

# Dig-a-bit Month 5 Episode 3

## Conversations: Eternal, But Not Eternally The Son

[00:00:00] Hello, I hope you're having a great dig in our month five of our study. This is January and we are studying the visits of Gabriel to Daniel to Zacharias to Mary. We are studying the conversation especially that God had with Mary, pre incarnate Christ, and then the discussions that the incarnate Christ had with his own mother, Mary.

What I want us to wrap our mind around, and I'm going to say this over simplistically, is that Christ is an eternal being. Both ends of eternity. Eternity before time. Eternity after time. He is an eternal being. But scripture teaches us that he was not the eternal son. He wasn't the son until he was begotten in Mary's womb.

I firmly believe that after this study this month, and it's been, hard for me to wrap my [00:01:00] mind around the ramifications of the fact that Jesus became the Son at the point of His incarnation. He was the Word, existent with God. He appeared, I believe, in the Old Testament, several times at least, but He was not the Son of God.

Until he became the son, the begotten son, the seed of the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary. Just a couple of quick passages because we don't have time in a dig a bit to truly wrap our minds around this concept. But Jehovah declares that no other God existed before or after him. Isaiah 43 verse 10 says, Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

I, even I, am Jehovah, and besides [00:02:00] me there is no God. Well, Christ is God. That's clearly stated in John 1, 1 and following. Christ is God. But there was no God before Jehovah, no God after Jehovah. So that means that Christ, in his, time, I'm going to say infinity, not limitations. He doesn't have time limitations, but in the timeframe of Jesus Christ is the same as that of Jehovah, because in fact, he is Jehovah God, the word.

And then after he became flesh, he was the son of God, still the word, but the son of God. So Christ is eternal. That's a prime characteristic of someone who has the nature of divinity of God. God is, the Bible states, from everlasting to everlasting. That's Psalm 90 verse 2. He is the one [00:03:00] who inhabits eternity, Isaiah 57 verse 15.

So Christ, we read in John 1, our passage of interest this month, that Christ possesses that nature of deity. So, he is just, we don't have to research it, we don't have to declare it, he is by the very fact that he shares the nature of God, he is intrinsically eternal. We don't have to look very far in prophecy to see that.

I love the prophet Micah, who says the goings forth, basically of that child of Nazareth. Have been from old, from everlasting, that's in Micah chapter 5 verse 2. Isaiah talks about the Prince of Peace in Isaiah 9 6, that passage that most of us can quote. [00:04:00] Isaiah 9 6 says that, that he is the everlasting Prince of Peace.

Three times then in our passage that we studied this month, that the Apostle, John uses this imperfect tense. One of our ladies in our local study last night pointed out this tense. When it says the word was God and the word was with God it's the imperfect tense of was which means it's an existence without any time limitations.

He has been, he continues to be, he always will be. So, with God and God. So, the eternal existence of Christ is absolute. At the same time, the sonship of Christ. The begotten sonship [00:05:00] of Christ. Biblically, did not begin as Catholicism would state. Well, they would state it didn't have a beginning. The sonship of Christ is not eternal.

The sonship of Christ began when he became the begotten son in the womb of the Virgin Mary. I hope that this is clear to you two things. Jesus is eternal, but his Son of God, portion of his existence began. As he was the begotten son of God. And the only reason he had to become the son was for our redemption.

He became a son and learned obedience. Which he had never had to have before because he didn't consider being on an equal plane with God. A thing to be grasped. [00:06:00] He didn't have to think that, that it was a thing to be grasped because it was intrinsically his. He became a son and learned obedience for our redemption.

For our salvation. That's a beautiful thought. It's wonderful to think that. That Jesus Christ, before He was Jesus, He was the Word, John 1, 1 14. And then that Word became flesh and dwelt among men. And in that fleshly existence, He became the obedient Son of God. Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience [00:07:00] by the things which he suffered.

I hope you have a great day.