

John 5:19-23

John 5:19-20 – *“(19) Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. (20) For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.”*

- A. The Son can do nothing of Himself (**John 5:24, John 5:30, John 8:28, and John 12:49**).
 - 1. Jesus saying, “what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise” shows unity with the Father (**John 10:30, John 14:10, John 17:22, and I John 5:7**).
 - 2. Jesus patterned His work after the Father (**Hebrews 8:5**).
 - 3. There are unified roles carried out in the godhead (**John 14:26, John 16:13, and I Corinthians 11:3**).
- B. The Father loves the Son (**Matthew 3:17, John 3:35, and John 17:26**).
 - 1. God showed Jesus all things that He did (**Luke 10:22 and John 10:32**).
 - 2. Great works were to be shown in the future, even through the disciples (**John 14:11-12**). The raising of the dead is certainly more marvelous (***More on this in verse 21 and again in verses 25ff.**).
 - 3. These great things will cause people to marvel (**Luke 24:12 and Luke 24:40-41**).

John 5:21-22 – *“(21) For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. (22) For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.”*

- A. The Father causes the dead to be raised (**Deuteronomy 32:39 and II Kings 4:32-35**).
 - 1. Some do not think that God can raise the dead (**Acts 26:6-8**).
 - 2. Without the resurrection of the dead we are hopeless (**I Corinthians 15:16-19**).
 - 3. Additionally, Jesus shows that He too can raise anyone He chooses from the dead (**Luke 7:11-15, Luke 8:49-56, John 11:25, and John 11:43-44**).
- B. The Father is not the judge as He has given that role to Christ (**Matthew 11:27, Acts 10:38-42, Acts 17:29-31, and Romans 2:16**).
 - 1. It is Jesus coming back to Judge (**Matthew 25:31-34 and II Thessalonians 1:7-9**).
 - 2. The standard of the Judgment will be the words of Christ (**John 12:48**).

John 5:23 – *“That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.”*

- A. All men should honor the Son (**Matthew 17:5, Luke 12:8-9, and Hebrews 1:6**).
 - 1. This means Jesus is worthy of worship (**Matthew 28:9-10**).

2. Glory is to be given to Christ (**John 11:4** and **II Peter 3:18**).

3. If we do not honor Christ we dishonor the Father (**John 15:23**, **I John 2:23**, and **II John 9**).

B. Caution: some specific instructions still have to be obeyed when honoring Christ (cf. **II Peter 3:16-17**).

1. We are to pray to the Father, not the Son (**Matthew 6:7-9**, **Ephesians 5:20**, **Colossians 1:12**, and **I Timothy 2:5**).

2. We assemble to worship the Father while rejoicing in Christ (**Philippians 3:3**).

3. To illustrate this, let's consider our partaking of the Lord's Supper:

a. Who are we remembering when partaking of the unleavened bread and fruit of the vine (**Luke 22:19-20** and **I Corinthians 11:26**)?

b. Jesus did not give thanks to Himself (**I Corinthians 11:23-24**).

c. Thus, we partake of the unleavened bread and fruit of the vine while remembering Christ, but we give thanks for those emblems to God the Father (**Colossians 3:17**).