

# The Son of Man



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Our Lord Jesus referred to himself many times throughout scriptures as “the Son of Man”. In fact this is the title that He applied to himself more than any other, yet it is perhaps the least used and the least studied.

In this study of God's Word we will examine Jesus's use of this term to better understand why He choose it for himself and how it impacts our doctrine and our Christian lives.

I will also be, for the first time, primarily using the Concordant Literal Translation Version (CLV) for this study along with the KJV.

Let's Begin!

The first time that we see the phrase “the Son of Man” (υιος – son του – of the ανθρωπου – human) within the bible is in Mat 8:20:

(CLV) Mt 8:20

*And Jesus is saying to him, The jackals have burrows, and the flying creatures of heaven roosts, yet the Son of Mankind has no where that He may be reclining His head.*

Many believe this title was being used by Jesus to hide His messianic title and others that it was intended to mean the representative man.

It is my belief however that Jesus intended this title, as used here specifically, to mean the unprivileged Man who is worse off than the foxes and the birds. (*Note: Jesus spoke these words to a scribe*)

(CLV) Mt 9:6

*Now, that you may be perceiving that the Son of Mankind has authority on earth to pardon sins then He is saying to the paralytic, Being roused, pick up your couch and go into your house.*

Here Jesus tells a man sick with palsy that his sins are forgiven him, and again scribes are present, thinking to themselves that Jesus words that this man's sins were forgiven, were blasphemous, and Jesus knowing their thoughts asks them why they have evil in their thoughts, and makes the above statement.

As we know the Jewish people believed that a man or woman's disease was the result of sin in their lives and we know that they also believed that ones sins could only be forgiven by God.

Here Jesus, not knowing this man, discerns that this palsy was indeed the result of sin in this man's life and makes him whole by forgiving his sins, which infuriated the scribes.

(CLV) Mt 9:8

*Now, on perceiving it, the throngs (*multitudes*) were afraid, and they glorify God, Who is giving such authority to men (*humans*).*

The multitudes became afraid because they perceived Jesus to be a simple man but NOW they were perceiving Him to be more than that and they glorified God believing that He gave this authority unto a man.

(CLV) Mt 10:23

*Now, whenever they may be persecuting you in this city, flee into a different one, for, verily, I am saying to you, Under no circumstances should you be finishing the cities of Israel till the Son of Mankind may be coming.*

Jesus had given His twelve disciples the power over unclean spirits and to heal disease and was sending them out to the lost sheep of the house of Israel to preach the gospel of the kingdom with instructions, again referring to himself as the Son of Man.

(CLV) Mt 11:19

*The Son of Mankind came eating and drinking, and they are saying, Lo! A man gluttonous and a tippler, a tribute collectors' and sinners' friend!' And justified was Wisdom by her acts.*

Here Jesus is speaking to the multitudes about their perception, that they were children of natural wisdom because they did not know who John the Baptist was nor did they yet discern who Jesus was.

Are you beginning to see a pattern yet with regard to the use of “the Son of Man” by Jesus?

The parable of the tares of the field:

(CLV) Mt 13:38-42

*Now the field is the world. Now the ideal seed, these are the sons of the kingdom. Now the darnel (tares) are the sons of the wicked one.*

*Now the enemy who sows them is the Adversary. Now the harvest is the conclusion of the eon. Now the reapers are messengers (angels).*

*Even as the darnel, then, are being culled and burned up with fire, thus shall it be in the conclusion of the eon.*

*The Son of Mankind shall be dispatching His messengers, and they shall be culling out of His kingdom all the snares and those doing lawlessness,*

*and they shall be casting them into a furnace of fire. There shall be lamentation and gnashing of teeth.*

Jesus professes himself to be “the Son of Man” another 23 times, as recorded in Matthew's gospel, and each time in relation to some part of His ministry or His divinity, yet the people, even His own disciples, did not truly know Him.

But Satan knew Him (*Mat 4:3 & 6*), and demons knew Him (*Mat 8:29*) and His disciples came to know Him as the Son of God after they saw Him walk on water, Peter walk on water, and Jesus calm the storm (*Mat 14:27-33*).

The fact is that Jesus NEVER directly referred to himself as the Son of God and only spoke those words of himself

But the pharisees were relentless in their efforts to get Jesus to profess Himself as the Son of God to convict Him of blasphemy!

(CLV) Mt 26:62-64

And, rising, the chief priest said to Him, "Are you answering nothing? What are these testifying against you?"

Yet Jesus was silent. And, answering, the chief priest said to Him, I exorcise you by the living God that you may tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.

Saying to him is Jesus, **You say it!** Moreover, I am saying to you, Henceforth you shall be seeing the Son of Mankind sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Jesus ONLY directly speaks of himself as the Son of God when speaking to the apostle John in a vision and instructing him what to write to the angel of the church in Thyatira (Rev 2:18).

Do you get it yet?

Who is Jesus speaking to? Is He speaking to Greeks? Is He speaking to Gentiles?

No! He is speaking to Jews who know their scriptures!

So what is Jesus saying when he calls himself the Son of Man?

(CLV) Ps 80:17

May Your hand rest on the man of Your right hand, On **the son of humanity** whom You have made resolute for Yourself.

We must always remember that the old testament scriptures are more than a record of the history of God's chosen people. They are types and shadows of things to come!

Likewise we must remember that Jesus, in the flesh, lived under the old covenant, and as "the Son of Man" He was likewise a type and shadow of that which was yet to come.

Before the creation of the world Jesus was "the Word of God". Under the old covenant Jesus, in the form of sinful flesh, was "the Son of Man". Under the new covenant however, after His death, resurrection, and glorification, He became "the Son of God"!

**Who then are we, those who are born again believers?**

We are the sons (*children*) of God!

(CLV) 1Jn 4:17

In this is love perfected with us, that we may have boldness in the day of judging, seeing that, according as He is, so are we also in this world.

Those who are in Christ are no longer son's of man, just as Jesus is no longer "the Son of Man", because as He IS so are we also in this world!

We have overcome the world as He has overcome the world and because of this truth He has given us His glory (*doxa - honor, dignity, praise*) (Joh 17:22), the same glory that He himself shared with the Father before the world was, the glory of the Father himself (Joh 17:5).

Do you understand what that truly means?

The prophet Ezekiel was a type and shadow of our Lord. God called him “the son of man” some 93 times within that book.

He was sent unto the children of Israel (2:3), he spoke God's words unto them (3:4), the people were going to put bands around him and bound him (3:25), he told the people that “an end”, the end is come upon the four corners of the land (7:2), he had seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, “every man in the chambers of his imagery” (8:12). God told Ezekiel to prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts (13:2) and to put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel (17:2).

Likewise Jesus, in the flesh, was a type and shadow of the born again believer!

(CLV) Jn 14:12

*Verily, verily, I am saying to you, he who is believing in Me, the works which I am doing he also will be doing, and greater than these will he be doing, for I am going to the Father.*

This could not come to fruition until Jesus returned to the Father, until He became the Son of God. While He was “the Son of Man” He could only give the anointing to His disciples.

No man was born again until Jesus became the Son of God, seated at the right hand of the Father, from where He came, and until He prayed the Father send the indwelling Holy Spirit unto man so that we too could become son's and daughters of God, IN THIS WORLD!

(Mat 12:47) Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

(Mat 12:48) But he answered and said unto him that told him, **Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?**

(Mat 12:49) And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, **Behold my mother and my brethren!**

(Mat 12:50) **For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.**

When Jesus was “the Son of Man”, under the old covenant, Joseph was his father, Mary was His mother, and James, Joseph and Judas His brothers.

Under the new covenant however, those who do the will of the Father is the brother, and sister, and mother of our Lord Christ Jesus, “the Son of God”.

(Joh 6:38) **For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.**

(Joh 6:39) **And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.**

(Joh 6:40) **And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

The Question Here Is?

Are you a son of man or a son of God?

(CLV) Mt 7:16

*From their fruits you shall be recognizing them. Not from thorns are they culling grapes, nor from star thistles figs.*

*Not everyone saying to Me `Lord! Lord! will be entering into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who is doing the will of My Father Who is in the heavens.*

When one has received the name of Christ Jesus, “the Son of Man, for their salvation they become born again. They become new creations in Christ.

But to receive Jesus as “the Son of God” is to submit to Him as His disciples.

(CLV) Mt 11:28-30

*Hither to Me, all who are toiling and laden, and I will be giving you rest. Lift My yoke upon you and be learning from Me, for meek am I and humble in heart, and you shall be finding rest in your souls, for My yoke is kindly and My load is light.*

The Question Here Is:

From whom are you learning, “the Son of Man” or “the Son of God”?

**Now Watch This!**

(CLV) Ga 1:14-16

*And I progressed in Judaism above many contemporaries in my race, being inherently exceedingly more zealous for the traditions of my fathers.*

*Now, when it delights God, Who severs me from my mother's womb and calls me through His grace,*

*to unveil His Son in me that I may be evangelizing Him among the nations, **I did not immediately submit it to flesh and blood,***

**Under the new covenant “the Son of God” is unveiled through the grace of God!**

This is not the grace found under the old covenant this is the new grace which came through Christ and came into force when the Son of man became the Son of God, under the new covenant. The main distinction between the grace of the old covenant and the grace found within the new covenant, by definition, is “especially a divine influence on the heart”. [Read More Here](#)

This divine influence comes unto our hearts through the indwelling Holy Spirit, to whom we must yield or will to receive the will of the Father through Christ. [Read More here](#)

Those who see Christ as “the Son of Man” do not know Him as “the Son of God” because Christ as He is has not been revealed to them, or they will not to receive the truth being revealed unto them.

They see Him as “the Son of Man” who lived in the flesh and under the old covenant.

They do not see Him as He is today under the new covenant, as the Son of God!

We are no longer taught by flesh and blood (“the Son of Man”) we are taught by “the Son of God” through the Spirit of God, who speaks not of himself but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak, and He will show us things to come (*John 16:13*).

People MUST understand that while Jesus, the Son of man, was on the earth he was making all things new, but all things did not become new until He became the Son of God.

(CLV) Re 21:5

*And He Who is sitting on the throne said, Lo! New am I making all! And He is saying, "Write, for these sayings are faithful and true.*

*And He said to me, I have become the Alpha and the Omega, the Origin and the Consummation. To him who is thirsting I shall be giving of the spring of the water of life gratuitously.*

*He who is conquering shall be enjoying this allotment, and I shall be a God to him and he shall be a son to Me.*

Jesus is speaking to John in the present, that He **IS making** all things new, that He **HAS become** the Alpha and the Omega, that He **SHALL be a God unto us and we sons and daughters to Him!**

Yes Jesus spoke of these things prophetically as “the Son of Man” but as “the Son of God” He **IS** doing them, and **HAS** become who He said He would become and He **SHALL** be our God.

Can you see this truth?

Did you know that as “sons and daughters of God” we have been given new names and that “the Son of God” likewise has a new name because ALL THINGS are being made anew?

*(Rev 2:17) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

*(Rev 3:12) Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

Brothers and Sisters ALL THINGS have been made NEW. Jesus said that He had to return to the Father to prepare a place for us and He has been making ALL THINGS NEW since He returned to the Father in glory, the same glory that He has given us.

As He is so are we in this world. The sons and daughters of God!

Receive it, live it, give thanks for it! In Jesus name, Amen & Amen!

