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## In This Was Manifested the Love of God - Part 2

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In this was manifested the love of God toward us because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him. What God is telling us in this verse is that the manifestation of his own character of selfless love is inextricably tied to the sending of his only begotten Son. And if the meaning of those words, only begotten Son, are destroyed, then the revelation of God's loving character is also destroyed. In Part 1 of this message, we looked at how spiritualism and the doctrine of the Trinity necessitate the redefinition of the words begotten and son to mean exactly the opposite of what they say. Now, in Part 2, we will look at the implications of this upon the revelation of God's love and see what the main purpose of God revealing His love is. And this is where things get very interesting.

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In 1 John 4, 9, we read that the magnitude of God's love was manifested or revealed in the act of sending His only begotten Son. And because God's love is revealed in the sacrifice He made in sending His only begotten Son, what this means is that when religious leaders advocate doctrines that deny Jesus is God's Son, what they are doing is obscuring, or denigrating, the manifestation of God's love. How shall we behold the manifestation of God's love that was made in sending His only begotten Son if we don't believe Jesus was begotten, or if we don't believe that He was really a Son? It would be impossible. If there are three co-eternal divine beings fulfilling different roles, as some advocate, Does one God sending another God to die for man reveal the love of the God who didn't have to die? Obviously not. God loves His Son. He gave His Son life. For as the Father hath life in Himself, so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself. He created all things through His Son. For by Him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth. God loved His Son so much, He invested His Son with the same authority that He has. For Jesus said, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. And we read, in speaking of His preexistence, Christ carries the mind back through dateless ages. He assures us that there was never a time when He was not in close fellowship with the Eternal God. That is, since the time when Jesus was brought forth and came out from God, God, there has never been a time when He was not in close fellowship with His Father. The Father and Son were inseparable. God bestowed upon Christ the highest regard, saying, Let all the angels of God worship Him. And then He expressed the pleasure He had in His Son, when there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. God tells us His Son is the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person. Now we may ask the question, which would be an easier sacrifice for a father to make? To give his own life for his beloved son, or to give the life of his beloved son for others? I think that any parent who loves their child would not hesitate to give their own life so their child could live. And this would be the easier of the two options. But why? Why would giving up one's own life be easier? And I'll tell you why. It is

because love is stronger than death, and love cares more, far more, for the life of others and for the object of its love than it does for its own life, because true love is selfless. The gift of Christ reveals the Father's heart. It testifies that the thoughts of God toward us are thoughts of peace and not of evil. It declares that while God's hatred of sin is as strong as death, His love for the sinner is stronger than death. Having undertaken our redemption, He will spare nothing, however dear, which is necessary to the completion of His work. No truth essential to our salvation is withheld, no miracle of mercy is neglected, no divine agency is left unemployed. Favor is heaped upon favor, gift upon gift. The whole treasury of heaven is open to those He seeks to save. Having collected the riches of the universe and laid open the resources of infinite power, he gives them all into the hands of Christ and says, All these are for man. Use these gifts to convince him that there is no love greater than mine in earth or heaven. His greatest happiness will be found in loving me. Not all the words of human language or a thousand angels sent from heaven with messages for man could convey all that is inculcated in the words, in this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world. Now the guilt of Satan stood forth without excuse. His lying charges against the divine character and government appeared in their true light. He had accused God of seeking merely the exaltation of himself in requiring submission and obedience from His creatures. And He had declared that while the Creator exacted self-denial from all others, He Himself practiced no self-denial and made no sacrifice. Now it was seen that for the salvation of a fallen and sinful race, the Ruler of the universe had made the greatest sacrifice which God could make. It was seen, also, that while Lucifer had opened the door for the entrance of sin by his desire for honor and supremacy, Christ had, in order to destroy sin, humbled himself and become obedient unto death. It is sometimes asked, what is impossible for God? Well, here is one thing it would be impossible for God to do. It would be impossible for God to make a greater sacrifice than to give his only begotten Son, torn from the material of his own bosom, and to send his Son to this fallen and cursed world to become the curse for us and die a cruel death that he did not deserve so that we might be redeemed. This was the greatest sacrifice God could make. And because it was the greatest sacrifice that God could make, it is also the greatest demonstration of love that God could give. I'll say that again because it's that important. In giving His only begotten Son, God had made the greatest sacrifice He could make. And because it was the greatest sacrifice God could make, it was also the greatest demonstration of love that God could give. In giving his only begotten Son to die for sinners, God has manifested to fallen man love that is without a parallel. Without a parallel means nothing can compare to it. In giving his only begotten Son, God gave a manifestation of his love that can never be rivaled. Praise and adoration were poured forth for the self-denial and sacrifice of Jesus, that he would consent to leave the bosom of his father and choose a life of suffering and anguish, and die an ignominious death, to give his life for others. Said the angel, think ye that the father yielded up his dearly beloved son without a struggle? No, no. It was even a struggle with the God of heaven, whether to let guilty man perish, or to give His beloved Son to die for them. Even the omnipotent God struggled with giving up His only begotten Son. That God would sacrifice His Son,

whom He loves, to redeem a race of beings who deserve it the least is an unfathomable revelation of love, a revelation that is beyond us to fully comprehend. Is there any love in the whole world that bears comparison with the love that God has manifested to a lost world? world, God has commended His love toward us in that He has given all heaven in one gift, even in the gift of His only begotten and well-beloved Son. The love of God is to be brought before the people. How are we to present and bring before the people the love of God? It is by lifting up Christ as the only begotten and well-beloved Son. And only the sacrifice of a real son can reveal the depth of the Father's love for that which He has to gain in return. And that treasure He desires to gain in return for His Son is you. When God said at Jesus' baptism, This is My Beloved Son, God meant exactly what He said. He spoke from heaven saying, This is My Beloved Son. them. These words are simple, clear, and direct. And it is our choice to accept or reject them. And if we reject them, we will be required to render an answer to the Almighty God for rejecting what He said. How is it, then, that the entire denomination that God raised up to make manifest to the world the magnitude of God's selfless love could deny, discard, obscure, and contend with the Almighty God? But how is it that the Biblical Research Institute of the Seventh-day Adventist Church can dare to publish in writing, The Son is not the natural, literal Son of the Father? Was not this sin of this proclamation one of the many sins that broke the Savior's heart on the cross? Does it not still to this day grieve the Father's heart that the very people for whom He worked so hard to bring them out of Babylon and establish them upon the platform of eternal truth, are now denying the greatest sacrifice He could make by denying His only begotten Son? It is said the Trinity is a mystery, yet is it not an even greater mystery that Seventh-day Adventists believed the general conference instead of the plain words of God that He spoke from heaven with His own voice? Now you might say, wait a minute, most Seventh-day Adventists don't know the church denies the sonship of Christ. And you would be right. They don't know. And what is it called when the church teaches its people to believe something that it isn't true, and they don't realize it? It's called deception.

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And who has deceived these Seventh-day Adventists? God didn't tell them that Jesus isn't really his son. Ellen White didn't tell them Jesus isn't really a son. But you see, when the vast majority of church members are backslidden or unconverted and do not study their Bibles, they are very easily, even effortlessly, deceived and taken captive by the enemy. Let those divinely inspired words spoken from heaven that rolled through the earth like thunder sink into your ears and mind and make the most indelible impression of anything that you have ever heard in your entire life. This is my beloved son. And then don't let anyone or everyone upon the face of the earth erase from your soul the word the father spoke from heaven concerning his son. The worlds which had not fallen beheld and admired and adored for never had the love of God been so expressed as on this occasion when his love was found so deep and rich and broad that it gave up to the world his only begotten Son, to the great work of bringing the character of God before the world, that men might behold it in him.

Never had heaven so great rejoicing as when the tabernacle of heaven was set up among men." Notice that bringing the character of God before the world could not be more clearly expressed than by God giving His only begotten Son. In order to fully realize the value of salvation, it is necessary to understand what it cost. In consequence of limited ideas of the sufferings of Christ, many place a low estimate upon the great work of the Atonement. The glorious plan of man's salvation was brought about through the infinite love of God the Father. In this divine plan is seen the most marvelous manifestation of the love of God to the fallen race. Such love, as is manifested in the gift of God's beloved Son, amazed the holy angels. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. What kind of manifestation of love is this? It is the most marvelous manifestation, and it was manifested in the gift of God's beloved Son, for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

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For those souls that believe in the doctrine of the Trinity, in the co-eternal nature of Christ, that He is without beginning and therefore not a real son, and not really begotten. What have they lost?

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They have lost the most marvelous manifestation of the love of God to the fallen race. What are the results of such a loss? Can losing even a glimpse of the most marvelous manifestation of the love of God be calculated or quantified or explained to finite beings?

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None but the Son of God could accomplish our redemption, for only He who is in the bosom of the Father could declare Him. Only He who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it manifest. Nothing less than the infinite sacrifice made by Christ in behalf of fallen man could express the Father's love to lost humanity. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. You see here, the magnitude and scale of the love manifested is proportionate to the magnitude of the sacrifice made. And here we see Christ had made an infinite sacrifice and that it was made to express the Father's love to lost humanity. The magnitude of this sacrifice can only be understood within the framework of God giving a real Son who was in the bosom of the Father. Only the infinite sacrifice of God in giving His only begotten Son could make manifest the height and depth of the love of God. Do you see then why Satan hates that Jesus is God's only begotten Son so much? Can you begin to see why He would get up a warfare over the matter of Christ being the only begotten Son, and carry forward this warfare with all the fallen angels for 6,000 years, doing their best to obscure that Christ was the only begotten Son of God? All the hosts of hell are seeking to obscure this reality and this fact, And Jesus said to dwell upon it when he said, And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. Why then do we not dwell upon the most marvelous manifestation of the love of God more often? It's too easy to reduce the debate between the Trinity and the Bible

teaching of a real Father and Son down to a doctrinal controversy. and really it's not even a fair debate because the word Trinity is not even in the Bible and that there is one God comprised of three persons is not in the Bible that Jesus is co-eternal or without beginning is not in the Bible and so in the absence of one single thus saith the Lord they use a multitude of verses mingled with inferences insinuations assumptions presumptions and philosophical heresies to supply the lack, and because the conclusions are inescapably unbiblical and unavoidably irrational, the error is cloaked with the proclamation that it's a mystery, and if you don't take their word for it, you are unfit to be regarded as a Christian and disfellowshipped from church, oftentimes without even an attempt to show you your supposed error. On the other hand, the non-Trinitarian, in order to assert and defend his position, has only to quote the plain Word of God exactly as it reads, from Genesis to Revelation, and that for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, and then leave it up to the hearer to accept or reject the simple words of God exactly as it reads. The only argument which the advocates of Bible truth have been unable to answer is that embracing the truth involves a sacrifice. The most common reason why men and women choose to believe the man-made philosophies and creeds in the place of a plain Word of God as it reads is because the truth puts them at odds with their pastors and evangelists and church families or siblings or parents. But, what did Jesus say about this? He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me. And he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. It is time, right now, to have a hard think about what or who you may love more than Jesus. And then make a decision to make Jesus Christ your Creator and Redeemer first and foremost in your life and leave the results with God.

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Again, I ask you, what is the cost of turning your eyes away from the most marvelous manifestation of the love of God for fallen man? What will it cost you?

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We have seen that only the sacrifice of a real son who is really begotten can make manifest the love of God, but let's go a step further now and ask another question. What is the purpose of this manifestation of God's love? What is it that God intends that this manifestation of his love should accomplish? But there is hope for everyone, for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. If the love of God is not appreciated and does not become an abiding principle in the hard heart to soften and subdue the soul, we are utterly lost.

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The Lord has no reserved power with which to influence man. He can give no greater manifestation of his love than that which he has given. Heaven's richest gift has been freely offered for your

acceptance. If the exhibition of the love of Jesus does not melt and subdue your heart, by what means can you be reached?

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Twice in this statement, we read the purpose of God's love is to soften and subdue the soul or the heart. And so important is this objective that if God's love does not have its intended effect, we are utterly lost.

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The purpose of God's love then is to save souls. And what is the purpose for which God manifested His love, and the greatest manifestation of that love, was in giving His only begotten Son? How important is it then that we understand that God really did give a real Son who was really begotten? It is as important as the purpose for which the sacrifice was made. It is as important then as the salvation of your soul. We are plainly told the Lord has no reserved power with which to influence man. So if this love manifested in the sacrifice of His only begotten Son does not soften and subdue your heart, there is nothing more that God can do for you. There is no greater sacrifice than He can make than that which He has already made. And for that reason, we read, he can give no greater manifestation of his love than that which he has given. Ellen White spoke of Paul, saying that hearts were broken by his presentation of the love of God as revealed in the sacrifice of his only begotten son, and many were led to inquire what must I do to be saved. Here we see all the elements. Once, there was a presentation of the love of God, and this love was revealed or manifested in the sacrifice of His only begotten Son. And what was the result of this revelation of love? Hearts were broken, or subdued, and not a few, but many were led to inquire, What must I do to be saved? It is the glory of the gospel that it is founded upon the principle of restoring in the fallen race the divine image by a constant manifestation of benevolence. This work began in the heavenly courts. There, God decided to give human beings an unmistakable evidence of the love with which he regarded them. He so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. This manifestation of benevolence was an unmistakable evidence of the love of God for man, and this unmistakable evidence of his love was that he gave his only begotten Son. Now let's flip things around for a moment and plug in the meaning and definitions that Seventh-day Adventist Church is teaching and see if this revelation still works. God so loved the world that he gave a unique metaphorical role-playing son. Does that melt and subdue hearts? In hearing this, how many souls have been led to inquire, what must I do to be saved? Is God a liar? Because either God is the father of his real son, Jesus Christ, and the Trinity is the most blasphemous deception Satan has ever perpetrated upon the professed Christian world, or God is a liar in calling Jesus his Son, and the most marvelous manifestation of the love of God is founded in guile and deceit. I repeat the words again that fell from the very lips of God himself, thus saith the Lord, This is my beloved Son. If your doctrine requires you to believe that God did not mean what He said, it is a

doctrine of devils, and you had better part with it as fast as you can while your probation still lingers. I do not plead with you to give up your long-cherished lie because I want to be right. I plead with you to give it up because I want you to be saved. God can reveal to you no more of His love than that which was revealed in giving His real Son. Either this love will accomplish its purpose in subduing your heart, or you are utterly lost. In order to fully carry out this plan, it was decided that Christ, the only begotten Son of God, should give Himself an offering for sin. What line can measure the depth of this love? God would make it impossible for man to say that he could have done more. With Christ he gave all the resources of heaven that nothing might be wanting in the plan for man's uplifting. Here is love, the contemplation of which should fill the soul with inexpressible gratitude. Oh, what love! What matchless love! And here again is what this love will accomplish. The contemplation of this love will cleanse the soul from all selfishness. It will lead the disciple to deny self, take up the cross, and follow the Redeemer. Once again, we see that this matchless love, or the depth of this love, was revealed in the sacrifice of the only begotten Son of God. And so great was the sacrifice that God made it impossible for man to say that he could have done more.

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This was it. This was the greatest sacrifice, and therefore the greatest revelation of love that an omnipotent God can give. With Christ, He gave all the resources of heaven. God gave everything that it was possible for God to give, and so powerful is this revelation of love that it has the power to cleanse the soul from all selfishness and lead the disciple to deny self, take up the cross, and follow the Redeemer. Is this love able then to accomplish that which God had designed it should? Absolutely. But will this revelation of love have the same effect if we don't believe Jesus is a real Son or really begotten in the express image of the Father's person? It cannot. It is the magnitude of the sacrifice that reveals the magnitude of God's love. And if the sacrifice is corrupted, then the manifestation of God's love is corrupted.

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God has made man in His image and ordered man into families with fathers and children for the purpose of enabling us to be able to relate to the sacrifice He made in giving His only begotten Son. God have mercy upon the soul that would have you believe that God gave a pretend metaphorical Son while asking Abraham to sacrifice his real son.

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Paul knew by experience that when a sinner once beholds the love of the Father, as seen in the sacrifice of his son, and yields to the divine influence, a change of heart takes place, and henceforth Christ is all and in all. When the love of the Father, as seen in the sacrifice of His Son, is impressed upon souls, hearts are subdued and melted, and they will yield to the divine influence, so that a change of heart takes place, resulting in the salvation of the soul. The love of a father in giving his

only begotten son is the love that will save souls. And now you know why Satan absolutely hates that God is a real father and Jesus is his real only begotten son. Satan knows the most marvelous manifestation of the love of God has the power to change hearts and redeem souls from his grasp, and this is why it is the constant endeavor of Satan to wage warfare over the matter of Christ being the only begotten Son of God. And that is why it was written concerning all his demonic hosts that this fact the angels would obscure that Christ was the only begotten Son of God. Far from being over, this warfare is still being waged today in deceiving God's people into accepting a doctrine that denies the only begotten Son of God while professing to accept Him. The Great Apostasy originally began in a denial of the love of God as it is plainly revealed in the Word. Did you know the great controversy began in a denial of the love of God? But not just a denial of the love of God, more specifically, a denial of the love of God as it is plainly, not mysteriously, but plainly revealed in the Word. And how was God's love plainly revealed in the Word? Word. We continue, provision was then made whereby fallen man might have a powerful revelation of the love of God and be given an opportunity to return to his allegiance to Jehovah. And here is the revelation of the love of God as it is plainly revealed in the word, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth than him should not perish but have everlasting life." What this statement is telling us is that the great apostasy originally began in a denial of the love of God as it is plainly revealed in the Word and that He gave His only begotten Son. The denial of Christ being the only begotten Son of God was the denial of God's love that kindled the great controversy. So, how do you suppose Satan would war against this manifestation of the love of God? He could only do so by modifying or reinterpreting or removing that which plainly reveals Jesus Christ to be God's only begotten Son. And believe it or not, most Bible translations have indeed removed the word begotten or changed it altogether. The New International Version reads for God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. The Christian Standard Bible says He gave His one and only Son. The Common English Bible says He gave His only Son. The Living Bible says His only Son. The New American Standard Bible says His only Son. The New Catholic Bible says His only Son. And the Revised Standard Version says His only Son. The website SabbathSchoolNet writes that the Adventist Biblical Research Institute agrees with the modern translations of one and only instead of only begotten. SabbathSchoolNet is citing an article directly from the BRI about John 3.16 and the word begotten in which they write, When the term is used to describe Jesus, it simply means unique, or one and only. and they affirmed the translation of the New International Version of 1 John 4 9 saying the Father loved us and sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. God gave the most precious gift he had, his only and unique Son to redeem us. And this is why Seventh-day Adventists like Sabbath School Net come to the conclusion that in John 3 16 where it says only begotten Son, or One and Only Son, it is not referring to God the Son ever being born. In other words, Jesus was never born or begotten of God, even though Ellen White, whom they profess to believe, wrote of Jesus as the firstborn of heaven and the only begotten of the Father. We see Satan is determined that men shall not see the love of God, which led him to his only begotten Son

to save a lost race, for it is the goodness of God that leads men to repentance. And so it is that Satan leads men and women to believe that Jesus is not really begotten and not really God's Son, so they will not see the love of God that would lead them to repentance. Again, this is why Satan's angels would obscure this fact that Christ was the only begotten Son of God. And this fact is most often obscured by reinterpreting the word begotten to mean unique or created, or by denigrating the true meaning of the word son to mean a mere title or role play or anything other than a real son. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. This love on behalf of man, expressed in the gift of his only begotten Son, called forth from Satan the most intense hatred both toward the giver, that is God, and toward the priceless gift, that is his Son. Satan had represented the Father to the world in a false light, and by this great gift his representations were proved untrue. For here was love without a parallel, proving that man was to be redeemed by an inconceivable cost. And those who have accepted this fact, that God's gift was in giving a real Son begotten of God, have also called forth from Satan the most intense hatred. Do you know anyone who has been disfellowshipped for rejecting the Trinity and for embracing God's only begotten Son? How have they been portrayed by those who disagreed with them? As liars? As deceivers? As men or women trying to cause division or strife? And what was their crime? Trying to help others to see the most marvelous manifestation of God's love? In 2018, Ty Gibson's book, *The Sonship of Christ*, was heartily embraced and highly regarded by most Seventh-day Adventists. Various ministries and organizations, such as 3ABN, did interviews with Ty and the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, endorsed and promoted the book on their own YouTube channel. In the book, Ty Gibson writes, It is in this context that Jesus identifies Himself as God's only begotten Son. Surely, this language means that the Father, way back in eternity past, gave birth to Jesus before which Jesus did not have an existence distinct from God? And then concludes, actually, it means nothing of the sort. He goes on to explain, only begotten Son is a covenant title, not a chronological or ontological title. In these words, he makes it clear he believes Jesus is not really God's only begotten Son, as the Father declared Him to be when speaking from heaven. Two years later, in 2020, Ty Gibson continued down this road with his next book, *The Heavenly Trio*, in which he states the anti-Trinitarian doctrine is a form of paganism. His philosophical reasoning is that if there is one true God who gave his real, only begotten Son, then we are face to face not with the most amazing act of self-sacrificing love imaginable, but with the most frightening act of selfishness imaginable. Calvary is either proof that God is love or proof that God is a bloodthirsty monster. If the one suffering and dying at Calvary is someone other than God, then welcome to the most nightmarish picture of God the human mind can imagine. Welcome to a universe in which the most powerful person in existence is essentially self-serving.

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Besides lacking a single, solitary, biblical proof text to support this scenario, the context of Ty's argument presumes that God our Father desired a sacrifice for some self-serving reason and that

someone else had to make the sacrifice. But what sayeth the scriptures? for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. And since it was God that gave, then God also made a sacrifice. Before the whole world is clearly presented the great sacrifice made by the Father and the Son in man's behalf. Oh that everyone would realize the great love, the self-sacrifice, the benevolence, and the kindness of our Heavenly Father in giving His Son to die for us, that we might, if we believe and do His commandments, have a sweet peace, the Father's joy, the Father's love, and unite with Him heart, soul, mind, and strength to maintain righteousness and to draw in even lines with Christ. It is not the sacrifice of Christ only, it is the Father's sacrifice also. The Father, in union and loving sympathy with His Son, subjected Himself to suffer with His Son. He spared not His only begotten Son, but freely delivered Him up for us all. This gift of Christ is the crowning truth of God's love and his fatherhood through all time and through eternity. Here is the love of God in his fatherhood. Let us drink in this love that we might know by experience what a real tender joyful experience there is in a realization of the fatherhood of God. In emphasizing the sacrifice and love of the Father, Ellen White three times brings to view the fatherhood of God, because in exalting the fatherhood of God, she is revealing the magnitude of His sacrifice in giving a real son. Joseph and Mary both never forgot who Jesus' Father was, for Joseph and especially Mary, kept before them the remembrance of their child's divine fatherhood. They knew the divine child had a divine father. Words cannot encapsulate the loss of this crowning truth of God's love in the fatherhood of God. In this was manifested the love of God toward us because that God sent his only begotten son into the world. And because the knowledge of a true Father and a real Son has been lost, so has the crowning manifestation of His love to the world been lost. But God is now working to recover the remnant of His people and bring them back to the foundation of the faith from which the corporate church has departed. In 1888, one of the two Adventist ministers God chose to work through was E.J. Wagner. E.J. Wagner gave a series of sermons at the 1888 General Conference session in Minneapolis on the righteousness of Christ. Here's what Ellen White had to say after listening to his messages. "That which has been presented harmonizes perfectly with the light which God has been pleased to give me during all the years of my experience. You know that precious light has shone forth in connection with the law of God as the righteousness of Christ has been presented with that law. Dr. Wagner has opened to you precious light, not new, but old light which has been lost sight of by many minds and is now shining forth in clear rays." She also said, when I stated before my brethren that I had heard for the first time the views of Elder E.J. Wagner, some did not believe me. I stated that I had heard precious truths uttered that I could respond to with all my heart. For had not these great and glorious truths, the righteousness of Christ and the entire sacrifice made in behalf of man, been imprinted indelibly on my mind by the Spirit of God? Has not this subject been presented in the testimonies again and again?" And then, speaking of A.T. Jones and E.J. Wagner, she added, When the Lord had given to my brethren the burden to proclaim this message, I felt inexpressibly grateful to God, for I knew it was the message for this time. These messages on the righteousness of Christ given by E.J. Wagner received the highest approbations from Sister White, even acknowledging that

his messages were of divine origin, for the Lord had given to my brethren the burden to proclaim this message." E.J. Wagner took the content from his sermons in 1888, and one year later published the book *Christ and His Righteousness*. In this book, E.J. Wagner writes, The scriptures declare that Christ is the only begotten Son of God. He is begotten, not created. As to when he was begotten, it is not for us to inquire, nor could our minds grasp it if we were told. There was a time when Christ proceeded forth and came from God, from the bosom of the Father. But that time was so far back in the days of eternity that to finite comprehension it is practically without beginning. Wegener stated clearly of Christ that He is begotten, not created, thereby agreeing with Ellen White when she wrote, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, not a Son by creation, as were the angels, nor a Son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but a Son begotten in the express image of the Father's person. Our pioneers and Ellen White understood begotten and created do not mean the same thing. This understanding also has been lost. In his book, *The Heavenly Trio*, Ty Gibson quotes Wagner's comment that Christ was begotten, not created, and offers the following opinion.

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But then, sensing that it makes no real sense for there to be a created God, Wegener has to insist that begotten must mean something mysteriously different than the word created, although he can't make sense of the notion. And why can't he make sense of it? Well, because to not exist and then to be made to exist, whether you call the casual event begetting or creating, are one and the same thing, conceptually. On some level, he knows this, so he has to pull an idea out of thin air. and it is very thin air indeed. He says that the time at which God gave birth to Christ was so far back in the days of eternity that to finite comprehension it is practically without beginning. In layman's terms, that's what is called philosophical gobbledygook. It is basically an exercise in saying nothing meaningful while attempting to sound like you are offering an intelligent explanation.

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Isn't it astonishing to see one of the leading evangelists in the Seventh-day Adventist Church take such a harsh and denunciatory position, arguing against the men that were given light from heaven to proclaim this message, and then to even mock and deride them and what they wrote under the influence of God's Spirit, not even knowing the prophet they professed to believe made the same statements? Welcome to the Omega of Apostasy. Perhaps to a small degree you might now understand why the Omega made the Prophet tremble. There was another man in the history of the Adventist Church that led the Church into Trinitarian doctrine. That man, of course, was Dr. John Harvey Kellogg. In less than a month after Dr. Kellogg announced that he had come to believe in the Trinity and believed in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Ellen White had the following counsel for him, and this counsel is just as pertinent for Ty Gibson and others like him advocating these blasphemous sophistries. My brother, I must tell you that you have little realization of whether your feet have been tending. You have been binding yourself up with those who belong

to the army of the great apostate. Your mind has been as dark as Egypt. If you will fall on the rock and be broken, Christ will accept you. But you have been standing on the enemy's ground doing his work. The religious world is fast going over the same road that you have been following. If you continue to follow this road, you will have plenty of company. But But what will the end be?

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So long have you been walking in darkness, so long have you followed your own way, that you may be strongly tempted to resist this appeal that I make. If it were not that your eternal interests are involved, I would not speak to you on this subject. Will you not make a thorough, determined, Christ-like effort to break the spell that Satan has cast over you? He has had great power over your mind and has swayed you in wrong lines. He thinks that He can hold you now. Will you not defeat and disappoint Him? I write to you as I would write to a son. Break away from the enemy, the accuser of the brethren. Say to him, Get thee behind me, Satan. I have committed a grievous sin in heeding your suggestions. I will no longer listen to them. I beg of you for your soul's sake to resist the tempter that he may flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. You will lose heaven unless you fall on the rock and are broken." It has been over 120 years now since this appeal was made. Dr. Kellogg's probation has closed. So far as we know, there was no apology from Dr. Kellogg, no letter admitting his guilt, no letter of repentance or turning away from his sin of exalting his own sophistries of God in the place of what God has said concerning himself. Like our Savior, we are in this world to do service for God. We are here to become like God in character, and by a life of service to reveal Him to the world.

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This is our whole purpose, our whole reason for our existence, and the reason for everything that we do is to become like God in character so we can, by a life of service, reveal Him to the world. To fulfill the purpose for which we were all created, we must become like God in character. So, how are we to do this? How are we to become like God in character? We read, In order to be coworkers with God, in order to become like Him and to reveal His character, we must know Him aright. These are the prerequisites for fulfilling the purpose of our existence. In order to become like God in character, we must know Him aright. And this begs the question, how can we know Him aright? We must know Him as He reveals Himself. A knowledge of God is the foundation of all true education and of all true service. It is the only real safeguard against temptation. It is this alone that can make us like God in character. This is the knowledge needed by all who are working for the uplifting of their fellow men. Transformation of character, purity of life, efficiency in service, adherence to correct principles all depend upon a right knowledge of God. This knowledge is the essential preparation both for this life and for the life to come. Did you realize the transformation of your character and even the efficiency of the purpose for which you were created in revealing God depends upon a right knowledge of God? But it makes sense though, doesn't it? Even a right knowledge of God can be a safeguard in

temptation. Did you realize that a right knowledge of God will help you to get victory over sin? Concerning a knowledge of God, she writes, it is this alone that can make us like God in character. This alone. There is no other way. Either we understand the significance of these words or we cannot fulfill our purpose in this life or for the life to come. We must have a right knowledge of God. And again, how do we know if we have a right knowledge of God? We have a right knowledge of God when we know Him as He reveals Himself. Do you know God as an immaterial, three-in-one God as men have taught you? Or do you know God as He reveals Himself in His Word, as a loving Father who gave His only begotten Son, formed in the express image of His own person? Think carefully about these questions, for upon them your salvation depends. If God reveals Himself as a Father who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, Son, then wouldn't dwelling upon the sacrifice of God in giving his Son help us to know God? It is true that God gave his only begotten Son to die for us, to suffer the penalty of the broken law of God. We are to consider this and dwell upon it. And here's the result. And when our minds are constantly dwelling upon the matchless love of God to the fallen race, we begin to know God and to become acquainted with Him, to have a knowledge of God and how Jesus Christ, when He came to our world, laid aside His royal robes and His kingly crown and clothed His divinity with humanity. For our sakes He became poor that we, through His poverty, might be made rich. The Father sent his Son here, and right here, on this little atom of a world, were enacted the grandest scenes that were ever known to humanity. In this was manifest. How did God choose to reveal himself, his character, his love, his justice? In this was manifested the love of God, which is the character of God, in that He gave that which was most dear to Him, His only begotten Son, a real Son, begotten in the express image and likeness of Himself. In this was manifest the greatest sacrifice that God could make. Don't ever let anyone take away from you the most marvelous manifestation of the love of God. Your Christlike character and sanctification and efficiency in His service all depend upon you having a right knowledge of God, in knowing God as He has revealed Himself. For in this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." Before I close, I want to share a few thoughts regarding my own experience coming into an understanding of the divine fatherhood of God and the divine Sonship of Christ. Understanding that Jesus really is God's Son has helped me to more clearly identify God as the Father, that He really is a real Father, exactly as He reveals Himself to be. Understanding the literal Sonship of Christ has therefore helped me to distinguish between Father and Son when reading the Bible or the writings of Ellen White. And as such, my understanding of both the Bible and the writings of Ellen White has been greatly amplified. Before I studied this subject, I believed that Jesus was God's Son. But after having studied it, I now know that Jesus is God's Son. And the difference is this. I know exactly who I am praying to and praying through. A much Much deeper impression of the love and sacrifice of God and Christ have been made upon my mind, and the love of the Father in giving a real Son of His own body, and the love of His Son, who willfully surrendered to the will of His Father perfectly, even unto death, so that I myself might experience everlasting life. As a result of understanding the literal Sonship of

Christ, the increased intimacy of the relationship that I have enjoyed with God and His Son, I cannot put into words. It must be experienced. The literal Sonship of Christ has helped me to identify the three-in-one God masquerading as the God of the Bible is but a satanic idol, the grand masterpiece of Antichrist. I now have the added joy and confidence of knowing that Jesus meant exactly what He said when He prayed to Father and called Him the only true God. Therefore, my understanding the literal Sonship of Christ has strengthened my confidence in God's Word and broken my confidence in man and his trivial philosophies and sophistries. The words of Jesus ring through my mind with new fervor for that which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Understanding the literal sonship of Jesus Christ has allowed me to discern the difference between the worship of my Father in heaven and the Father of lies. And knowing that Jesus is God's real Son has made a thousand times more distinct and clear the real root cause of the great controversy between Christ and Satan, and has made the significance of the warfare over the matter more real and applicable and visible, even in today's day. For when the scales fall off your eyes, you can see this controversy over the identity of God and His Son exactly as it really is. Satan's last stronghold in deceiving the world into rejecting the divinity of Christ and the sacrifice of a loving God. The literal Sonship of Christ has breathed new and previously unimaginable depth and meaning into my understanding of the biology of all life on earth, seeing that in every plant and animal bringing forth after its kind is but to prove to all the hosts of heaven and all the unfallen worlds that the divine God really did bring forth from his own bosom a divine Son in his own image and nature after his own kind. I now understand that Jesus is divine because He is the literal Son of God, begotten of God. And I can also see that in rejecting the literal Sonship of Christ, many are unaware they are rejecting His divinity. For the words of Jesus ring with so much more authority and grandeur. For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. God, I came forth from the Father." Even 1 Corinthians 8, 6 rings with so much more meaning and significance, but to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him, and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him. Verses like this, and Proverbs 8, and even John 3.16 are now alive with special relevance in the time of mass deception in which we are now living. I used to be indifferent and uninterested in subjects like the Trinity and the identity of God, but where I was once lukewarm, I am now zealous for the truth, for through it I have found such a deeper intimacy in my relationship with God, And, as a result of understanding the literal Sonship of Christ, I better understand the danger of spiritualism, and can also clearly and concisely identify the Omega of Deadly Heresies. The scales have fallen from my eyes, and consequently, I realized what a dangerous snare I was in, having ignorantly accepted the doctrine of the Trinity. Understanding the literal Sonship of Christ has exploded my understanding of the three angels' messages and how to give them. The Trinitarian cannot give the three angels' messages, for he knows not which God to fear or worship. In accepting an idol god, the Seventh-day Adventist Church today has, like the whole Protestant world, rejected the first angels' message, a crime for which the evangelicals became identified as the daughters of Babylon. As the churches refused to receive the

first angel's message, they rejected the light from heaven and fell from the favor of God. They trusted to their own strength, and by opposing the first message, placed themselves where they could not see the light of the second angel's message. Having embraced the doctrine of the Trinity, Seventh-day Adventists know not that they are drinking the wine of Babylon and calling others to do the same. And now I understand why the identity of God is so imperative to the third angels message. Because the Sabbath we keep is a sign of the God we worship. Consequently, my appreciation for the Sabbath itself has increased. Understanding that Jesus is a real son has helped me better understand the first commandment. For I now know the true identity of the one true God we are commanded to worship. It has helped me to understand the second commandment also, for the construct of God I once professed to believe I now recognize was an idol. And when I came to understand that Jesus really was the Son of God, it was deeply impressed upon me how firmly God directed the people in the mid-1800s to forsake all their Babylonian churches that worshipped the Trinity, and how He gathered them together and named them Seventh-day Adventists, and carefully directed their studies and understanding of His Word with a living prophet among them, and set His people upon the platform of eternal truth, the firm foundation of the fundamental principles of 1889, and gave them everything they needed in order to finish the work. And I understand better than ever the horrifying result of rebellion, and that every day since 1888, Seventh-day Adventists have discarded their inheritance and their high calling for the world and its favors. Ellen White quoted Jesus when He said, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not. Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." And then she added, "...the Lord forbid this scene should now be repeated in the experience of God's professed people. My spirit, he says, shall not always strive with man. The time will come when it must be said of the impenitent, Ephraim is joined to his idols. Let him alone.

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These words the living prophet spoke in reference to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. That was in 1890, but it's now 2024, And the record of the last 133 years have proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that this fearful warning against the professed people of God has not been heeded. And that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has indeed repeated the experience of the children of Israel in their apostasy and rejection of God. And that God has indeed done what He warned He would do. He has left them alone. left them alone to develop and show forth the fruit of the Spirit that controls them.

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One interest, one subject, Christ, our righteousness, turning people back to the true worship of God in preparation for Christ's soon coming.

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As a result of understanding the One True God and the literal Sonship of Christ, I have been able to correctly and decisively identify the new organization Ellen White warned of in First Selected Messages, page 204. In Psalms 119, 104, the Bible says, Through thy precepts I get understanding, therefore I hate every false way. Like David, I can truly testify that when your eyes have been opened, you hate every false way. It is impossible not to hate the lies and deceptions that have kept you blinded and wandering in darkness for so many years. They become detestable, and your heart breaks knowing that they are still the means of enslaving your brothers and sisters in Christ, and that they cannot or will not discern the snare even after being warned. When I became a Christian, I was born again. Everything in my life changed. My interests changed, my mind changed, my worldview changed, my practices changed, and within a short time even my diet changed. There was not anything about me that was left unchanged. It is impossible to convey in words to another human being the concept of being truly born of God. Everything changes and not temporarily, but permanently, and for the better. I can only try to equate the experience of coming to know the one true God and His real Son Jesus as being born again, again. It will always be one of the most remarkable spiritual milestones of my life. Everything changed. It changed who God is to me. It changed who Jesus is to me. It changed who the Holy Spirit is to me. and it gave me back an intimacy with God to which I had previously been a stranger.

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As I changed the God I worshipped, consequently I changed where I worshipped and who I worshipped with. The divine Son of God has been lifted up in my mind and my heart, and I am so drawn to Him that I am lost to the world and the luster of all its idols. Like Paul, I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." I want to close with one last statement. It is our privilege to know God experimentally, and in true knowledge of God is life eternal. The only begotten Son of God was God's gift to the world, in whose character was revealed the character of Him who gave the law to men and angels. He came to proclaim the fact, the Lord our God is one Lord, and Him only shalt thou serve.

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Unless men shall know God as Christ has revealed Him, they will never form a character after the divine similitude, and will therefore never see God.

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It is a matter for astonishment among the angels in heaven that any who have once known God should become careless, should permit their minds to be absorbed in any temporal pursuit and allow

their attention to be diverted from the God of heaven, so that they wantonly and willingly forget their maker and substitute for him other lords and other gods.

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The day has come when there are lords many and gods many and Satan has purposed to interpose himself between God and the human soul so that men shall not give homage to God in keeping his law. How is it that in keeping God's law men would not be giving him homage. Well, who professes to keep his law? Which denomination is it that professes to be keeping God's law? And in keeping his law, are Seventh-day Adventists giving homage to God? Could it be said that Seventh-day Adventists had once known God? And if so, did they become careless and allow their attention to be diverted from the God of Heaven, singular, so that they wantonly and willingly forget their Maker and substitute Him, singular, for other lords and other gods, plural?

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And in this substitute of the one God of Heaven for false lords and other gods, has Satan successfully interposed himself between God and these Seventh-day Adventists, so that Even in the keeping of his law and the Sabbath, they are not giving homage to God, but to another in his place?

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Here is the rest of the statement. Satan has wrapped about him garments of angelic brightness, and he comes to men as an angel of light. He causes the guilty soul to see things in a perverted way, so that he hates that which he should love, and loves that which he should hate and despise. God is so misrepresented to him that he cares not to retain the true and living Father in his knowledge, but turns to the worship of false gods.

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Now you know how, in this, the greatest sacrifice God could make is manifested the love of God toward us because that God sent His only begotten Son.