

“God: The Only Begotten Son - Part 2”

Eternally Begotten, Crucified in Time, Exalted Forever

Trinity Revealed: A Biblical Blueprint

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I. The *Eternal Son* in the *Immanent Trinity*

A. Begotten, Not Born: The Son's Filiation and Eternal Generation

1. John 5:26 – The Father has life in Himself and eternally gives it to the Son.
2. John 1:4 – In the Son is life, the source of light for mankind.
3. John 5:21 – The Son gives life as only God can.
4. John 6:40, 57 – He gives eternal life because He lives from the Father.
5. John 14:6 – Jesus is not just alive, He is the Life.
6. **Note:** The Son shares the Father's life eternally and gives it freely in time.

B. The Only Begotten Son: The Monogenēs Marvel

1. *John 1:14, 18; 3:16; 1 John 4:9, etc* – “Only begotten” = monogenēs, truly from the Father.
2. Biblical Glimpse: *Genesis 1:26; 2:21–24*
 - a) Just as Eve came from Adam, the Son is from the Father.
3. **Note:** The Son is distinct in Person, yet one in essence with the Father – eternally begotten.

II. The *Eternal Son* in the *Economic Trinity*

A. The Son as *Agent* in *Creation*

1. John 1:3 – “All things came into being through Him...”
2. Colossians 1:16 – “By Him all things were created... through Him and for Him.”
3. **Note:** The Father is the Author, the Spirit is the Animator, but the **Son is the Agent.**

B. The Son as *Purchaser* in *Redemption*

1. Galatians 4:4–5 – “God sent forth His Son... to redeem...”

2. 1 Peter 1:18–19 – “Redeemed... with precious blood... the blood of Christ.”
3. **Note:** The Father is the Planner, the Spirit is the Perfector, **but the Son is the Purchaser.**

C. The Son as *Ruler* in *Consummation*

1. Philippians 2:9–11 – “Every knee will bow... every tongue confess...”
2. 1 Corinthians 15:24–28 – “Then comes the end... He hands over the kingdom...”
3. **Note:** The Father is the Restorer, the Spirit is the Renewer, **but the Son is the Ruler.**

III. The One Person with Two Natures

A. Christ Is One Person with Two Natures

1. John 1:14 – “The Word became flesh...”
2. Philippians 2:6–8 – “He emptied Himself... made in the likeness of men.”
3. One Person—fully divine and fully human. Not a blend, but united.

B. Scripture Shows Both Natures Side-by-Side (Here’s Human Nature)

1. John 4:6 – “Jesus... being wearied...”
2. Luke 2:52 – “Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature...”
3. John 19:28 – “I am thirsty.”
4. **Note:** Jesus is both the eternal Son and the suffering servant.

C. Interpreting Difficult Passages Through the Two Natures

1. John 14:28 – “The Father is greater than I.”
 - a) Speaks from His humbled human role, not His divine essence.
2. Matthew 24:36 – “Nor the Son, but the Father alone.”
 - a) Reflects true humanity and voluntary limitation.
3. Matthew 27:50 – “Yielded up His spirit.”
 - a) The Son experienced death in His human nature, not his divine.

D. The Payoff: Why This Matters

1. He can represent you (true man) and redeem you (true God).
2. He is fully sufficient: Mediator, Redeemer, and King.

Note: The Athanasian Creed offers a clear and faithful summary of how Christ is one Person with two natures.