

THE SON OF GOD (PART I)

HEBREWS 1:2, 3

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Previously we saw the role of each member of the Trinity: God the Father, who plans and sends, God the Son, who carries out the plans of God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit, who brings to completion the concerted work of the Trinity. The work of God the Son was shown beginning with Genesis. (See fn on **Hebrews 1:2**)

IS THE HEIR OF GOD. Since Jesus was God's agent in creating the universe and the redeemer of your soul, it is fitting that He would be God's appointed heir of all. To you, who are God's child, it is a stupendous revelation to grasp and understand that you, too, are an heir of God and a coheir with Christ. (**Hebrews 1:2, Psalm 2:7, 8, Galatians 4:1-7, fn 4:5-7, Romans 8:14-17[1st], fn 8:14-17, John 1:12, 13, fn 1:12, 13**) *Who are God's children? As an heir, what could you claim?*

IS THE RADIANCE OF GOD'S GLORY. Radiance is bright light or rays like the rays or light from the sun. Glory means "weighty importance and shining majesty that accompany God's presence." Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary, p.655. Jesus gives light to the importance of God. "When Jesus is loved, followed, and trusted, he becomes light. But when he is neglected, he becomes darkness...Hugh Hefner was raised in a minister's home. Joseph Stalin studied for the priesthood. Mao Tse-tung was raised under missionary teaching. The very light of Christ can become darkness." R. Kent Hughes, John: That You May Believe, p. 231. (**Hebrews 1:3, John 8:12, fn 8:12[2nd], John 1:4-9, fn 1:4, 5, fn 1:8, I John 2:8-11, fn 2:7-8, John 3:19-21, fn 3:19-21, Colossians 1:12-14, fn 1:13**) *What is the key to walking in God's light, and how could you do it?*

IS THE EXACT REPRESENTATION OF GOD. When you look at Jesus, you see God. You see Jesus as God with His creative power and divine love. Whether you are Jew or Gentile, if you meditate on why God sent His only Son (the Messiah) **just for you** and realize that Jesus was willing to be crucified **just for you**, you will understand the incredible divine love that Jesus and the Father share **just for you!** (**Hebrews 1:3, fn 1:3[1st], John 1:18, fn 1:18, John 10:27-30, fn 10:30, John 14:9, fn 14:9, John 20:24-31, fn 20:30, 31, Romans 5:8, fn 5:8**) *How could you see Jesus, the exact representation of God, in your quiet time?*

As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God's majesty and glory?