

# The One Who Did Not Sin Knew He Was God's Son

## I. Jesus Knew He Was God's Son

Jesus insisted on it and confession it is praiseworthy.

**Jn. 10:30,37,38** "I and the Father are one."

**37** "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

**38** but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."

**Jn. 14:8-11** "Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

**9** Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

**10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

**11** Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; otherwise believe on account of the works themselves."

### A. Unity With The Father

This was shown in **Jn. 5**. Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath and justified His conduct by saying it is the work of divinity, and He made Himself equal with God.

vss. **19-24** Equality With The Father

**Jn. 5:17-24** "But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."

**18** For this cause 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."

**United In Action 19** Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

**United In Love, Counsel and Work 20** For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and greater works than these will He show Him, that you may marvel.

**United In Giving Life (spiritually & physically) 21** For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

**United In Judgment 22** For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,

**United In Receiving Honor 23** in order that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

**24** Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

Having such a unity with God in all respects kept Jesus from sin.

### B. In The Image Of The Father

**Heb. 1:3,4** "And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;

**4** having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they."

What God was by nature so was His Son.

**Col. 1:15** "And He is the image of the invisible God..."

He viewed the world, and acted as, God would – because He was like God and had the mind of God.

### C. A Place With God

#### 1.) Purpose & Responsibility

Even at an early age.

**Luke 2:49** "And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?"

Knowing one's place and job and reason keeps one focused and content. He had a job. He knew what it was, he got to doing it. "The idle mind is a devil's workshop", but Jesus was never idle. God's work kept His schedule full of good things.

## 2.) Access

**Jn. 11:41-43** "And so they removed the stone. And Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank Thee that Thou hearest Me.

**42** And I knew that Thou hearest Me always; but because of the people standing around I said it, that they may believe that Thou didst send Me."

**43** And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth."

Jesus could pray knowing that it would be answered.

## 3.) Provision

He had no need to satisfy His desires outside of God's will, for the Father would always make provision.

**Matt. 4:5-7** "Then the devil took Him into the holy city; and he had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,

**6** and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'"

**7** Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

What Satan said was true, but he wanted Jesus to misapply it. He tempted Jesus to rely on this provision to the exclusion of taking care for Himself. But truth is, provide for yourself and God will help so that the need is always met. When Jesus really needed the angel, one was sent.

**Luke 22:43** "Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him."

## D. Well Known

His claim was well-recognized, it was why He was crucified, and even the soldiers knew about it.

**Matt. 27:43** "HE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET HIM DELIVER Him now, IF HE TAKES PLEASURE IN HIM; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

**Matt. 27:54** "Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

## II. Our Ability To Be Children Of God

**Heb. 2:11** "For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren"

God is our Father and Jesus is our brother.

**Jn. 1:11-13** "He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

**12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

**13** who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

The great promise and hope for us is that we can be the children of God.

### A. Unity With The Father Through Reconciliation

Jesus always was with God, we went away from God, but God made provision to bring us back.

**Rom. 5:10,11** "For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**11** And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation."

**2 Cor. 5:18,19** "Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”

## B. Remade In The Image Of The Father

Jesus was innately like His Father. We have to put that on as a second nature, by habit we must learn it.

**Eph. 5:1,2** “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;

2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you

**1 Cor. 11:1** “Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.”

## C. A Place With God

### 1.) Purpose & Responsibility

**1 Jn. 3:1-3** “See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.

3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”

A place with God and a requirement to be pure, if we kept these two things in mind, how much more pure would we be?

### 2.) Access

Jesus taught His disciples how to pray. Why would He teach them to pray if they had no right?

**Matt. 6:9-14** “Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.’

14 For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

**Matt. 7:7** “Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.”

### 3.) Provision

**Phil. 4:4-7** “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

5 Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Rejoice for God will take care of your needs, go to him in prayer for everything.

## D. As Well Known As Our Practice Of It

Jesus life made Him well known as God's Son.

We will be known as children of God to the same extent as we practice it.

**Rom. 12:2** “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

**2 Cor. 13:5** “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you--unless indeed you fail the test?”