

THE SON IS OUR MODEL FOR “CONTINUAL ABIDING”

1. The Son was the perfect “Branch” of God. (Old Testament prophecies.)

Isa. 4:2 *In that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious, ...*
Isa. 11:1-5 *Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse (king David’s father), and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. ... (See also Rom. 15:12)*
Jer. 23:5-6 *“... the days are coming,” declares the Lord, “When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land. ...*
Jer. 33:15 *‘In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth.*
Zech. 3:8 *‘Now listen, Joshua ..., I am going to bring in My servant the Branch.*
Zech. 6:12-13 *... ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, “Behold, a man whose name is Branch, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the Lord. ...*

2. As a branch the Son was not the source of what He said or did, He was a usable vessel, constantly available to the Father.

Deuteronomy 18:18 *‘I (God) will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you (Moses), and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.*
John 3:32 (John the Baptist said) *“What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; ...*
5:19 *... “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; ...*
5:30 *“I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*
7:16 *... Jesus answered them and said, “My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.*
8:16 *“But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and the Father who sent Me.*
8:26 *“... the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world.”*
8:28 *... Jesus said, ... I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.*
8:38 *“I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; ...*
12:49-50 *“... I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. “I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”*
14:24 *“... the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.*
14:31 *... that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me....*
15:15 *“... all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.*
17:8 (Jesus said to His Father) *... the words which You gave Me I have given to them; ...*
Phil. 2:5-7 *... Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, ... emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, ...*

3. The Son is the visible manifestation of the invisible God:

John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

10:37-38 *“If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.”*

12:44-45 *And Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me. “He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.*

14:9 (Jesus said to Philip) *He who has seen Me has seen the Father; ...*

14:10-11 *“... The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. “Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.*

Isa. 9:6 *For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; ...; And His name will be called ..., Mighty God, Eternal Father, ...*

2 Cor. 4:4 *... Christ, who is the image of God.*

Col. 1:15 *He is the image of the invisible God, ...*

Heb. 1:3 *And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, ...*

4. The Son did not seek to please people to win their praise, but sought only to please His Father:

Matt. 26:36-44 *Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, ... And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.” ... He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.” ... And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more.*

John 4:34 *Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.*

5:30 *“I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*

5:41 *“I do not receive glory from men;*

6:38 *“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*

7:18 *“He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.*

8:29 *“And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.”*

8:50 *“But I do not seek My glory; there is One who seeks and judges.*

8:54 *Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, ...*

12:27-28 *“Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. “Father, glorify Your name.” ...*

5. The Son totally entrusted Himself into His Father's care. He knew His Father was sovereign and totally trustworthy.

Matt. 26:39 *And He ... fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."*

John 7:28 *... I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, ...*

John 19:10-11 *So Pilate said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; ...*

Phil. 2:8 *Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

Heb. 5:8-9 *Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,*

1 Pet. 2:21-23 *... while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;*

6. God wants me to have that same "abiding" relationship with Him:

John 14:12 *"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.*

15:5 *"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*

17:3 (Jesus prayed to His Father) *"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

17:14 *"... they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*

17:18 *"As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.*

17:23 *I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.*

17:26 *and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."*

20:21 *So Jesus said to them again, "... as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."*

Matt. 10:40 *"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.*

Rom. 8:29 *For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;*

2 Cor. 3:18 *... we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, ...*

Phil. 2:5-7 *Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant,*

1 Pet. 2:21-23 *For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ...;*

1 John 2:6 *the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.*