

## UNIQUELY BEGOTTEN

### (PART 2)

## DESCRIPTION OF THE SON

We'll look at some descriptions of the Son.

- Col 1:15 He is the **image** of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
- Col 1:16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.
- Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

“image” = Greek word “eikone”... where we get “icon”

It means likeness, representation or resemblance.

How else is this word used?

- Mat 22:17 Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"
- Mat 22:18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites?"
- Mat 22:19 Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius.
- Mat 22:20 And He said to them, "Whose **image** and inscription is this?"
- Mat 22:21 They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Many people will use this passage to say Yeshua was promoting taxes... that is NOT what this is saying... not by a long stretch... but that's a topic for another time.

The point here is that it was Caesar's "image" on the coin.

Was it Caesar? Obviously not... it was his image.

This is repeated in the other 2 synoptic gospels.

- Mar 12:16 So they brought it. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's."
- Luk 20:24 Show Me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have?" They answered and said, "Caesar's."

How else is Yeshua described?

- Heb 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,
- Heb 1:2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, (God appointed His Son "heir"... which is exactly what a "Son" is) through whom also He made the worlds;
- Heb 1:3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

The term "express image" is the word "charakter"... it's "character".

Throughout this study, I've been trying to show how words and terms are consistently used.

However, this is the only time in scripture that this particular word is used.

So, I'm stuck with just the definition...

So... what is the definition of "character"?...

- an impress, exact expression,
- a graver (the tool or the person), that is, (by implication) engraving ([“character”], the **figure stamped**,

It was interesting that the other word to describe Yeshua was “image” which was used to describe a coin.

That’s the exact usage of this word. You “stamp” or “mint” an image onto a coin.

Continuing with the definitions of this word “character”

- an exact copy or [figuratively] representation): - express image.
- 1) the instrument used for engraving or carving
- 2) the mark **stamped upon that instrument** or wrought out on it
- 2a) a mark or figure **burned in**

“Burned in”... like a brand. Like a rancher branding his cattle... it’s his mark seared into the skin forever.

It continues...

- 2b) the exact expression (the image) of any person or thing, marked likeness, **precise reproduction in every respect**, i.e **facsimile**.

“Facsimile”... which we shorten to the word “fax”.

Some younger people may not know what a “fax” is...

But before the digital world we all live in...

When you wanted to remotely deliver a document to people...

You’d have to take your original document that you wrote or typed up...

Scan it into your “fax” machine... which copied it... and then you would send out the copy.

YHVH... God Almighty... made a “copy”... a “precise reproduction” of Himself... a “facsimile”...

And He sent the “copy” of Himself out into the world.

The imagery and word picture here is AMAZING.

I'm not making any of this up... I couldn't... even if I wanted to.

This is what it's saying.

And it goes completely against everything I was ever taught.

In fact... it is a major idea that was adamantly warned against...

But, at some point, I had to make the decision to jettison what I was taught and adhere to what the scriptures say...

Regardless of who that angers. (and that angers a lot of people)

There's more to all of this... but I am trying to make this as concise as possible.

### “THE COMPACT”

Growing up, I was taught that Christ... Yeshua... was a co-eternal, co-equal God.

He was half of the 2-part “Godhead”.

(I briefly explained that the “Godhead” is not a thing in my last message)

A few years ago, an elder in the organization I was part of, gave a sermon called “The Compact”, in which he explained that very concept in no uncertain terms.

The idea is that there were 2 co-eternal, co-equal beings that make up “God”. (again... that's just the trinity minus the Holy Spirit)

At some point before creation... these 2 beings made a “compact” or agreement that one would become the Father, and the other would become the Son.

The Son would be the one that had to come down to earth in human form and be tortuously murdered.

Additionally... The Father is so perfect, that He can't even be in the presence of sin... which means He has never been around any of His children.

So, the Son is the "God of the OT" and HE is the One that interacted with mankind (in every way) because the Father can't be in their presence.

There is a list of things working against this concept... but it's been covered for awhile and so I'm only going to mention a couple here.

First... If one of them can be around sinful man, and the other cannot... then they're not equal... are they?

Second... (and the most important IMO)...

There is not one word in the entire Bible that even hints at any of this.

For those that care what scripture says... that might be important.

And I don't know how these people think this "compact" was made.

Did they draw straws?

Did they play "rock, paper, scissors"?

Did One God win and the other lose?

"Sorry about your luck... looks like you're the one that has to be brutalized and killed"

In this "Compact" sermon... the presenter stated that the 2 halves of "God", made this "compact" ...

And this “compact” is the most special and important thing that has ever happened.

And... anyone that would try to say otherwise is “of Satan” as they would be trying to destroy God’s plan.

Is this concept of God being 2 co-eternal, co-equal individuals that entered into a “compact” of which One would be Father and Son correct?

I guess, we’ll all eventually find out.

But... there’s not a single word mentioned about it in scripture.

And to say that this is the way it is... and this is the very foundation of everything... and if you say otherwise, you are of Satan... and that you’re undermining God’s ultimate plan...

You might want at least ONE verse to support this.

And this was not some private message given in some quiet corner in a little congregation somewhere.

No... This was the “KEYNOTE ADDRESS” at their general council of elders where they fly all of the ordained elders in for their annual meeting (at tithe-payers’ expense)

And it was recorded and broadcast for everybody to hear.

This was deliberate... and this was after they made an example of several elders that disagreed with this assertion based on the biblical record.

## ETERNALITY OF CHRIST

Now... For those that were moving away from this idea...

The next step was the understanding that “God” consisted of 2 co-eternal but UN-equal beings.

One was always superior to the other.

One was the Supreme God, and the other was lower and subordinate to the Supreme God.

This idea synced up with scripture much better than the other...

But for me... it still left a lot of unanswered questions.

One of those major questions was... how does scripture say there's “one God”, when there's two?

That question is often ignored and tossed aside.

There's then the assertion that Christ... Yeshua... was eternal and there are a few verses that are used to support that.

But is that what they're saying?

Let's just look at them.

Because I personally don't think these verses prove, or even suggest, what some people think they do.

There is a common thread with all of these verses that people are reading right over.

The first verse is Ephesians 1:4... but unlike most... we'll go ahead and read verse 3 with it: (from the New American Standard)

- 3 Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,
- 4 just as He chose us in Him **before the foundation of the world**, that we would be holy and blameless before [d]Him. In love

Now, most will use verse 4 to prove Jesus was “eternal” because God chose us in Him “before the foundation of the world”.

Is that what it says...

NO.

The only thing verse 4 “proves” is that whatever happened, happened “before” the foundation of the world...

It’s not as if nothing ever happened before the physical world.

AND they ignore verse 3 that blesses “The God AND Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”....

God is the FATHER of Jesus Christ.

It’s not that one is the Father and one is the Son...

...as in one holds the title or role of the Father while the other holds the title or role of the Son...

No... rather one IS the Father OF the Son.

The Father IS the Father OF His Son.

It’s really that simple.

And “before” the foundation of the world does not equate to “eternity” or “always”.

The foundation of the world is an event... a point in time...

Before that would be **before** that point in time...

That’s all it’s saying.



Next verse.

1 Peter 1:19-20 (NASB)

- 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.
- 20 For He was **foreknown before the foundation of the world**, but has appeared [p]in these last times for the sake of you

Again... eternal?

NO... only “before” a point in time.

Next:

John 17:24 (NASB)

- 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

(there’s a lot to unpack here)

First... the last statement “before the foundation of the world” is all some people want to focus on...

But, again... that does NOT equate to eternal or eternality...

It again only denotes a period before a specific point in time.

However... they ignore what the rest of the verse says.

Yeshua is praying to His Father, and Yeshua petitions His Father to grant those that His Father gave Him (the disciples) to see His glory....

What glory is that?

The glory that His Father GAVE Him.

Because the Father loved Yeshua before the foundation of the world.

Another quick one... (ESV)

- 2Ti 1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,
- 2Ti 1:9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,
- (other versions say “before the world began” and “before time began”

Eternity? ... once again, NO.

Whatever the term “before the...” “ages”, “time” or “world” are referring to...

... the definition of these words state :

- designates a fixed or special occasion
- denotes a particular period) or interval; by extension an individual opportunity

Once again... it's a specific event or moment in time...

... and this grace was given to us BEFORE that.

- With all of this... I'm not, by any means, cherry-picking verses, or ignoring anything...
- I have limited time and space to go thru everything.
- I'm just using examples to set the stage.
- And I'm encouraging everyone to do their own research into them...
- And to be aware of these things as they come across similar verses...
- Because there are many out there.

- Since I was always taught that Christ was an eternal being...
- ... I was purposely looking for verses that prove Christ's eternality... and I kept falling short.

And I would leave that there...

But there are those that want to continue this push with another verse that I feel is actually detrimental to their case.

The verse they use is this:

- 1 Corinthians 2:7
- We'll start in vers 6... (NASB)
- 6 Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;
- 7 but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which **God predestined before the ages to our glory**;
- 8 the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

Wisdom... several times... speaking of the Lord of glory that was crucified... and being BEFORE the ages...

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## WISDOM

I'd like to share a passage I came across that really struck me.

It's in the OT and it's Proverbs.

- Pro 8:1 Does not wisdom cry out, And understanding lift up her voice?
- Pro 8:2 She takes her stand on the top of the high hill, Beside the way, where the paths meet.

This chapter starts out talking about “wisdom”.

- Pro 8:12 "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge and discretion.

As it goes, though, it takes a major shift at verse 22.

Pay attention to what it says...

- Pro 8:22 "The LORD **possessed** me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old.
- Pro 8:23 I have been **established** from everlasting, From the beginning, before there was ever an earth.
- Pro 8:24 When there were no depths I was **brought forth**, When there were no fountains abounding with water.
- Pro 8:25 Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills, I was **brought forth**;
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What do these words mean?

- “Posessed” – Hebrew “qanah” ...
- To erect or purchase.
- Basically to build or buy... and esteem to yourself.
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- “Established” – Hebrew – “nasaq”
- It means to “pour” or “pour out”
- But that mostly means to “pour” as in “anoint”
- Also... to pour out as in molten metal in a “caste” or “mold”
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- “Brought forth” – Hebrew – “kheel”
- It is used as “formed” ...

- And also different forms of “pain”.
- There’s a root for this word that comes with a meaning of “dance” or “whirl”... like a “whirlwind”...
- But those are used in a sense of “dancing” or “whirling” in pain...
- Basically “writhing in pain”
- And that “pain” is by far used in the sense of a woman’s birth pangs.
- It is translated as “trevail” in other places.
- It is what happens to a mother while giving birth.

So in verses 22-25... it is saying that “wisdom” was ...

- erected/purchased,
- anointed/poured into a caste or mold,
- formed/brought forth in birth pangs

And this all happened...

- At the beginning
- From everlasting
- Before the earth
- When there were no depths, fountains or water
- Before mountains and hills

So, “wisdom” had an origin and it was BEFORE all these things.

There have been those that feel this is simply speaking about “wisdom”.

So... are these people implying that God did not possess “wisdom” before?

Did God Almighty desire to make creation... but lacked wisdom?

Did God say... “I want to make creation.. but it would sure be nice to have wisdom to do it. I better form and birth “wisdom”... that would make things better”?

It has also been brought to my attention that earlier in the chapter it refers to “wisdom” as “her” and “she”.

That is simply because the word “wisdom” is a feminine word.

Similar to ships or nations being referred to as “her” or “she”

They also seemingly forget that God referred to Israel as His firstborn son....

Then later refers to His firstborn son as an adulterous wife...

And that “she” also had an adulterous “sister” named Judah.

But we'll continue with the chapter in Proverbs 8 :

- Pro 8:26 While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, Or the primal dust of the world.
- Pro 8:27 When He prepared the heavens, I was there, When He drew a circle on the face of the deep,
- Pro 8:28 When He established the clouds above, When He strengthened the fountains of the deep,
- Pro 8:29 When He assigned to the sea its limit, So that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth,
- Pro 8:30 Then I was beside Him **as a master craftsman**; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him,
- Pro 8:31 Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men.
- Pro 8:32 "Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways.
- Pro 8:33 Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain it.
- Pro 8:34 Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.
- Pro 8:35 For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the LORD;

- Pro 8:36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate me love death."

If you can look at yourself honestly, and say this is only referring to "wisdom"... then we are all seriously missing something.

So... the abstract idea of "wisdom" was formed and birthed by God.

And that abstract idea is then personified, or anthropomorphized, as some lady who was watching and helping as a "master craftsman" along with YHVH.

And was YHVH's daily delight while He was creating everything that exists.  
...OK...

## THINGS GIVEN TO THE SON BY THE FATHER

As I was going thru this, I started making a list of things that the Father gave to His Son.

It was interesting, as it implies that the Son would not, or did not possess these things prior to His Father giving them to Him.

There are things that the Father gave or gifted His Son.

We've already looked at "glory".

And we've already read where Yeshua says His Father gave Him the disciples.

What other things did the Father give His Son?

## HOLY SPIRIT AND POWER

- Act 2:33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of **the Holy Spirit**, He poured out this which you now see and hear.
- Act 10:38 how God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with **the Holy Spirit and with power**, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

The Son did not have the Holy Spirit... His Father anointed Him with it.

## WHAT TO DO

- John 14:31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father **gave Me commandment**, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.
- John 17:4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which **You have given Me to do**.
- Joh 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do **nothing** of Himself, but **what He sees the Father do**; for **whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner**.
- Joh 5:20 For the Father loves the Son, and **shows Him all things that He Himself does**; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

The Son did not know what to do on His own accord... His Father had to instruct Him, or show Him by example.

## WHAT TO SAY

- Joh 12:44 And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me.
- Joh 12:45 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me.
- Joh 12:46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.



- Joh 12:47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.
- Joh 12:48 The one who rejects me and does not receive **my words** has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.
- Joh 12:49 For **I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.**
- Joh 12:50 And I know that **his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.**”

Yeshua only speaks what His Father told Him to.

## LIFE

- Joh 5:26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so **He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,**

Life itself.

## JUDGEMENT

- John 5:22 For the Father judges no one, but has **committed all judgment to the Son,**

## EVERYTHING ELSE

- John 17:7 Now they have known that **all things which You have given Me are from You.**
- John 3:35 The Father loves the Son, and has **given all things into His hand.**
- John 13:3 Jesus, knowing that the **Father had given all things into His hands,** and that He had come from God and was going to God,

Whatever Yeshua, the Son has... it was given to Him by His Father.

And it really struck me that for an eternal God... Yeshua really needed a lot of thing given to Him...

Power, glory, life, God's spirit, disciples, power to judge, taught what to do, taught what to say...

Pretty much exactly what you would expect from a Father giving to and teaching His Son.

## GOD BEGOT HIS SON

John 1:1

The word that's translated as "beginning" is the Greek word "arche".

It has a connotation of "commencement" or "principally" and some other things.

Some have translated it as "anciently". (So, "anciently" was the Word).

An admittedly crude description would be the literary phrase "once upon a time".

It seems to have a similar intention.

There's several verses we could look at where this word is used... but I think this one is interesting.

- Joh 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

The word for "the beginning" is the same Greek word "arche".

For the grammar police out there, one's a dative case and one's a genitive case, but it's the same word with the same meaning.

So, to use all of this consistently...

Back in eternity, there was the Word, who was with God and who was God... and there was the devil, murdering.

You decide if that's correct.

This idea makes many peoples' blood boil.

It is amazing to see the anger and fury come out of people.

Honestly, if you can't handle the thought that other people have different understandings than you... And your response is immediate anger...

... maybe you need to go sit in the corner until you learn to control yourself...

... or find a sandbox to keep yourself occupied while the adults are speaking...

Never the less... this topic definitely causes the fangs and claws to come out.

They'll say things like...

"He's saying Christ was a created being..."

As if that's evil, or something.

Technically, I don't believe Christ was "created"... it says He was "begotten".

But regardless of the 2... what does that deny from Christ?

They can't answer that... because they don't even know what "denying Christ" even means.

He's still the Messiah, the Christ, He's still sent by His Father to die for sins and be the savior, He still sits at the right hand of God.

What does it rob from Him?

Nothing.

But, like I said... Christ wasn't "created"... He was "begotten".

For those that don't think the "begotten" means "begotten"...

Well, good luck to.

The "created" is what God has made.

I made the mistake once of saying that it means "something that was made out of nothing".

I immediately got some unexpected blowback from people saying...

"it all came from God... are you saying that God is "nothing".

Way to purposely miss the point, people.

So I'll word it this way...

It's something that did not exist... and then God made it exist.

Other words are used to illustrate somebody building something out of raw materials...

But "create" is to form those raw materials that did not exist prior to that.

There are other "sons of God"... but they are all part of "creation".

But Yeshua is the only Son that was "begotten".

He truly came out of, came forth from His Father.

The Father bore a Son.

That's what separates Him from any other created "son".

So, my stance is that Christ was NOT created...

But He had an origin.

There was a point in which Yeshua, the Son, was not.

And then He had a “spiritual birth”.

I don’t know how that works, or what it looks like, but that’s what it says.

Numerous times.

And people just refuse to believe it.

It’s almost worded too simply and too straight forward...

People have to complicate it. It’s like it tells you so simply that people just can’t grasp it.

## ARIANISM

Ever since I started looking at this... it didn’t take long before words Arians and Arianism started popping up.

I’ve known of the Arians... but honestly I never really knew much about them or what they believe.

This is Arians spelled a-r-l-a-n-s.

It has nothing to do with Aryans spelled a-r-Y-a-n-s.

And it certainly has absolutely nothing to do with the Aryan brotherhood... also spelled with a “Y”.

The Arians (with an “I”) comes from a man named Arius.

I looked into this and I found a few very interesting things.

Arius lived in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th centuries.

His teaching was that Jesus as the Son of God... had an origin and was a creation by God way back in Eternity somewhere.

Basically, a very similar thing that I've just went thru... although I say He was begotten, not created... but that distinction is not important to some that see it as the same thing.

Where things get interesting is that, not only was Arius at the First Council of Nicaea, but that council was actually called for as a direct rebuttal of what Arius' understanding.

Someone else that was also at this First Council was Saint Nicholas... (Good ol' St. Nick).

Saint Nicholas was so furious at Arius' teaching that he got up and slapped him.

So, this idea has been angering people for a long time.

So much so, that at the First Council of Nicaea, Arius gets slapped in the face by Santa Claus...

How fitting is that?

## NICEAN CREED

At the very beginning... "in the beginning"...

We went thru the Nicean Creed.

We also looked at the parallels between the Creed and the Fundamental Beliefs of the organization I was part of.

What the Nicean Creed was, was actually an official rebuttal of Arius and his teachings of Christ having an origin.

Interestingly , the Creed mentions that the Son was "begotten" not "made".

Ironically, that is exactly what I said... but they do not mean it the way I do.

They are trying to say that the Son was “eternally begotten”... meaning that the Son was always the Son and had always existed...

So therefore the Son was begotten eternally... whatever that’s supposed to mean.

Seriously... when is a son the same age as his father?

Outside of some Seinfeld joke, a son is never the same age as his father.

I watched a presentation from a guy named John Hamer

Where reads off a portion of the original creed that was written at this council that is no longer found in the current version of the Nicene Creed.

The original creed contains this... speaking of Jesus, the Son.

- “But those who say: “There was a time when he was not;” and “He was not before he was made;” and “He was made out of nothing”, or “He is of another substance” or “essence” or “The Son of God is created”, or “changeable”, or “alterable” – they are condemned by the holy catholic and apostolic Church.”
- And you could add the Churches of God to that.

The reason for the First Council of Nicaea was to combat the idea that Jesus Christ had an origin.

And the creed that was written was the official statement of that council.

It is quite interesting to me, that the group I was in has a Fundamental Beliefs booklet that pretty much adopts the Nicene Creed, then just monkeyed with it until it fit their beliefs.

And both groups are infuriated by the idea that Yeshua had a origin.

As far as Arians and Arianism...

It appears that “Arians” was term that the church used in a derogatory manner to label those that agreed with Arius... they didn’t call themselves “Arians”.

I thought it might be interesting to read some of what Arius wrote... but I’m not going to get a chance to do that, and neither is anybody else.

After this council... Arius died.

They claimed he died of some illness, but it sounds like most people agree that he was poisoned.

And it looks and sounds like it was quite awful, as it appears all of his innards violently blew out the back side of him.

And then a order was put out that all of his writings were to be gathered, confiscated and delivered to be burned.

And anybody that was found to have any of his writings, were subject to capital punishment.

So, probably not a lot out there.

Even now... if you just look up the word Arianism... you are going to immediately be bombarded with terms like “the Arian heresy”, and “the Arian controversy”... and it’s just a major list of people just bashing this idea.

Who’s behind that, do you think?

I’m not an “Arian”... I didn’t know anything about the guy or Arianism until way after I concluded what I have shown here.

But, people love to label other people.

That way they can lump them in with other people and use their long-coveted “straw-man arguments”.

Then they can box you in, box you up, and put you on a shelf somewhere.



## FEELS RIGHT TO HAVE A FAMILY

Interestingly, I wasn't taught, or even shown this by anyone.

For me, this originated from nothing more than myself and scripture.

In fact, I was trying to disprove an idea presented to me, while simultaneously trying to prove what I thought I already knew.

What happened was I ended up disproving both while a completely different understanding started to materialize in front of me.

And it wouldn't go away or be defeated.

So, at some point, I couldn't ignore it.

And when I would say something, obviously I'm opening myself up for all kinds of ridicule and arguments.

But when I would look into the arguments presented to me... this idea only solidified itself further.

So, I finally had to purge myself of what I was taught on the matter and go with what I'm reading out of the scriptures.

And I'll tell you what ultimately sold me.

As with most things, I'm kind of a more analytical type of person, especially when it comes to biblical understanding.

I want to see what different versions say, I want to see what other texts and manuscripts say...

I want to know what the original words are, what they mean and how they're used...

And I think that's been apparent in most messages I give and this one was no exception.

However...

What really tipped the scales for me on this was the true Father/Son relationship that YHVH and Yeshua have.

Just look at the way they interact with each other.

Pay attention to Yeshua's prayers to His Father.

This truly is a Father and Son... a family relationship.

And they love each other...

Has anyone thought about how 2 (or 3) eternal beings would "love" each other like that? How and why would that work?

And when you put that together with the whole family structure that God made for mankind...

It just feels right.

The plan to build His family.

And it all started with a Son.

YHVH reproduced Himself by begetting a Son, that is the express image, an exact copy of Himself.

Who He loves, taught and gave everything to.

And YHVH says to His Son... we're going to create Heaven and Earth. Spiritual and Physical realms and universes.

And we're going to create mankind to live there... and we're going to add to our family.

And it's ALL going to be Yours by inheritance.

And mankind will be adopted into our family... Sons and daughters for ME, brothers and sisters for YOU... and they will be co-heirs with you.

It really is a beautiful story... and that beauty disappears when you wad the Father and Son together into some homogenized, all-in-one being... and for others... let's just toss the Holy Spirit in there too.

There is a concept out there of how The Father reveals The Son, and how The Son reveals the Father.

As I've mentioned... I was taught from birth that there are 2 members of the "Godhead" and that the Father is so perfect He can't even be in the presence of mankind.

So, it was His Son, the Word that did all the creating and interaction with mankind.

The phrase... "Jesus Christ is the God of the OT" was a punchline used countless times in my life.

It is nowhere in the Bible, but that's the backbone of most of the doctrines in the coGs.

So, about 10 years ago, at this point... I was presented with undeniable proof that it really was The Father that was the God of the OT.

In a sense, I (and everybody that was taught like me) was actually worshipping the Son above the Father.

Attributes, accomplishments, titles and even His name were robbed from The Father and place on The Son.

So, it was as if I was worhipping the Son, as if He was The Father.

And what did He do?

The same thing He did all thru his earthly teachings...

He directed me toward His Father.

That's what Yeshua does.

That's what He did when He was on earth.

He taught about His Father and directed people to Him.

So, this was revealed to me and I had been shifting everything towards The Father, as He is YHVH alone.

If someone needs to cling to 2-3 fuzzy and oddly-worded verses to create confusion about that...

Well, hug them tight, because there's multiple thousands of verses that say otherwise.

It was about 7 years after that, when I started to see what I've gone thru here.

So, as far as The Son revealing the Father, and The Father revealing the Son...

I feel like that played out for me personally in real time.

At some point... I was worshipping the Son as if He was the Father.

And the Son said... "Let me introduce you to My Father."

And about 7 years after that, it felt like YHVH said... "Let me introduce you to My Son".

And I can't unsee it.

It all fits. And it answers all the questions that I never had answers to before.

And it doesn't create any new questions that have to be explained away.

Like I said, it just feels right.

I'm going to end with one last verse.

We already read it, but probably glossed over what it says.

- 1Jn 4:14 And we have seen and testify that the **Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.**
- 1Jn 4:15 Whoever confesses that **Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.**

How literal you decide to take that is up to you.

But whatever you arrive at, and wherever your understanding gets led,

May YHVH cause His face to shine upon you, friends.