



The **God** *head*

Studies on the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit

Lesson 5

Equality Of the Father and the Son



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We have established that Jesus is the Son of God because He was begotten/brought forth from the Father in the days of eternity.

1. Are the Father and the Son equal?

Philippians 2:6 *“Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:”*

In this lesson we will search the Scriptures to see if God reveals to us the basis of this equality. Why are the Father and the Son equal?

2. What did Jesus inherit by virtue of His divine Birth?

Hebrews 1:4 *“Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”*

Exodus 23:20, 21 *“Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.”*

Jesus, as the Son of God, inherited His Father’s name. We also know that Jesus, who was the Angel that went before the Israelites, had

the Father's name back then. Hence we conclude that Jesus inherited the Father's name before Bethlehem which means that Jesus' sonship predates the Incarnation.

3. What does "name" mean?

Nature: **Genesis 5:2** "*Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.*"

Authority: **John 5:43** "*I am come in my Father's name.*" (see John 10:25; Matthew 21:23)

Character: **Proverbs 22:1** "*A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.*" (see Ecclesiastes 7:1; Proverbs 15:30)

By inheriting the Father's name, Jesus inherited the Father's God-nature or divine nature.

4. What does this fact make Christ?

Hebrews 1:1-3 "*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;*



Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he

had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

Christ is the express image of the Father. He has the same divine nature and life as His Father has. His sonship and inheritance qualified Jesus to be:

- a. **Owner**—“*heir of all things*”
- b. **Creator**—“*by whom also he made the worlds*”
- c. **Image and equal with God**—“*the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person*”
- d. **Sustainer**—“*upholding all things*”
- e. **Saviour**—“*himself purged our sins*”
- f. **Mediator**—“*sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high*”

5. Does the Bible reveal to us that Christ was the image of God before the Incarnation?

Revelation 12:7 “*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.*”

‘Michael’ means ‘one who is like God’. Again this confirms the fact that Jesus inherited this name in the days of eternity.

6. What else did Christ inherit?

John 5:26 “*For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.*”





The very same life that the Father has, was given to His Son by inheritance. This is immortal, original life that the Son can give to those who believe (John 17:2).

7. Does this make Jesus, a divine Being, worthy of our praise and worship?

Hebrews 1: 8, 6 “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. And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.”

Colossians 2:9; 1:19 “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell.”

The fullness of the Godhead, or divinity, dwells in the Son. He is fully divine because His Father is God.

8. Should we honor the Son as we honor the Father?

John 5:23 “That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.”

We honor and worship the Son as much as the Father. They are both of the same divine nature. We pay supreme honor to God when we honor and reverence His Son (Philippians 2:11).

9. Did the Jews understand that Jesus claimed equality with the Father?



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.”*

10. Why did the Jews want to stone Jesus?

John 10:33-36 *“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. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them*

gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the Scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?”

By claiming to be the Son of God, the Jews understood Jesus to mean that He is equal with God. Jesus also understood that. Jesus' equality with the Father is based on His Sonship.



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