

# Christology Lesson #5

## THE DIETY OF JESUS CHRIST #2

### 1A. HIS NAMES PROVES THAT HE IS GOD!

2B. He Is called the "**SON OF GOD**" the term refers to position, not origin. The word for "born one" In Greek, **teknon**, is never used of Jesus Christ. The Greek word "brephos" means "From within the womb" and the word "Nepios" which means "a toddler" are never used either. The word "Son" that is used is the word, "huios." This means one that is an heir.

- A. John 5:18 *"For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.*
- The Jews interpreted what Jesus said as being equal to God. They didn't interpret it as being a "born son" as one of a lesser status.
  - They considered it blasphemy.
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- B. John 10:30-36 *"I and the Father are one." The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, 'I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?' The Jews answered Him, 'For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.' Jesus answered them, 'Has it not been written in your Law, ' I SAID YOU ARE GODS'? 'If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken), do ou say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said , I am the Son of God?'*
- The Jews interpreted what Jesus as "you, being a man, make yourself out to be God"
  - I am the Son of God was definitely considered to be blasphemy!
- C. John 19:7 *"The Jews answered Him, 'We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God.'"*
- the term "Son of God" *huios* meant something more significant. He is the Unique Son, the heir of all things.
  - The Jews thought that this was worthy of death!
  - They were also very familiar with O.T scripture and understood that when Jesus called himself a *huios* of God, He was also saying that He was the *Hamasheach* (the messiah), the one who is to receive all of the inheritance of God. (*see Psalm 2:8*)

3B. He is called the "**LORD**" The Greek word for "Lord" is **kurios**. Kurios can mean an earthly lord or master but it also refers to God as LORD. Kurios is the only word used in the LXX for the Hebrew word "YAHWEH" (Jehovah). There is no other word used to translate the name of God.

A. Romans 10:9-10 *"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord(Kurios), and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;"*

- Some religions believe that it is meaning confess "His earthly leadership"
- If Kurios is referring to the word YAHWEH then it distinguishes Christians from all other religions that don't believe that Jesus is the God of the O.T. It takes on a whole new meaning.
- If Jesus is not God then he can't forgive sins.

B. Joel 2:32 *"and it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD will be delivered;..."*

- The word "LORD" in this verse means the word "YAHWEH"

C. Acts 2: 21-36 *"And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved...Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ-this Jesus whom you crucified."*

- This verse connects the old testament quote in verse 21 to verse 31 that Jesus is LORD.

D. Isaiah 45:22-23 *"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness and will not turn back, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance."*

- God is the one speaking
- Compare to Philippians 2:10....DING DONG!

### **\*The Kenosis of Christ**

Philippians 2:5-11 *"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the **form** of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but **emptied** Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,"*

1. The Greek word kenosis means "to empty"
2. The word for "form" is the Greek word "Morphe" which means the "exact nature" of God.