

Eternal Sonship	Incarnational Sonship
1. He was always the Son of God He is the eternal Son	1. Before the incarnation He was not the Son of God
2. “Son of God” is <b>Who He is</b>	2. “Son of God” is <b>What He Became</b>
3. His Sonship is essential to His true identity and cannot be divorced from the Person that He is	3. His Sonship is not essential to His inherent identity
4. “Son of God” is who He is in His Person	4. “Son of God” is merely a title and role that He assumed
5. His Sonship directly relates to His Deity	5. His Sonship directly relates to His incarnation
6. “Son of God” means equal with God, indicating sameness of Being	6. “Son of God” means subservient to God, less than God
7. God the Father has always been God the Father	7. God the Father did not assume the title and role of Father until the incarnation
8. Before the incarnation the Son was ever in the Father’s bosom	8. Before the incarnation God had no Son, nor was He the Father.
9. The Father/Son relationship has eternally existed in the Godhead	9. Before the incarnation there was no Father/Son relationship in the Godhead
10. The Father sent His only begotten Son into this world (e.g., John 3:16-17; Galatians 4:4)	10. The One who would become the Father sent the One who would become the Son into this world
11. The Triune God has eternally existed in three Persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit	11. The Triune God has eternally existed in three Persons, but not as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These were roles that were assumed in time

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