Jesus is the Son of God

Luke 10:17–20 (AMP)

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17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

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- **Revelation 12:7–9** — Satan and his angels are thrown down to the earth.
- **Isaiah 14:12–15** — describes the fall of the “morning star” (often rendered “Lucifer” in the KJV).
- **Ezekiel 28:12–17** — an anointed guardian cherub being cast down because of pride.

Luke 10:19 (AMP)

19 Listen carefully: I have given you authority [that you now possess] to tread on serpents and scorpions, and [the ability to exercise authority] over all the power of the enemy (Satan); and nothing will [in any way] harm you.

Luke 10:20 (AMP)

20 Nevertheless do not rejoice at this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.”

Jesus reminded His disciples then, and His Word reminds us today, that our greatest joy should not come from our results. Our greatest joy should come from our relationship with Him.

Are we more excited about what God does through us than we are about belonging to God?

Names are recorded in heaven / Book of Life

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(Lake of Fire in the Book of Revelation reveals God’s final judgment upon Satan, evil, death, and those whose names are not found in the Book of Life.)

How do we get our name recorded in heaven which is in the Book of Life?

Revelation 3:5 (AMP)

5 He who overcomes [the world through believing that Jesus is the Son of God] will accordingly be dressed in white clothing; and I will never blot out his name from the Book of Life, and I will confess and openly acknowledge his name before My Father and before His angels [saying that he is one of Mine].

“…believing that Jesus is the Son of God…”

- We will overcome the world.
- We will be clothed in white clothing.
- Jesus will never blot our names out of the Book of Life.
- Jesus will confess our names before His Father and before His angels.
- Jesus will openly acknowledge that we belong to Him.

Jesus is the Son of the living God

Matthew 16:16 (AMP)

16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), the Son of the living God.”

You are the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed)
Sent by God

the Son of the living God
Jesus shares in the nature and identity of God

John 14:7 (AMP)

7 If you had [really] known Me, you would also have known My Father. From now on you know Him, and have seen Him.”

Sometimes we say we want to know God the Father, yet we neglect the Gospels that reveal Jesus the Son. If we want to know the heart, character, and nature of the Father, we must spend time getting to know Jesus.

John 14:8 (AMP)

8 Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father and then we will be satisfied.”

John 14:9 (AMP)

9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time, and you do not know Me yet, Philip, nor recognize clearly who I am? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’

John 14:10 (AMP)

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words I say to you I do not say on My own initiative or authority, but the Father, abiding continually in Me, does His works [His attesting miracles and acts of power].

To believe that Jesus is the Son of the living God is to believe that Jesus is truly divine—one with the Father in divine nature, yet distinct as the Son.

There is one God who eternally exists as three distinct Persons:

Father — Son — Holy Spirit

- The Father is God.
- The Son is God.
- The Holy Spirit is God.

Yet there are not three Gods, but one God. The three Persons share the one divine being/nature.

John 10:30 (AMP)

30 I and the Father are One [in essence and nature].”

When we say Jesus is divine, we are saying that Jesus isn't simply a man who knew God—He is God the Son who came to us as a man.

Jesus didn't simply come to tell us what God is like. Jesus came to reveal God to us because He shares fully in God's divine nature.

Religion and View of Jesus

- **Christianity** – Messiah, fully divine, one with the Father
- **Judaism** - Generally not accepted as Messiah or divine
- **Islam** - Jesus is Messiah and an honored prophet
- **Bahá'í** - A Manifestation of God and major divine messenger
- **Hinduism** – A holy teacher, guru, or manifestation of the divine
- **Buddhism** - A compassionate or enlightened teacher
- **Jehovah's Witnesses** - Not Almighty God or equal with the Father
- **Latter-day Saints** - Divine Son of God and Savior, not one with God

Rejoice that your name is recorded in heaven!

Our greatest reason for rejoicing is that we belong to God through Jesus Christ.

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God—that He shares fully in the divine nature and identity of God.

Prayer Time

Have you spent a lot of time focusing on what you are doing for God, but today God is reminding you that your greatest joy should come from knowing that you belong to Him.

Prayer Time

Can you confidently say, “My name is written in heaven.”

Place your faith in Jesus—not simply believing that He existed, but believing in who He is: the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Prayer of salvation:

“Jesus, I believe that You are the Son of God. I believe You died for my sins and rose again.

Today, I turn from my sin and turn to You. Forgive me, save me, and make me new.

From this day forward, I choose to follow You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.”

Benediction

As you leave this place, go with joy because you belong to Jesus, and your name is written in heaven!

Go knowing who Jesus is—the Christ, the Son of the living God. Go knowing whose you are—you belong to Him.

Go in peace. Go with purpose. And go rejoicing!

Amen.