposed - 1

- “Eternal generation” is self-contradictory with mutually exclusive terms, but Origen didn’t care.
- Since the Son of God must be made of a woman (Gal 4:4) ... *who is His eternal mother?*
- Their bright ones appeal to Isaiah 9:6 and “the everlasting Father” ... *but it is a name of the Son!*

# Eternal Sonship Exposed - 2

- Though God spoke to Israel by many means (Heb 1:1-2) ... *He never spoke to them by His Son!*
- God cannot be seen at anytime (Jn 1:18) ... *but the Son was seen, felt, and held by apostles (1 John 1:1-3).*
- Is there help in *monogenes*? ... No! ... the English denies their heresy ... *so they must use Plato's word.*



# Eternal Sonship Exposed - 3

- Does the N.T. teach Jesus was generated? ... *Yes, in its first verse ... by Abraham and David (Matt 1:1)!*
- Their bright ones appeal to Psalm 2:7, “This day have I begotten thee” ... *but Paul quoted it for Jesus Christ’s resurrection (Acts 13:33; Heb 1:5; Rom 1:4; Col 1:18; etc.).*
- See <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/this-day-have-i-begotten-thee.pdf>.

# Eternal Sonship Exposed - 4

- They love analogies like sunlight – as long as there has been a sun, light has proceeded from it ... *but God made the sun three days after light!*
- Is God a “Father” in the O.T.? ... *No! ... except for angels, Adam, and Israel* (Job 1:6; Luke 3:38; Is 64:8).
- If Jesus was eternally begotten ... AND ... via Mary ... what do we have? ... *A double-begotten Son!*

# Eternal Sonship Exposed - 5

- “Eternal generation” is not found in the Bible, and it denies the Bible for the “fulness of the time.”

# Eternal Sonship Objections - 1

- With Christology from Rome, they comb the Bible.
- They say, *Can we find any verses for our heresy?*
- Many corrupted scripture in Paul's day (II Cor 2:17).
- Think Arminian sound bites ... here we go again.
- Think Presbyterian nonsense for infant sprinkling.

# Eternal Sonship Objections - 2

- With no regard for the sense, they hurl their verses.
- They totally ignore Jesus has two distinct natures.
- Aspects of either nature may be ascribed to Jesus.
- Changes in role do not alter earlier deeds done.
- For example, my wife was a Girl Scout. Consider it!

# ***But ... But ... Jesus created all things***

- *They use Ephesians 3:9 and Hebrews 1:2.*
- *They say ... Jesus the Son must be eternal to create.*
- His divine nature – the Word – made all things!
- Jesus is the Word made flesh ... with two natures.
- My wife was a Girl Scout ... *but not as my wife!*

## ***But ... But ... Nebuchadnezzar saw him***

- *They use Daniel 3:25 about the fiery furnace fourth.*
- *They say ... pre-incarnate Jesus showed up to help.*
- He only saw a *form like* ... it was only an angel (3:28).
- Only seminarians pick Christology by pagan kings.
- God providentially capitalized it to snare heretics.

## ***But ... But ... it only says He'll be called***

- *They must disarm the fire and hammer of Luk 1:35.*
- *Never called Son before, the thing always was Son!*
- Jesus is the only being or person ever called Son!
- They cannot understand the therefore and also?
- A clear conclusion results from supernatural birth!



## ***But ... But ... God sent forth His Son***

- *They use Galatians 4:4 and similar verses with sent.*
- *They say ... if God sent the Son, he existed before.*
- Was John eternal ... he was sent from God (Jn 1:6)?!
- Jesus sent the apostles like God sent Him (Jn 17:18).
- They picked Gal 4:4 ... who is His eternal mother?!

## ***But ... But ... His goings are everlasting***

- *They use Micah 5:2 about Bethlehem and eternity.*
- *They say ... Jesus must be eternal to be everlasting.*
- He is eternal in His divine nature as the Word (Jn 1:1)!
- Remember two natures ... rightly divide scripture.
- The text does not say that the Son went forth.

## ***But ... But ... He appeared to O.T. men***

- *They appeal to Abraham, Jacob, Moses, others.*
- *They say ... God in a human form must be Jesus.*
- No man has ever seen God, so what did they see?
- God chose manifestations ... a bush, cloud, dove.
- Gabriel told Daniel Christ was still 483 years away.

# ***But ... But ... We are in Christ in eternity***

- *They use Eph 1:4 and II Timothy 1:9 about election.*
- *They say ... we cannot be elect in Him without Him.*
- Did you preexist? ... after all, you were chosen?
- God has covenant relations by promise in eternity.
- The Word was in covenant to be Son for us sons.

## ***But ... But ... Jesus is the firstborn Son***

- *They use Psalm 89:27 and Rom 8:29 and Col 1:15.*
- *They say ... He was born first, so He was eternal.*
- Firstborn in honor has nothing to do with time.
- David prophesied a *future* firstborn Son (Ps 89:27).
- He is firstborn of every creature ... in preeminence!

## ***But ... But ... begotten deity is special***

- *They play word games with monogenes (Jn 1:14,18).*
- *They say ... a begotten god is same-substance cool.*
- We say ... a begotten god is *heresy* and *inferior*.
- Arius was perfectly right to make him a creature.
- The Son's flesh died ... the great mystery of God!

## ***But ... But ... Prov 8:22-31 is eternal Son***

- *They use eternal wisdom in this chapter for Jesus.*
- *They say ... this language can only be eternal Son.*
- We say ... it is merely a personification of wisdom!
- Gender throughout is feminine! Eternal daughter?
- They turn practical wisdom to Origen's playhouse.

# Do You Believe on the Son of God?

- Head knowledge of gospel truth is of little value.
- The devils believe and tremble (Jas 2:19; Mark 1:24).
- Believe and obey Him for the necessary works.
- You will stand soon before this Man in Judgment.
- This truth is the faith that overcomes the world.



# For Further Study

- Sonship outline and sermons
- John 1
- MacArthur recantation
- [http://www.wayoflife.org/database/church\\_fathers\\_a\\_door\\_to\\_rome.html](http://www.wayoflife.org/database/church_fathers_a_door_to_rome.html)
- Author of confusion
- <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-religion/1195531/posts>
- <http://www.21st-century-reformation-of-trinity-doctrine.co.uk/Corrupted%20by%20Philosophy.html>
- <http://www.scionofzion.com/origen.htm>
- <http://www.ovrInd.com/Universalism/Origen.html>