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GLORIA

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<p>Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.</p> <p>Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;</p> <p>you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</p>	<p>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</p>

Did you ever notice that we use words in church that we really don't use anywhere else? In the new translation of the GLORIA we see such a word: "begotten." Do you really go around saying anyone is begotten of his father or mother? ...not usually!

To say "only Begotten Son of the Father" carries a different meaning than "only Son of the Father." "Only begotten" is from the Greek *monogenes*. This word is used nine times in the Greek New Testament, and is a compound word, *mono*, meaning only, and *genesis*, meaning birth. *Monogenes* is used five times by John, three by Luke, and once by the writer of Hebrews.

Only begotten is applied to Jesus. The scriptures teach that God's people are "sons of God" (Romans 8:14). Modernists contend that Jesus was simply just another son of God. Not so! Jesus' Sonship was understood as indicative of deity (John 10: 36, 38). *Monogenes* is used of Jesus' Sonship. Jesus is the "only begotten Son" (1 John 4:9). "Single of its kind" used of Christ, denotes the only Son of God. Jesus himself is the Son of God who has no brothers or sisters... he is of nature or essentially Son of God, and so in a very different sense from that in which humans are made by him children of God." (Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon, pgs. 417, 418). Beloved, God's people are adopted "sons of God," Jesus is the only Son of God by his very nature (Romans 8:14-16).

As God's *monogenes*, Jesus enjoyed unique glory (John 1:14). The only begotten declared God (John 1:18). Jesus being of the same essential nature as the Father could reveal God as no other could (John 14:8-11). The only begotten is the ultimate expression of God's love (John 3:16, or 1 John 4:9).

Therefore, Jesus is uniquely and singularly the Son of God — the only one of his kind. To realize the only begotten Son of God gave his life for you and me is indeed most humbling! What a difference a single word makes!