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**Christology, Part II**

Sonship, Death, Resurrection, Ascension

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Sonship of Christ

**The Debate**

Was the second person of the Trinity the Son from Eternity? Or was this a title given to him at the incarnation?  
(not a question of deity)

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## Sonship of Christ

### Incarnational Sonship Position

- ✓ Main support (Heb 1:5)
- ✓ Sonship was a role assumed at incarnation
- ✓ “Son” only applied to Christ in connection with His incarnation
- ✓ **Summary:** The second person of the Trinity became known as the “Son” when he took on human flesh in order to accomplish redemption.

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## Sonship of Christ

### Eternal Sonship Position

- ✓ “Sent” statements (John 3:16; 1 John 4:10; Gal 4:4)
- ✓ “At the Father’s side” (John 1:18)
- ✓ “You are my Son” (Ps 2:7)
- ✓ Co-equal and con-substantial nature of Christ
- ✓ **Summary:** The Son of God is who He is, not who He became

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## Death, Resurrection, Ascension—Biblical Testimony

- ✓ Foretold in Old Testament
  - ❖ All three (Isa 52:13 – 53:12)
  - ❖ Death (Dan 9:24–26a)
  - ❖ Resurrection (Ps 16:10; Ps 2:7 + Acts 13:33)
  - ❖ Ascension (Ps 68:18 + Eph 4:8; Ps 110:1)
- ✓ Foretold by Christ
  - ❖ Death and Resurrection (Matt 17:9; 20:17–19; 3x in Mark)
  - ❖ Ascension (John 8:21; 7:33; 14:28–29; 16:5–7)

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Death, Resurrection, Ascension—Biblical Testimony

- ✓ Typified (pictured)
  - ❖ Death—in the sacrificial system (Heb 9 – 10)
  - ❖ Resurrection—by Jonah (Matt 12:38–40)
  - ❖ Resurrection—Abraham/Isaac (Gen 22; cf. Heb 11:17–19)

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Death, Resurrection, Ascension—Biblical Testimony

- ✓ Witnessed (samples)
  - ❖ Pilate/executioner (Mark 15:43–45)
  - ❖ Angels at the tomb (Matt 28:5–6; Luke 24:5)
  - ❖ Disciples on the Emmaus road (Luke 24:33–35)
  - ❖ 500 witnesses at once (1 Cor 15:4–8)
  - ❖ Peter (Acts 2:32; 3:15)
  - ❖ Stephen (Acts 7:54–56)
  - ❖ Paul (Acts 9)

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Death, Resurrection, Ascension—Biblical Testimony

- ✓ Proclaimed
  - ❖ Essential to the Apostolic Gospel (Rom 10:9–10; 1 Cor 15:1–4)
  - ❖ All three proclaimed in Acts 2:23–24; 3:14–15; 4:10; 5:30; 7:52; 10:39–40; 13:28–30; 17:3
  - ❖ Pauline Epistles (Gal 6:14; 1 Cor 2:2)

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Death of Christ—Nature and Effect

- ✓ Separation from God?—Matt 27:46
  - ❖ Jesus is quoting Scripture
  - ❖ God separated from God???
  - ❖ Separation from God's presence to bless—facing the **wrath of God**
  - ❖ The feeling of being forsaken
  - ❖ Wrath is in the presence of God, not a separation from God (Rev 14:9–10)
- ✓ Separation of Soul and Body (Matt 27:50)
  - ❖ Not a separation of humanity and divinity
- ✓ Once for all event (1 Pet 3:18; Heb 7:27)

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Death of Christ—Nature and Effect

- Atonement**
- ✓ Substitutionary sacrifice—fulfilling OT sacrificial system (i.e. Lev 4:22–26)
    - ❖ Sin-bearing (Isaiah 53:4–12)
    - ❖ Substitute for sin (2 Cor 5:21)
    - ❖ Bore our sins (1 Peter 2:24)
    - ❖ Became curse for us (Gal 3:13)
    - ❖ Blood shed for forgiveness (Matt 26:28; 1 Cor 5:7)

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Death of Christ—Nature and Effect

- Atonement**
- ✓ Ransom/Redemption
    - ❖ Redemption in Christ (Rom 3:24)
    - ❖ Bought with a price (1 Cor 6:20)
    - ❖ Payment in our stead (Matt 20:28)
    - ❖ Ransom from futile ways (1 Pet 1:18)
  - ✓ Victory over death (1 Cor 15:54), Satan (Heb 2:10, 14, 15), and Satan's hosts (Col 2:15)

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Resurrection of Christ—Nature and Effect

- ✓ Bodily Resurrection (Acts 1:3)
  - ❖ No corruption (Acts 2:31)
  - ❖ Body absent from the tomb (Matt 28:16)
  - ❖ Post-resurrection body—ate food (Luke 24:41–43); scars on body (John 20:20, 27)
- ✓ Post-Resurrection Immortality
  - ❖ He is forever the glorified God-Man
  - ❖ “Firstborn” and “First-fruits” of the dead (Col 1:18; Acts 26:23; 1 Cor 15:20)

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Resurrection of Christ—Nature and Effect

- ✓ A Glorified Body
  - ❖ Ability to come and go at will (Luke 24:15–16)
  - ❖ Enter locked rooms (Luke 24:36; John 20:19)
  - ❖ A glorious body (Phil 3:20–21 cf. 1 Cor 15:44)
  - ❖ Yet still identifiable as same person (John 20:16)

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Ascension of Christ—Nature and Effect

- ✓ He was “taken up” (Acts 1:9–11)
- ✓ He was received up in glory (1 Tim 3:16)
- ✓ He is now with the Father (Heb 8:1; 9:24; 10:12)

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Results of Death, Resurrection, Ascension of Christ

**Impact of His Death**

- ✓ Salvation for sinners
- ✓ Revealed the love of God (Rom 5:8)
- ✓ Revealed the righteousness and wisdom of God (Rom 3:25–26)
- ✓ Laid foundation of Christ's High Priestly ministry (Heb 9:11–12)
- ✓ Secured his exaltation above all things (Phil 2:8–9; Heb 2:9)

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Results of Death, Resurrection, Ascension of Christ

**Effects of His Resurrection**

- ✓ Confirmed His identity as Son (Rom 1:4)
- ✓ Validated Christ's atoning work (Rom 4:25; 1 Cor 15:14–19)
- ✓ Guarantees our future resurrection and possession of a glorified body (1 Cor 15:20–21; Phil 3:20–21; 1 Pet 1:3–5)
- ✓ Guarantees the final judgment of the world (Acts 17:31; 24:25; and John 5:28–29).

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Results of Death, Resurrection, Ascension of Christ

**Significance of His Ascension**

- ✓ Marks the end of Christ's self-limitation (Phil 2:6)
- ✓ It the occasion for Christ's Exaltation and Glorification (John 17:5)
- ✓ Marks the Entrance of Resurrected Humanity into Heaven
- ✓ Marks the beginning of Christ's new ministry of Intercession and Advocacy (Heb 7:25)
- ✓ It allowed Christ to send the Holy Spirit to Indwell and Empower us (John 16:7)
- ✓ Christ to Give us the Gifts of Men to Lead the Church (Eph 4:8)
- ✓ Preparation (making ready, not construction) of our future heavenly home (John 14:1–3)
- ✓ Anticipates His Return (Acts 1:11)

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