

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.*