

Living in Life Union with Holy Spirit
Session 9: Homoousios & Sonship by Faith

❖ **Definition**

“**Homoousios**” (ὁμοούσιος) is a Greek word that combines two words:

Homo - meaning “same”

Ousia - meaning “substance” or “essence”

This is a pivotal theological term in Christian doctrine, primarily associated with the doctrine of the Trinity.

It asserts that the Son (Jesus Christ) is “**of the same substance**” with the Father, meaning they share the

_____ divine essence, _____ and _____ God.

❖ **Biblical Basis**

Jesus, the Son: John 1:1-4, 14; John 10:30; Colossians 1:19; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:1-3

Holy Spirit: John 15:26; John 16: 13-15

❖ **Significance:**

1. _____: *Homoousios* ensures the Father, Son, and Spirit are one God, not three gods. Their shared essence reinforces their perichoretic (mutual indwelling) relationship.
2. _____: It affirms no hierarchy in divinity—the Son and Spirit are not lesser than the Father, despite relational distinctions (e.g., the Son is sent by the Father).
3. _____: If the Son were not fully God, His work (atonement, resurrection) couldn’t fully save humanity. Athanasius argued that only God can reconcile humanity to God.

Rehearsal of Lesson from “Free from Sin to Grow in Grace”

1. **Babes** – G3516 – *nepios* – An infant child, little child, not speaking (i.e. an infant). Figuratively, a simple-minded person, an immature Christian; one who is untaught or childish.
 - ➡ A “*nepios*” is one who is untaught. They are just learning and coming into the experience of the doctrine of righteousness. They also are susceptible to false teaching and deception. In other words, they are easily influenced.
 - ➡ A “*nepios*” can be born again, but they are feeding on the milk of the Word. Because of this, they may still have much of their flesh nature unconquered and will be found with a more self-centered focus.
 - ➡ “*Nepios*” are spiritual babies. And as babies they will cry, whine, throw fits, and want their way. Also, because they are babies, they need to be cared for, assisted, loved on, and attended to in order to grow properly.
2. **Children** – G3813 – *paidion* – a childling (of either sex), an infant, or by extension, a half-grown boy or girl; of a more advanced child; figuratively, an immature Christian or one who is like children in intellect.

- ➔ A “*paidion*” is one who is under the teaching of a father and is the process of learning how to walk in maturity.
- ➔ A “*paidion*” is one who can disconnect from their spiritual walk when offense, storms, or trials come their way.
- ➔ A “*paidion*” wants their own way; they haven’t come into the full revelation of laying their will down for the perfect will of their father.
- ➔ A “*paidion*” is one who can be easily moved but without discerning. They can overvalue what appears to be “spiritual”.

3. **Son** – G5043 – *teknon* – a produced child (universally without regard to sex) and often with emphasis as to be regarded as true, genuine children; children begotten by virtue of the divine promise. Pupils or disciples are called “children” by their teachers, because a teachers instructions nourish the minds of their pupils and mold their characters.

- ➔ A “*teknon*” has Christ formed in them. They have an intimate relationship with Jesus understanding forgiveness, overcoming sin and the doctrine of righteousness.
- ➔ A “*teknon*” is a disciple of Christ and of the Grace-Gift leader/father they have been given. They allow their spiritual fathers to teach, mold, and discipline them.
- ➔ A “*teknon*” is one who understands submission and desires to walk in the perfect will of God by relinquishing their own will.

4. **Beloved Son** – G5207 – *huios* – a son, generally used of the offspring of men and in a restricted sense, the male offspring. In a wider sense it is a descendant, the posterity of anyone. Used to describe those who are born again and revere God as their Father. Those whom the Father esteems as sons, whom He loves, protects and benefits above others. Those whose character and life

_____ because they are _____ by the
_____ of God.

This is the term used preeminently of Jesus Christ, as enjoying the supreme love of God, united to Him in affectionate intimacy, privy to His saving councils, obedient to the Father’s will in all His acts.

- ➔ A “*huios*” understands their heavenly _____ as a mature son and waits to be _____ at the appointed time.
- ➔ A “*huios*” understands _____ and walks in _____ submission.
A “*huios*” knows how to walk in and operate their _____.
- ➔ A “*huios*” is one who can be _____ with heavenly
_____ and deeper _____ of the Spirit.

❖ **Sonship by Faith Foundation**

John 1:9-12 TPT

For the Light of Truth was about to come into the world and shine upon everyone. 10 He entered into the very world He created, yet the world was unaware. 11 He came to the very people He created—to those who should have recognized Him, but they did not receive Him. 12 But those who embraced (*lambano*) Him and took hold of His name were given authority to become the children (*teknon*) of God!

Galatians 3:26-27 TPT

You have all become true children (*huios*) of God by the faith of Jesus the Anointed One! 27 It was faith that immersed you into Jesus, the Anointed One, and now you are covered and clothed with His anointing.

Romans 8:14-17 TPT

The mature children of God are those who are moved by the impulses of the Holy Spirit. 15 And you did not receive the “spirit of religious duty,” leading you back into the fear of never being good enough. But you have received the “Spirit of full acceptance,” enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as He rises up within us, our spirits join Him in saying the words of tender affection, “Beloved Father!” 16 For the Holy Spirit makes God’s fatherhood real to us as He whispers into our innermost being, “You are God’s beloved child!” 17 And since we are His true children, we qualify to share all His treasures, for indeed, we are heirs of God Himself. And since we are joined to Christ, we also inherit all that He is and all that He has. We will experience being co-glorified with Him provided that we accept His sufferings as our own.

Adoption – G5206 – *huiothesia* – from a compound of G2207 and a derivative of G5087; the placing as a son, i.e. adoption (figuratively, Christian sonship in respect to God.)

G5207 – *huios* – a son

G5087 – *tithemi* – to place, appoint, commit, conceive, make, ordain, purpose, put, set (forth), settle, sink down.

Adoption is not a mere metaphor—believers are **LEGALLY** and **RELATIONALLY MADE** God’s children, heirs with Christ. Faith unites us to Christ, the true Son.

2 Peter 1:3-4

❖ **Holy Spirit’s Mediation**

For believers, the Spirit _____ this divine relationship, _____ us to _____. This mediation isn’t just a passive presence—it’s an _____, transformative process that _____ us to share in Christ’s authority as adopted sons and daughters.

1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 8:9-10; Galatians 2:20; Acts 2:1-4

The Holy Spirit is the _____ of _____ and _____.

The Spirit, indwelling Christ, shares that _____ and _____ with us.

The Spirit _____ us with Christ’s _____, and as we submit, we bring the Father _____ and reflect the Son in our _____. This is perichoresis