

Lord's Day 13a; John 1:14

THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON

I. The proof.

- A. When Jesus' human nature was in earthly humility, then it was easy to deny that He was the Son of God.
- B. But even then some recognized Him to be the Son of God: John 1:34, 49; Matt. 16:16; John 20:28.
 - 1. Also: John 1:1-3,14,18; 3:16; I John 5:5,20; Romans 9:5; I Timothy 3:16.

II. We must insist on the language, "the only begotten Son of God."

- A. If Jesus is only a man, then the church's faith in Him is only hero worship, faith in a man.
- B. Christ's sonship is unique especially because He is "begotten."
 - 1. Begotten is the act of love whereby one reproduces oneself in another.
 - 2. Because God Himself in our flesh sheds His life's blood, then the cross is surely efficacious.
- C. His Sonship is "only."

III. Its great significance: only in and through Christ can we confess that we too are God's children.

- A. God graciously adopted us and gave us the glorious privilege of being called His children (Gal. 4:4,5; I John 3:1).
- B. Our adoption into God's family is only and always by grace (Eph. 2:2,3).
- C. We are legally adopted (Eph. 1:4,5).
- D. Spiritually, the Son of God has the power to make us God's children in reality (not step-children).
- E. Abide in the happy and peace-giving confidence that we are in His family.