

I John 5; Lord's Day 13
I BELIEVE IN GOD'S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON

- I. Great meaning about Him.
 - A. The faith and hope of the Christian church is that the man Jesus is also very God.
 - B. Scripture emphasizes repeatedly that Jesus is the Son of God.
 - C. Scripture identifies Jesus as God's "begotten" Son.
 - D. And the Christian church maintains Jesus' Sonship is "only;" i.e., distinct from all others.
 - E. This means:
 - 1. Jesus shares the divine nature of God (Col. 1:15-17), and did not shed His Godhead when He became man (John 1:14).
 - 2. His being God when He willingly shed His blood makes His cross greatly efficacious.
- II. Although we are truly God's children, there is a distinction between Jesus, God's only begotten Son, and us.
 - A. Jesus is God's natural, begotten Son, while we are graciously adopted and gifted with the glorious privilege.
 - B. How is our childhood realized? In and through the Son of God, God graciously adopted us and gives us the privilege of being children of God (Rom. 8:16; John 1:12; I Peter 1:23).
 - C. Four powerful implications concerning the glorious nature of our salvation.
 - 1. We are given the glorious privilege of being called His children (Gal. 4:4,5).
 - 2. Our adoption is the highest expression of God's love (I John 3:1) and grace.
 - 3. Adoption secures for a child the right to the name and property of the adopting parent.
 - 4. We are privileged to receive consciously all the rights of Christ, so that all that is His is also ours (I Cor. 3:21,23).
 - D. Abide in the happy and peace-giving confidence that we are in His family and that He will take us into His home to dwell with Him forever.