

### Only Begotten to Firstbegotten

Gen 3:15 And I (*God*) will put enmity between thee (*speaking to Satan who was in the form of the serpent*) and the woman (*Eve*), and between thy seed (*the offspring of Satan- Jn 8:44*) and her seed (*speaking of Christ*); it (*He*) shall bruise thy head (*deal you a crushing blow by conquering death*), and thou shalt bruise His heel (*influence the Jews, God's chosen people, to cause that death to take place*).

Joh 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. 43 Why do ye not understand My speech? (*Why do you not know what I'm saying?*) even because ye cannot hear (*Gk.191- understand*) My word. 44 **Ye are of your father the devil**, and the lusts (*Gk.1939- a longing [especially for what is forbidden]*) of **your father** ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie (*Gk.5579- falsehood*), he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Rom 11:8 (*According as it is written, God hath given them (Israel) the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see [Gk.991- perceive], and ears that they should not hear [Gk.191- understand];*) unto this day. (*There are many, even today, who are like Israel in that they don't understand Christ's words because of some misguided, long held understanding.*)

Rom 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to **awake out of sleep**: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore **cast off the works of darkness**, and let us put on the armour of light.

- There are two spiritual forces that rule in this world through the hearts of mankind. One light, the other darkness. Whichever dominates also controls everything from moral convictions, laws, government and thus anything that is effected by the decisions made with either side's influence. We are either children of **God** or the offspring of **Satan**. We cannot be the seed of both. Any decisions we make in life ultimately will have an effect on where we will spend eternity. **Hell** is reserved for those who have little to no concern about spiritual matters whereas **Heaven** is the eternal home of those who have the mindset of "*whatever the Lord asks, that I will do, no matter what*". Sadly, there are many who trust their very souls to something said by someone claiming to be somebody before ever searching the scriptures for themselves.

Joh 5:37 And the Father Himself, which hath sent Me, hath borne witness of Me. Ye have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape. 38 And ye **have not His word abiding in you**: for Whom He hath sent, Him ye believe not. 39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of He. 40 And ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life. 41 I receive not honour from men. 42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. 43 I am come in My Father's name, and ye receive Me not: if another shall come **in his own name, him ye will receive**.

- Sadly, too many take the word of some televangelist as gospel without searching the scriptures for themselves to see that those things are so (*Acts 17:11 concerns the Bereans. They tested the apostles teaching because they wanted to know truth. Please, test me! Search the scriptures to see if what you're about to hear is according to truth.*).

2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

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 What the Bible says about: When God became man.

- We understand that the nature of **true Deity** is eternal (*no beginning, no end*) and that each **Member** of the **Godhead** had a part in the creation (*Gen 1:2, 26*). Since **Jesus** always existed (*always will*) what day was **God** referring to when the **Psalmist** was inspired to write “*this day have I begotten Thee*”?

Psa 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto Me, Thou *art* My Son; this day have I begotten (*Heb.3205- to beget: -bring forth*) Thee.

Joh 8:58 Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.**

Isa 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and His redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside Me *there is* no God. (*Showing the “Oneness” and eternal nature of the Godhead. Any “god” that man creates is temporal.*)

Joh 10:30 **I and My Father are One** (*Gk.1520- one, only*).

- The day **Jesus** was “begotten” was the day of **His** baptism. That’s the day **He** became **as** man in that **He** could at that point be tempted and die and thus on that day **He** became the “**only**” begotten of **God**.

Mat 3:16 And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and he (*John*) saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.

Mat 4:1 **Then** was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness **to be tempted** of the devil.

- There is no record of **His** being tempted before this incident. Even though **He** remained the **Son of God** after **His** immersion in the **Jordan** river, **Jesus** began to refer to **Himself** as the “**Son of man**” (*88 times in 84 verses He is referred to this as such- KJV*). **Jesus** could not be tempted of **Satan** before that day because **Satan** cannot tempt **God**. Once **Jesus** became “*identified*” with man as one of us, **He** subjected **Himself** to be tempted.

Jas 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for **God cannot be tempted with evil**, neither tempteth He any man: (*God tests us, but not with evil.*)

Heb 2:18 For in that He Himself hath suffered (*Gk.3958- to experience a sensation [usually painful]*) **being tempted** (*Gk.3985- disciplined*), He is able to succour (*Gk.997- to aid or relieve*) them that are tempted.

Heb 5:7 Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; 8 Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience (*Gk.5218- submission*) by the things which He suffered; 9 And being made perfect (*Gk.5048- to complete, that is, [literally] accomplish*), He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him;

*Joh 17:4 I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished (Gk.5048) the work which Thou gavest Me to do.*

**Joh 1:14** 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.

- Jesus became a man through the body that was prepared for Him, which could experience death, **but** was the **only Person Who**, at that time, would be able to raise up from the dead never to die again. (*Others were resurrected but they ended up dying all over. Examples: 2 Ki 13:20-21; Mat 27:52; Lk 7:14-15; Jn 11:43-44 etc.*)

*Heb 10:5 Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but **a body hast Thou prepared Me:***

**Rom 6:9** Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead **dieth no more**; death hath no more dominion over Him.

- The eldest child in any family is considered the “only” child until others are born into it thus making him then the “firstborn” among the rest who were born afterward. Jesus was designated the “only begotten” until after His resurrection when others who followed (*follow*) His example in the death, burial and resurrection (*Rom 6:3-4*) known as the “rebirth” (*\*Jn 3:3-5*) to become like Him in dying no more. All who are **not in Him** (*Gal 3:27*) will experience “the second death” (*Rev 20:6*) at the resurrection. Jesus is no longer the “only begotten of the Father” but the “firstbegotten from the dead” since now others can be like Him.

*Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood,*

*\*Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

**Col 1:18** 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 (*Gk.4409- to be first [in rank or influence]*).

**Rom 8:29** For whom He (*God*) did foreknow, He also did predestinate (*Gk.4309- to limit in advance*) (to be) **conformed to the image of His Son** (*like as Jesus in that those faithful unto death will not experience the “second death” at the resurrection of the dead*), that He might be the **firstborn** (*Gk.4416- first born: - firstbegotten*) among **many brethren**.

- God foresaw, did not pre-set (*because of free-agency*), a limited number in advance, those who would be molded after the likeness of His Son making Him the first ever to take on human form to die and be resurrected to **never die again**. Jesus is the first of

this particular group to live in such form with God in Heaven. And just because God can know something in advance doesn't mean He had anything to do with it's getting in that condition in the first place.

1Co 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. 20 But **now** is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the **firstfruits** of them that slept. (*Thayer:* "Christ is ...the first one recalled to life of them that have fallen asleep") *Christ isn't the first to be resurrected but the first to never die again!*

1Pe 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath **begotten us again** (*regenerated*) unto a **lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, *We can have no hope if we don't follow His death, burial and resurrection in baptism! If we don't, we can't be "born again"*.

1Pe 3:21 The like figure whereunto *even* **baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the **answer of a good conscience** toward God,) **by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:**

- If **Jesus** never would have resurrected we could not experience the rebirth and thus would have no hope. Our hope depends upon having a clear conscience when we stand before **God** at the judgment. And baptism, which is **not** a work of man, is what cleanses that conscience so that we can stand before such a **Holy God** without fear of punishment.

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He **saved us** (*God's mercy cannot save us unless we are obedient to His word!*), **by the washing** (*Gk.3067- baptism*) **of regeneration** (*Gk.3824- [spiritual] rebirth*), and **renewing** (*Gk.342- Thayer: a renewal, renovation, complete change for the better*) **of the Holy Ghost**; 6 Which He shed on us abundantly **through** Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by His grace, **we should be made heirs** according to the hope of eternal life (*we become part of the "begotten"*).

1Co 6:19 *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

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Jesus in the flesh.

- **Matt 1** lists **Jesus'** genealogy according to **His physical lineage from Abraham through David down to Joseph** "the husband of **Mary, of whom** was born Jesus, Who is called Christ" (*v.16*). **Luke 3** lists **Jesus'** genealogy beginning in verse 23 "(as was supposed) the son of Joseph" meaning **Jesus'** lineage as being of **Mary through David** all the way back to (*the first\**) "Adam, which was the son of God" (*v.38*).

*\*1Co 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam (Christ) was made a quickening spirit. (Jesus recovered what Adam lost.)*

**Act 2:30** Therefore (*David*) being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, **according to the flesh**, He would raise up Christ to sit on his (*David's but ultimately God's according to 1 Chr 29:23\**) throne; 31 He seeing this before **spake of the resurrection of Christ**, that His soul was not left in hell (*Gk.86- Hades*), neither His flesh did see corruption.

*\*1Ch 29:23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.*

Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, Who was made a little lower than the angels **for the suffering of death** (*No angel could have been ransomed because angels aren't Deity.*), crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 10 For it became Him, for Whom *are* all things, and by Whom *are* all things, in bringing **many sons** unto glory, to make the captain (*Gk.747-author*) of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Heb 2:16 For verily He took not on *Him the nature of* angels; but He **took on Him the seed of Abraham** (*flesh and blood*). 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be **made like unto His brethren**, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author (*Gk.747- captain*) and finisher (*Gk.5051-completer*) of *our* faith; Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- In order to rescue His creation form the fiery torments of Hell, Jesus came to defeat the one person that could keep us from an eternal life with Him. Satan. Thus fulfilling that first prophesy in the Bible, Genesis 3:15.

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

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Rom 1:4 And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

- By resurrecting Jesus proved Who He said He was and was “declared the powerful Son of God” which was promised by the Holy Spirit through prophesy.

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for** (*shows purpose*) the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been **baptized into** Christ have **put on** Christ.

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in** Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (*the Gospel*) hath made me free from the law of sin and death (*you sin, you die*). 3 For what the law (*of Moses*) could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the **righteousness of the law** (*love...God... and thy neighbor as thyself*) might be fulfilled in us (*Christians*), who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Mar 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment. 31 And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Mat 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for **this is the law and the prophets.**

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Speaking of the resurrection of the dead...

Joh 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice (*even those who either don't believe in Him or those who don't obey Him*), 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good (*according to God and not man*), unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection (*baptism*): on such the second death (*eternal separation from God*) hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years (*figurative period denoting the current Christian dispensation in which Christians make up the "royal priesthood" -1 Pet 2:9*).

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was **raised up** from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also *in the likeness of His resurrection*: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin. 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also **live with Him**: 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead **dieth no more**; death hath **no more dominion over Him**.

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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Only one baptism (*necessary for salvation*) today.

Eph 4:4 There is **one** body (*the body of Christ, the church*), and **one** Spirit, even as ye are called in **one** hope of your calling; 5 **One** Lord (*Jesus Christ*), **one** faith (*Christian*), **one** baptism (*immersion in water*), 6 **One** God and Father of all, Who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Act 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. 36 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 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. 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both **into the water**, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. 39 And when they were **come up out of the water**, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

- Satan is such a subtle creature (2 Cor 11:3). Sometimes the highest, thickest and widest wall to overcome is the stumbling block that separates many people from being truly

saved, and that's the wall of indoctrination. When the Proverb stated "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Pro 22:6) it wasn't just meant for a godly upbringing. It was meant for any indoctrination, true or false, that would set him on a path to repeating what he was taught and made to understand. Why is it that something so simple can become so difficult to so many people as "the simplicity which is in Christ"?

1Ti 2:3 ... God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. What is the truth?

2Pe 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Mat 4:4 ... every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Hear: Romans 10:14 ... "how shall they believe in Him Whom they have not heard?"

Believe: Heb 11:6 ... "for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: Act 3:19 ... "Repent ... be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..."

Confess: Mat 10:32 "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father Who is in Heaven."

Be baptized: 1 Pet 3:21 "...baptism doth also (not the only thing but is necessary to) now save us..." (Why would God have this act included in His holy word if it wasn't so necessary?)

Remain faithful: 1 Cor 6:20 ... "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

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