

Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings



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Father, thank you for your love, peace, grace and everlasting life you have already given us through your son the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you, Father, for clearly giving us an understanding of your Word concerning who your only begotten son is. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Last month's teaching focused on the concept of Spiritual Growth - Part 1. Key points from the [June 2020](#) included:

- We must daily study to show our self, approved unto God.
- We must search, trace, and track the Word of God daily to rightly divide it, make a distinction, and come to a decision that what God's Word says is truth!
- We must receive the Word of God with all eagerness of mind.
- We must believe there is only one true God, Elohim the creator and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Jesus himself said that God is his Father.

This month's teaching continues with Spiritual Growth Part 2. Spiritual growth can only be achieved by rightly dividing God's Word on who Jesus Christ is. Spiritual growth is dependent upon our action on God's rightly divided Word!

In this month's teaching, we will learn from the Bible who:

- God our Father says His son is;
- God's son, the Lord Jesus Christ, says he is;
- Jesus's disciples declare he is;
- The devil spirits say Jesus is; and
- The Church Epistles (Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians) state Jesus is.

First and foremost, who did God say Jesus is? God made the world and all things therein. As the Lord of heaven and earth and the one who gave life and breath to all things, let us turn to the Bible and see who He declares Jesus to be.

Matthew 3:17:

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 17:5:

While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Mark 1:11:

And there came a voice from heaven, saying, thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Mark 9:7:

And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, this is my beloved Son: hear him.

Luke 3:22:

And the Holy Ghost [holy spirit] descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him [Jesus], and a voice came from heaven, which said, thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Luke 9:35:

And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, this is my beloved Son: hear him.

How many times does God have to say who His son is before people believe it? I believe Jesus Christ is the son of God. There are many churches that teach Jesus is God. Now you can believe tradition or renew your mind to God's Word, in order to prove what is good, and acceptable, and the perfect will of God!

Romans 12:2:

And be not conformed [by the five senses information] to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind [to God's revealed Word], that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

One meaning of the renewed mind is to hold the Word of God in your mind and act accordingly. We must walk by the Word of God. What you believe is what you say and do. Your mind directs your talk and your actions!

Our lives are transformed by renewing our minds to God's Word. In this manner, we can prove what is that good, acceptable, and perfect Will of God (see [October 2016](#) teaching).

How do we renew our minds? The only way we can do this is to be born-again of God's Spirit. We are to have a knowledge of God's Word rightly divided. Our will determines how far we will go with God! God's Word says Jesus is the son of God!

Jesus himself says he is the son of God!

Matthew 27:43:

He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he [Jesus] said, I am the Son of God.

John 9:35-37:

Jesus heard that they [Pharisees] had cast him [man born blind from his birth healed by Jesus] out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, dost thou believe on the Son of God?

He answered and said, who is he, Lord [master], that I might believe on him?

And Jesus said unto him, thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

John 10:36:

Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

John 19:7:

The Jews [Judeans] answered him, we have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

Jesus said I am the son of God! The Bible provides clear and direct evidence that Jesus is the son of God.

Next, let's discern who the disciples believed Jesus was. Did they believe that Jesus was God? Or the son of God? Jesus asked his disciples, "Whom say you I am?" in Matthew 16:15-16.

He [Jesus] saith unto them [his disciples], but whom say ye that I am?

And Simon Peter answered and said, thou art the Christ [the Anointed, the Messiah], the Son of the living God.

Did Jesus say, “No Simon Peter, I am God the son?” No!

Matthew 16:17:

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

What was reveal to Peter by God? Jesus is Christ, the Son of the living God!

We continue with who Jesus’s disciples said he is, in the Gospels.

Mathew 14:33:

Then they [disciples] that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, of a truth thou art the Son of God.

Mark 1:1:

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

In the Luke 1:35, the angel said to Mary, “*the son born of you shall be the Son of God.*”

And the angel answered and said unto her [Mary], the Holy Ghost [Spirit] shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall [absolutely] be called the Son of God.

What shall that holy thing be called? The Son of God!

John 1:34:

And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

John 20:30-31:

And many other signs truly did Jesus [the Savior] in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus [the Savior] is the Christ [the Anointed, the Messiah], the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Why were these verses written? So that you might believe that Jesus (the Savior) is the Christ (the Anointed, the Messiah), the Son of God! Matthew, Mark, Luke and John said Jesus is the son of God! If you don't believe Jesus is the Son of God, you don't have spiritual life! Renewing our minds to God's Word, understanding clearly that Jesus is the son of God, and not God, allows us to prove what is that good, acceptable, and perfect Will of God.

Now, let's see what the Bible says regarding who Satan, the devil, the adversary and his unclean spirits say Jesus is.

Matthew 4:1-3:

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward hungered.

And when the tempter came to him, he said, if thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

The devil didn't say, "If thou be God the son, command that these stones be made bread." The devil knew Jesus was the son of God, and addressed him according to this belief.

Who did the unclean devil spirits called Jesus?

Mark 3:11:

And unclean spirits, when they saw him [Jesus], fell down before him, and cried, saying, thou art the Son of God.

Mark 5:7:

And cried with a loud voice, and said, what have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God?

The devil and the devil spirits understood that Jesus was the son of God. They knew there was a difference between God and the son of God.

Finally, how do the Church Epistles (Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Thessalonians) reference Jesus?

Romans 1:4:

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

2 Corinthians 1:19:

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.

Galatians 2:20:

I am [was] crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith [believing] of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Ephesians 4:13:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

These are just a few of the many scriptures from the Church Epistles that say Jesus is the son of God! If you believe Jesus is God, then you have made the commandments of God ineffective by your tradition and wrong teaching. However, this reversal of the truth is nothing new as Jesus confronted scribes and Pharisees about the same thing.

Matthew 15:1-9:

Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem,

saying why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

But he answered and said unto them, why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

For God commanded, saying, honor thy father and mother: and, He that curses father or mother, let him [be put to death] die the death.

But ye say, whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, it is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

And honor not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus, have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

this people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

You do not want to go through life worshiping God in vain by teaching and/or believing that Jesus Christ is God? This is the commandment of men and wrongly dividing the Word of God. You cannot have genuine spiritual growth and spiritual power in your life if you believe Jesus Christ is God! You must renew your mind to be in alignment with God's Word if by confessing Jesus Christ as the son of God.

If you confess Jesus is the Son of God, then God is in you. As it is written in 1 John 4:15:

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him [sonship], and he in [fellowship] God.

If you confess Jesus is God, then God does not dwell in you and you have no fellowship with God! We that believed Jesus is the son of God can overcome the god of this world as declared in 1 John 5:5:

Who is he that overcometh [conquer] the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

And as it is written in 1 John 5:13:

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

In summary we renewed our minds to align with God's Word to understand clearly and without question who:

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This month's teaching has declared Jesus Christ is the son of God! To achieve spiritual growth, our foundation must be built on God's Word rightly divided. Jesus Christ as the son of God is the foundation of our spiritual growth. We renew our minds daily with our understanding of the Word, and our walk (actions) on God's Word.

Father, thank for your Word which is your Will. You have declared without a shadow of doubt that Jesus Christ is your only begotten son. Father, thank you for the love you have bestowed on us, that we should be called your children. Thank you for making us your heirs and joint heirs with your son. Father, we pray that one day you will say we are your beloved sons and daughters, in whom you are well pleased with. In the name of Jesus Christ your only begotten son, Amen.

Next month's teaching will be on: One God in Unity.

In the Lord,

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Son of God through Jesus Christ
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