

Worship the Son of God, Part 3

Four Aspects of Sonship (Key Passage: Phil. 2:5-10)



1) The Eternal Son: By Nature

Jesus being the eternal Son means that He has always been God by nature, just like His Father
(Phil. 2:5-6, John 8:23-59, John 1:1-14, John 14:9, Col. 1:15, 2:5)



2) The Incarnate Son: By Birth

Jesus being the incarnate Son emphasizes that Jesus was conceived by an act of divine creation by God
(Phil.2:6, Luke 1:34-35, Col 2:9, 1 Tim. 2:5-6)

Challenge: The *eternal* God has all power.

But the *incarnate* Jesus didn't always seem to have all power.

Answer: Jesus chose to depend on the Holy Spirit for leading and empowering, as a real man. (Phil 2:7, Heb. 2:14-17, Heb. 4:15, Luke 3:22, Luke 4:1, Luke 4:18-21, Matt. 12:24-32, Acts 10:37-38)

Applications:

Look at Jesus' success as an achievable example.

(Galatians 5:16-22, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

Look at Jesus' dependence as an imitable example.

Jesus served in the strength and power of the Spirit

Jesus prayed constantly and desperately

Jesus followed the leading of the Spirit into hard places

Jesus relied on God's Word in temptation



3) The Proven Son: By Obedience



4) The Exalted Son: By Resurrection