

According to both the King James Version (KJV) and the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo scriptures, the "**Begotten One**" is **Jesus Christ**, the Son of God.

Both traditions identify Him as the "only begotten" of the Father, meaning He shares the exact same divine essence, nature, and substance as God the Father, existing before time began. However, while they share this fundamental identity, they express and emphasize it through different linguistic and theological lenses.

1. In the King James Version (KJV)

The KJV uses the specific phrase "**only begotten Son**" in five distinct New Testament passages, all written by the Apostle John:

- **John 3:16:** *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his **only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*
- **John 1:14:** *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the **only begotten of the Father**,) full of grace and truth."*
- **John 1:18:** *"No man hath seen God at any time; the **only begotten Son**, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."*
- **John 3:18:** *"...because he hath not believed in the name of the **only begotten Son of God**."*
- **1 John 4:9:** *"...God sent his **only begotten Son** into the world, that we might live through him."*

The KJV Theological Meaning

In the English of the KJV, "begotten" translates the Greek word **monogenes**. In classical Trinitarian theology, this signifies **Eternal Generation**. It means Jesus was not "made" or "created" like angels or humans. Just as a human begets a human, God begets God. He is unique, one-of-a-kind, and eternally proceeds from the Father without ever having a beginning in time.

2. In the Ethiopian Scripture

In the ancient **Ge'ez** (the liturgical language of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church), the term "only begotten" is translated as ዋሐድ (**Wahid**) or ዋሐድ ገልጻኝ (**Wahid Golmasa**), which literally means "The Only One" or "The Unique Monad."

The Ethiopian scriptures declare the same identity as the KJV but frame the "Begotten One" through their foundational doctrine of **Tewahedo** (Unified Oneness).

The Ethiopian Theological Meaning

- **The Liturgy of the Church:** In the *Liturgy of the Ethiopian Church*, Jesus is explicitly worshipped as the *"Only-begotten of the Father, That Word came unto His own..."*
- **Uncompromising Unity:** Ethiopian theology focuses intensely on what happened when the Begotten One took on flesh. They teach that His divine nature (as the Begotten God) and His human nature (born of the Virgin Mary) perfectly fused into **one single, unified divine-human nature** (Mia-physis).
- **Pre-Existence in Enoch:** Because the Ethiopian Bible canon includes the *Book of*

Enoch, it expands on the Begotten One's pre-temporal reality. Enoch describes Him as the "Elect One" and the "Son of Man" hidden in the presence of the Lord of Spirits before the creation of the world, emphasizing His eternal begotten nature.

Summary Comparison

- **Who is it?** Jesus Christ in both texts.
- **The KJV Focus:** Emphasizes Christ's distinct relationship as the uniquely generated, eternal Son of the Father.
- **The Ethiopian Focus:** Emphasizes Christ as the **Wahid** (The Only/Unique One), whose divine, begotten nature completely united with humanity to save mankind.