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Discuss

- Isaiah describes both a "Servant" and "chosen One" as God's delight. Matthew uses this passage as Jesus' personal identity. What was the scene in Matthew causing him to make this prophetic connection?
- What are the qualities of Isaiah's "Servant"? How do these qualities explain God's delight in Him?
- What are the two New Testament occasions where God's audible voice is heard affirming His satisfaction? What is the significance of each event in Jesus' earthly journey?
- Jesus is declared as the perfect reflection of the Father (Col. 1). How does this fit with God's satisfaction in Himself?
- Historical, orthodox Christians are Monotheistic Trinitarians (one God, three Persons). Those are big words. They are deep and technical concepts. But they are vital to our faith. We believe God is totally satisfied in Himself, and the Father perfectly loves the Son. Why is it good that God doesn't need us to be fulfilled?



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