

## #115 IF JESUS IS FIRSTBORN HOW CAN HE BE GOD?

**Q:** "When the Bible says that Jesus was the firstborn among many brethren, doesn't that mean that we are just like Jesus, and He is simply an older brother, just like us?"

Colossians 1:15-17 "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible...all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

**A:** Jesus is the visible Image of God the Father who is an invisible Spirit. Jesus is God's Spirit in His son conceived (begotten) in flesh: Jesus is God made visible in flesh.

1 Tim 3:16 "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."

**A:** There is only One person of Spirit who is God. God the Father remained in heaven, yet became flesh in His Son, by sending the spoken word of His Spirit to become flesh.

Psalms 33:6 "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth."

**A:** All things were created 'by Him' - the One who spoke - and 'for Him' - the visible Image who is the same Spirit, who is Christ.

Colossians 1:16-17 "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: <sup>17</sup>and he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

**A:** Jesus was given firstborn right of authority over all creation. The right of the firstborn to carry his father's full authority and wealth by right of first birth, is an historical picture looking forward to the coming of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

1 Chronicles 5:1 "...Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright."

**A:** The Messiah, God clothed in human form, was established as the firstborn of God's family. He was declared the firstborn heir of the Father God on earth, ruler over all His human brethren, and also would be firstborn of the resurrection.

Colossians 1:18-19 "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. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell."

**A:** Jesus, though fully human, is fully the same Eternal Spirit who is the Father, in Christ, who alone can raise the dead to life.

John 2:19-21 "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up... <sup>20</sup> Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? <sup>21</sup> But he spake of the temple of his body."

**Q:** "What about the scripture that says that the Father lives in Jesus and He lives also in us so that we are the same as Jesus?"

John 17:23 "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

**A:** Remember that God has only one son who was ever begotten (conceived) by Him.

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."

**A:** Jesus fervently taught His disciples that He is HE, the same as God in Heaven, in His Son because Jesus is the same Spirit of the Father who became flesh. God's nature did not change for He is still God, and your nature as a human being does not change when the Spirit of God comes to live in you.

John 14:23 "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

**A:** The Spirit of the Father and Son is the Eternal God of Heaven who is Spirit. It is this Spirit who is both Father and Son, who comes to live in you, so you may know Him.

Galatians 4:5-6 "To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. <sup>6</sup> And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."

**A:** By nature, you are not the brother of the Eternal God, but you are the brother of the human Son who is both fully God and fully man, your brother. You can never be God, because by nature you are human, but Jesus by nature is fully God, with firstborn authority as God, while we are adopted.

Romans 8:15-16 "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. <sup>16</sup> The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

**A:** By His conception, Jesus is God who has the source of life in Himself. He is the vine. When you are adopted into the family, you are grafted in to the vine and receive life from Him as long as you remain in Him.

John 15:5 "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

John 15:6 "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."

**A:** If you do not remain in Jesus 'you will wither and die, and be thrown into the fire. You do not have, and never will have life in yourself with power to create! Only Jesus has life in Himself, because He is God.

John 5:18,26 "Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he...said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself."

**A:** God's people understood through generations honoring firstborn birthright, that without question as God's son, being conceived by Him, Jesus has authority over all things in heaven and earth.

Colossians 1:18-19 "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. <sup>19</sup> For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell."

Firstborn from the dead is the same principle: Jesus is preeminent, first and last, beginning and end, king above kings in all of heaven and earth because He is God.

Revelation 1:7-8 "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all the kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 21:6-7 "...It is done! I am Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son."

**A:** The firstborn heir, by paying our debt on the cross, makes us worthy to inherit all things, and He gives to us the fountain of life! Come to Him, drink in all that He has for you - and never thirst again!

**PRAYER:** Dear Father God, thank you, for showing me from your word, who You are in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, that Jesus is Lord! I surrender my will, my life, and all that I am to You. Be strong in me that I may overcome the world, and every temptation, and bring glory to you in all my ways. Fill me with your Spirit that I will have power to live my life for you, and inherit all You have prepared for me, **in Jesus name, Amen.**

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