

1John 5:1 Whosoever^{G3956} believeth^{G4100} that^{G3754} Jesus^{G2424} is^{G2076} the^{G3588} Christ^{G5547} is born^{G1080} of^{G1537} God:^{G2316} and^{G2532} every one^{G3956} that loveth^{G25} **him that begat^{G1080} loveth^{G25} him also that is begotten^{G1080} G2532 of^{G1537} him.^{G846}**

him that begat^{G1080} – THE FATHER

G1080

γεννάω

gennaō

ghen-nah'-o

From a variation of ^{G1085}; to **procreate** (*properly of the father*, but by extension of the mother); figuratively to *regenerate*: - bear, **beget, be born, bring forth, conceive, be delivered of, gender, make, spring.**

Total KJV occurrences: 97

him also that is begotten^{G1080} G2532 = THE SON JESUS CHRIST

G2532

καί

kai

kahee

Apparently a **primary particle**, having a **copulative** and sometimes also a **cumulative force**; *and, also, even, so, then, too*, etc.; often used in connection (or composition) with other particles or small words: - and, also, both, but, even, for, if, indeed, likewise, moreover, or, so, that, then, therefore, when, yea, yet.

Total KJV occurrences: 9264

of^{G1537} = POSSESSIVE FORM OF SPEECH, BELONGING

G1537

ἐκ, ἐξ

ek ex

ek, ex

A **primary preposition** denoting **origin** (the point *whence* motion or **action proceeds**), **from, out** (*of place, time or cause; literally* or figuratively; **direct** or remote): - after, among, X are, at betwixt (-yond), by (the means of), exceedingly, (+ abundantly above), for (-th), from (among, forth, up), + grudgingly, + heartily, X heavenly, X hereby, + very highly, in, . . . ly, (because, by reason) of, off (from), on, out among (from, of), over, since, X thenceforth, through, X unto, X vehemently, with (-out). Often used in composition, with the same general import; often of *completion*.

Total KJV occurrences: 917

Just to add on the above, there has been a lot of dispute that if Jesus is begotten and has a beginning, and we emphasize according to John 17:3 that there is only One True God, then we make Christ a false God or lesser God. The argument holds no water its strawman for the Bible proves without a shadow of doubt that being a begotten son in reality and not by creation or adoption, the begotten is equal to the begetter. Like I can say my daughter is equal to me in the **highest sense** because I begot her. We are not equal in age and say **quantitatively, physically**, but **qualitatively**.

*As the disciples comprehended it, as their perception took hold of God's divine compassion, they realized that there is a sense in which the sufferings of the Son were the sufferings of the Father. **From eternity** there was a complete unity between the Father and the Son. **They were two, yet little short of being identical; two in individuality, yet one in spirit, and heart, and character.** {YI, December 16, 1897 par. 5}*

All my peculiarities are passed to my daughter through the DNA chromosomes hence the begotten in that sense is equal to the begetter. Here is what am saying

John 5:15 The^{G3588} man^{G444} departed,^{G565} and^{G2532} told^{G312} the^{G3588} Jews^{G2453} that^{G3754} it was^{G2076} Jesus,^{G2424} which had made^{G4160} him^{G846} whole.^{G5199} 16 And^{G2532} therefore^{G1223} ^{G5124} did the^{G3588} Jews^{G2453} persecute^{G1377} Jesus,^{G2424} and^{G2532} sought^{G2212} to slay^{G615} him,^{G846} because^{G3754} he had done^{G4160} these things^{G5023} on^{G1722} the sabbath day.^{G4521} 17 **But^{G1161} Jesus^{G2424} answered^{G611} them,^{G846} My^{G3450} Father^{G3962} worketh^{G2038} hitherto,^{G2193} ^{G737} and I^{G2504} work.^{G2038}**

Jesus Sonship makes Him Equal with God

18 **Therefore^{G1223} ^{G5124} (G3767) the^{G3588} Jews^{G2453} sought^{G2212} the more^{G3123} to kill^{G615} him,^{G846} because^{G3754} he not^{G3756} only^{G3440} had broken^{G3089} the^{G3588} sabbath,^{G4521} but^{G235} said^{G3004} also^{G2532} that God^{G2316} was his^{G2398} Father,^{G3962} making^{G4160} himself^{G1438} equal^{G2470} with God.^{G2316}**

was his^{G2398}

G2398

ἰδῖος

idios

id'-ee-os

Of uncertain affinity; pertaining to self, that is, one's own; by implication *private* or *separate*: - X his acquaintance, when they were alone, apart, aside, due, his (own, proper, several), home, (her, our, thine, your) own (business), private (-ly), proper, severally, their (own).

Total KJV occurrences: 113

Father, [G3962](#)

G3962

πατήρ

patēr

pat-ayr'

Apparently a primary word; a “father” (literally or figuratively, near or more remote): - father, parent.

Total KJV occurrences: 419

equal [G2470](#)

G2470

ἴσος

isos

ee'-sos

Probably from [G1492](#) (through the idea of seeming); similar (in amount or kind): - + agree, as much, equal, like.

Total KJV occurrences: 8

G1492

εἶδω

eidō

i'-do

A primary verb; used only in certain past tenses, the others being borrowed from the equivalent, [G3700](#) and [G3708](#); properly to see (literally or figuratively); by implication (in the perfect only) to know: - be aware, behold, X can (+ not tell), consider, (have) known (-ledge), look (on), perceive, see, be sure, tell, understand, wist, wot. Compare [G3700](#).

Total KJV occurrences: 664

Also

John 10:30 I [G1473](#) and [G2532](#) my Father [G3962](#) are [G2070](#) one. [G1520](#)

The Jews then understood that if Christ is in reality the begotten son of God, they could not escape the reality that he was in the highest sense God, qualitatively for he possessed the same substance of DNA with the Father because of his Sonship making himself equal with God.

Christ was God essentially, and in the highest sense. He was with God from all eternity, God over all, blessed forevermore. {RH, April 5, 1906 par. 6}

With what firmness and power he uttered these words. The Jews had never before heard such words from human lips, and a convicting influence attended them; for it seemed that divinity flashed through humanity as Jesus said, "I and my Father are one." The words of Christ were full of deep meaning as he put forth the claim that he and the Father were of one substance, possessing the same attributes. The Jews understood his meaning, there was no reason why they should misunderstand, and they took up stones to stone him. Jesus looked upon them calmly and unshrinkingly, and said, "Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of these works do ye stone me?" {ST, November 27, 1893 par. 5}

*The Majesty of heaven stood, calmly assured, as a god before his adversaries. Their scowling faces, their hands filled with stones, did not intimidate him. He knew that unseen forces, legions of angels, were round about him, and at one word from his lips they would strike with dismay the throng, should they offer to cast upon him a single stone. He stood before them undaunted. **Why did not the stones fly to the mark?--It was because divinity flashed through humanity, and they received a revelation, and were convicted that his were no common claims.** Their hands relax and the stones fall to the ground. His words had asserted his divinity, but now his personal presence, the light of his eye, the majesty of his attitude, **bore witness to the fact that he was the beloved Son of God.** {ST, November 27, 1893 par. 6}*

***Had the Pharisees misunderstood his words, he could and would have corrected their wrong impression. He could have told them that he was no blasphemer, although he had called himself the Son of God, and that his words need not necessarily mean that he had invested himself with divine prerogatives, and made himself equal with the Father. BUT HE MADE NO SUCH STATEMENT. The impression they had received was the very impression he desired to make.** Jesus answered them: "Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the Scripture cannot be broken; say ye of Him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, **Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?...** {ST, November 27, 1893 par. 7}*

This was blasphemy if he was not in **reality the Son of God**. They didn't want to worship him because here he was a human being and if he be God then he should be worshipped.

John 5:23: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

*When Christ first announced to the heavenly host His mission and work in the world, He declared that He was to leave His position of dignity and disguise His holy mission by assuming the likeness of a man, **when in reality He was the Son of the infinite God.** {Lt303-1903}*

The bible prohibited the worshiping of creatures of any nature in the 1st and 2nd commandment [Exodus 20:1-6]. This issue of Christ claiming to be veiling Godhood in humanity hence being worthy of worship didn't work well with Jesus.

*Colossians 2:9: For in him dwelleth all the **fulness of the Godhead bodily.***

*Colossians 1:19: For it pleased the Father that in him should **all fulness dwell;***

Christ was God, but He did not appear as God. He veiled the tokens of divinity, which had commanded the homage of angels and called forth the adoration of the universe of God. ... {ST, January 5, 1915 par. 6}

His divinity was veiled beneath humanity. He hid within himself those all-powerful attributes which belonged to him as one equal with God. At times his divine character flashed forth with such wonderful power that all who were capable of discerning spiritual things pronounced him the Son of God. {3SP 259.1}

The Jews had only one decision, to slay him and it was rightfully so if in the real sense Christ was not begotten of the Father. Since then the begotten in reality is equal with the begetter, the Jews and Christendom has no choice but to worship Jesus Christ as God because he is not a mere human but God veiled in flesh.

*Think of Christ's humiliation. He took upon himself fallen, suffering human nature, degraded and defiled by sin. He took our sorrows, bearing our grief and shame. He endured all the temptations wherewith man is beset. **He united humanity with divinity: a divine spirit dwelt in a temple of flesh.** He united himself with the temple. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us," because by so doing he could associate with the sinful, sorrowing sons and daughters of Adam. {YI, December 20, 1900 par. 7}*

It is then strawman to combat the idea that since Christ is begotten and has a beginning then he cannot be equal with God. Satan thought that if Christ is begotten then he surely must be lesser god and if so, why worship him or even why he Satan also be worshipped hence leading him to see need of obeying Christ:

His beauty was so highly exalted that he thought he should be as God, and Christ must be second to him; but the Lord informed Satan this could not be possible. Christ was His only begotten Son. {Lt157-1910}

*At length all the angels are summoned to appear before the Father, to have each case decided. Satan unblushingly makes known to all the heavenly family, his discontent, **that Christ should be preferred before him**, to be in such close conference with God, and he be uninformed as to the result of their frequent consultations. God informs Satan that this he can never know. That to his Son will he reveal his secret purposes, and that all the family of Heaven, Satan not excepted, were required to yield implicit obedience. **Satan boldly speaks out his rebellion, and points to a large company who think God is unjust in not exalting him to be equal with God, and in not giving him command above Christ.** He declares **he cannot submit to be under Christ's command, that God's commands alone will he obey.** Good angels weep to hear the words of Satan, and to see how he despises to follow the direction of Christ, their exalted and loving commander. {3SG 37.3}*

His purposes was always to the obscure the meaning of begotten and what is worth of:

This fact the angels would obscure, that Christ was the only begotten Son of God, and they came to consider that they were not to consult Christ. One angel began the controversy and carried it on until there

was rebellion in the heavenly courts among the angels. They were lifted up because of their beauty. {Lt42-1910}

Christ was the only begotten Son of God, and Lucifer, that glorious angel, got up a warfare over the matter, until he had to be thrust down to the earth. ... {Ms86-1910}

Being begotten in the highest sense and in reality, Jesus then is equal with God, he is God and worthy of worship. Anyone who thinks that begotten means lesser god and depriving Jesus of his divinity and calling the Father the Only True God is making Jesus a false god is playing the same mindset of Lucifer that made him Satan and led his thrust from heaven. This is strong language but the exact truth.