

GOD the Son



ISN'T THAT JESUS?

God the Son is one of the three Beings in the Godhead (see Fun-da-Mental #2). We know Him as *Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world*.

Jesus is better known to us than God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. Why? Because Jesus came to earth and became a human being. Lots of people saw Him in person and knew Him as a Friend.

Jesus is God. He's not 50 percent God or 99.99 percent God. He is 100 percent God (John 1:1).

Jesus said about Himself: "Before Abraham was born, I AM" (John 8:58, NASB). Calling Himself "I AM" means that He never had a beginning. Sounds impossible, but it's true!

Jesus is close to His Father. He said to the Father, "You loved Me before the foundation of the world" (John 17:24).

In what ways is Jesus God?

No one created God the Son. "His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity" (Micah 5:2).

The Son of God knows everything! "In [Him] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3).

He never changes from what He was before. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Jesus has a special name—Immanuel. It means "God with us" (Isaiah 7:14).

Life comes from Jesus the Son. He said, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

Jesus is equal with God the Father. "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being" (Hebrews 1:3).

THE SON'S PAST JOBS

Creating the world

Jesus helped with Creation. "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible" (Colossians 1:16).

Running the world

Without Jesus, the world couldn't keep going. "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17).

Encouraging people

God the Son sometimes took the form of an angel and visited people. For example, He came to Joshua as the commander of God's army (Joshua 5:13–15). He visited Abraham with two angels (Genesis 18:1–15). This has probably happened many times in our earth's history.



THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB IN THE WORLD

God the Son was born on this planet around 5 BC. He was born to be the sacrifice that is required to get rid of sin. That's why He's called the Lamb of God. He was offered like a lamb on the altar.

He came here to:

- be a human being like us
- show us what God the Father is like
- die for our sin so it doesn't kill us
- be resurrected by His Father and return to heaven.



JUST LIKE YOU AND ME

Jesus felt everything you feel. He was hungry, thirsty, happy, tired, and angry. He felt joy and pain. He laughed and cried (John 11:35).



You get tempted to sin every day. Jesus did too! He was "tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin" (Hebrews 4:15).

Why didn't Jesus use His divine powers while He lived on earth? It was a big temptation, but He chose not to. Instead, He lived the way we do, in surrender to God the Father.

TWO PEOPLE IN ONE

When Jesus was on earth, He was a man but also God. You can be a girl and be a volleyball player. You can be a boy and be a movie maker. Jesus had the same deal. He was God and human at the same time.

After He was born as a baby, nothing was missing from Jesus as God except that His human body took away His ability to be everywhere at once.



THE WORK OF JESUS

Prophet

Not only did Jesus give life-changing messages such as the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7) but He also predicted the future (Matthew 24).

Priest

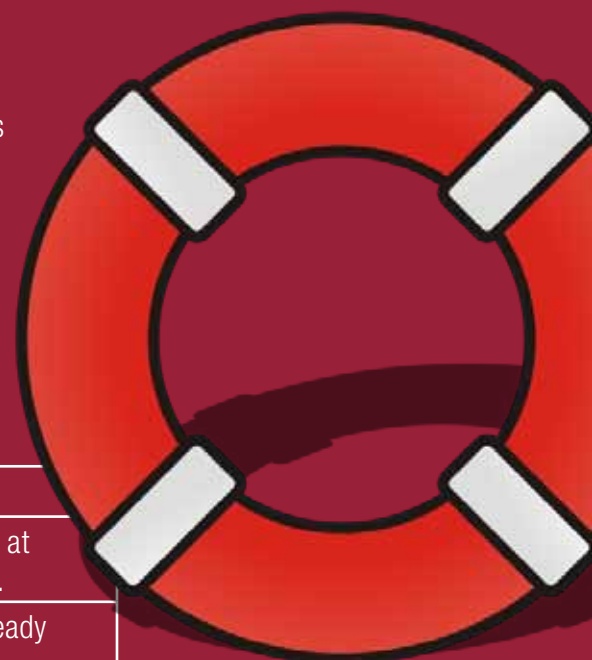
As the One who offered Himself as the sacrifice for sin, Jesus was also a high priest, who did the work of presenting the sacrifice to get rid of sin. Now He lives in heaven and, every day, presents Himself as the offering to get rid of our sins.

King

When Jesus floated up in the air and went back to live in heaven, God the Father made Him the king of a new kingdom that will stay around forever. "Of the Son He says, 'YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER' " (Hebrews 1:8, NASB).

Actually, Jesus has two kingdoms:

Kingdom of Grace	Kingdom of Glory
We live in the Kingdom of Grace now.	A kingdom that begins at Jesus' second coming.
It was created after Adam and Eve sinned.	The Judgment has already happened by then.
It's not a place. It is who we are.	Sinners are destroyed, and saints go into the Kingdom of Glory.
All of us are still alive and kicking while we're sinners, waiting for Jesus to come back again.	God the Father has already made Jesus the king of this perfect, sinless, awesome kingdom.
The Kingdom of Grace was fully put in place when Jesus died on the cross.	The Kingdom of Glory lasts forever.



God the Son is our Rescuer. His death and resurrection make it possible for us to be sons and daughters of God, happy forever.