

## WHITES RUN BAPTIST CHURCH

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### Announcements

- **Children's Christmas Worship Service**, Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM. Join us as our children lead us in worship!
- **Christmas Candlelight Service**, Christmas Eve, 6:00 PM. Invite friends to this quiet and enlightening celebration.
- **Family Dinner, every Sunday 12:00-?.** Everyone is invited.
- **Bible Study, Sunday 6:00 PM:** Go deeper into the profound truths of the identity of Jesus Christ as described by John.
- **Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:00 PM:** Come pray with us for our church, and our community.

### The Son of God, John 5:18-47, 10:22-42.

**Today's Point:** By constantly calling God His Father and appealing to the divine authority and power given to Him, Jesus Christ sets himself apart as the unique "Son of God."

### **New Testament:**

- The phrase "Son of God" appears 43 times in the New Testament; 26 times in the Gospels.
- In John it appears 9 times: John 1:34, 1:49, 3:18, 5:25, 10:36, 11:4, 11:27, 19:7, 20:31.
- Four times said by Jesus John 3:18, 5:25, 10:36, 11:4.
- Four times said by others in John 1:34, (John the Baptist); John 1:49 (Nathanael); John 11:27, (Martha); and John 19:7, (the Jews).
- Once said by John the writer, John 20:31.

- In the Gospels it is used by Satan and demons, the disciples, the Jewish authorities, John the Baptist, Jesus himself, and a centurion.
- It is used in the book of Acts, Acts 9:20. Four times by Paul, Romans 1:4, 2 Corinthians 1:19; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 4:13; four times in Hebrews, Hebrews 4:4, 6:6, 7:3, 10:29; eight times by John in 1 John 3:8, 4:15, 5:5, 5:10, 5:12-13, 5:20; and in Revelation 2:18.

### **Old Testament:**

- The phrase "Son of God" does not appear in the Old testament. The plural, "Sons of God," appears several times, and elsewhere the concept of a Son of God is made clear without the use of the exact phrase.
- Concerning kings, Psalm 2:7, 89:27.
- Concerning heavenly beings, Genesis 6:2; Psalm 29:1, 82:6; Job 1:6.
- Concerning Israel, Exodus 4:22-23; Hosea 11:1.
- According to Lexham Bible Dictionary, "The term usually serves to designate special agents of God's will and the recipients of His love (Psa 89:1-4; Hos 11:1; Deut 32:8-9 DSS)"

### **Ancient Jewish Context**

- "Son of God" appears in some texts occasionally attached to a messianic figure and eschatological events.
- In some writings, the righteous person is called a "son of God."
- The future, restored people of Israel would be called, "sons of the living God."

### **Graeco-Roman Context**

- "Son of God" was used for some Roman rulers.

### **The Unique Son of God, Jesus Christ**

- Jesus Christ did not step into a pre-existing role called "Son of God." Instead, as the eternal and pre-existent Son of God, He defined the role.

### **Encouragements**

- The religious experts of the day concluded that Jesus was making himself equal with God. This is a charge that Jesus never denied. John 5:18.
- Jesus has the power and authority to give you eternal life. John 5:24.
- As Jesus perfectly performed the will of God, so His followers will do the will of God. John 5:36.

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