

## “My Beloved Son”

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Three times in Scripture the heavens are pierced with the voice of God declaring the deity of His Son. The first is at the baptism of Jesus. “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 3:17). The second is at the transfiguration of Jesus. “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him” (Matt. 17:5). The third occurs before the death of Jesus. “Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again” (John 12:28).

Who is Jesus? We make our appeal to the highest authority—God Himself—to answer. God declares that Jesus is His beloved Son. The world continues to struggle with the identity of Jesus. However, God settled the matter long ago. Unbelief does not mean there is a lack of evidence. Unbelief is a rejection of the evidence God has supplied.

The word “beloved” denotes the love of the Father for the Son. It is not a warm feeling common to us earthly fathers, but love displayed in strict equality and with the intention of honoring and glorifying the Son.

The Father and the Son have the same nature. They are one. They are deity.

The Father accredited the Son before men, validating His authority. God glorifies the Son before others of notable glory in the scheme of redemption: Moses and Elijah. God elevates the Son over them—“hear ye him.”

The Father delights in the Son and approves of Him. Nothing in the Son disappointed the Father. The Son is loved and is the object of divine favor.

Every person who becomes a New Testament Christian must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. God has spoken. Do you believe?