

The Eternal Son

God the Son · The Trinity

The Son of God is not a created being but eternally begotten of the Father—a distinction the Nicene Creed articulates as 'begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.' This eternal generation means the Son has always existed as Son; there was never a time when He was not. He is the 'only begotten' (monogenes) in the unique sense of sharing the Father's very nature. As the Logos (Word), He is the Father's perfect self-expression from all eternity. The Son is God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God—fully sharing the divine essence while remaining a distinct person within the Trinity.

Key Verses

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 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.

John 1:18

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Colossians 1:15-17

Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created... all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Hebrews 1:3

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power.

Micah 5:2

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah... out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

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