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The Names of Love - Part 36 - Jesus The Son Of God - Huios tou Theou

Matt. 16:15-17 “But what about you?” He asked. “Who do you say I AM?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in Heaven.”

This name of Jesus literally means “The Son of God”

John 10:30 “I and the Father are one.”

Jesus is God’s Son, not in the sense that we might think of sonship, as though the Father preexisted before Him. Instead, Jesus is God’s Son in the sense that He is the visible picture of the invisible God. He is God portrayed for us to see and hear and experience. No longer was God shown to man as a cloud or a pillar of fire, but as a person that we could get to know and have a conversation with. One that we could become friends with instead of some spirit that lives afar from us. Thus, He was called by Himself and others as the Son of Man; the picture of God in the form of Man. Every characteristic of God was “fleshed” out in a man through Jesus. John 1:14, “The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Jesus came as the visible image of the visible God so that we could get to know the Father. His purpose was two-fold: to show us Himself and to become our sacrifice for sin. Rom. 5:6-8, “You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

You might feel that you have still not seen God because Jesus lived so long ago and you were not there to “see” Him, and yet you can still see Him because He manifests Himself through every believer who has trusted Him as their Savior and Lord. John 20:29, “Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Dear Father, You have shown us Your great love by letting us see it in Jesus. And now we are to show that same love to people all around us. We are now Your ambassadors as though You were making Your appeal through us. Help us Lord to be a good representation of Your great love to the people around us. In Jesus Name, Amen