



**Sonship Revealed
and Celebrated**

Matthew 3:17

“This is My Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” NIV

“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” NKJV

Matthew 17:5

“This is My Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.”

“This”

Commands attention!

The Father summons
everyone’s attention, and His
own focus, onto his son.

“Is”

Confirms acceptance!

The Father accepts his son
as - is, now, this very moment,
not conditionally on what he
should become some day.

“My”

Establishes belonging!

The Father confirms the son
belongs to Him, so . . .
he is not left an orphan.

“Son”

Communicates identity!

The Father gives specific
identity to his son, so

he is not undefined.

“Whom I love”

Validates relationship!

The Father *strongly* and
plainly articulates his love for
his son, so
he is not an emotional orphan.

**“With him I am well
pleased.”**

Proclaims affirmation!

The Father emotionally affirms
his joy and his pride over his
son’s overall personhood,
so

he is not abandoned to natural

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- All these are verbalized openly both in front of a large public group, and to the son’s small group of closest companions.