

John #27

John 5:19-24

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“Whatever the Father Does, These Things the Son Also Does”

Intro: The truth of the Deity of Jesus Christ lay at the very foundation of the Christian _____ It is an essential truth: _____ the only begotten Son of God, God the Son, God very _____ Himself.

A. It is an indispensable and _____ requirement that we this truth if we are to be saved, for Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me" (John 14:6).

B. As inspired by the Spirit of God the Apostle Peter declared of _____ saying, "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other _____ under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be _____" (Acts 4:12).

C. When we get to verse 19, and we read that "Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them," we understand that He was answering two charges:

1) In relation to their charge that He is a Sabbath breaker Jesus answered by telling them that He works what He works just as the Heavenly Father works, and that it is by His being the offspring of God that He inherently possesses the _____ to work miracles on the Sabbath, even going so far as to command a healed man to carry his mattress thus breaking their tradition.

2) In relation to His being the Son of God, He answers them by establishing that they heard Him correctly, that _____ the Son of _____; and He informs them that they will see further _____ undeniably verifying that fact; and He also tells them what will become of them as they respond to the truth of His _____.

I. Jesus _____ the truth of _____ before His accusers speaking of Himself as the Son of God and of God as His Father.

A. In saying that He only does what "He sees the Father doing" Jesus _____ that He does nothing on His own initiative acting as one detached from the Father, but that He follows His Father acting as One in _____ with Him! It is to say, "I only do what the Father does - I do nothing outside the express will of the Heavenly Father."

1. Jesus claimed that He did what He presently doing. In this He claimed a unique relationship with the Father that no other could claim - that is, He claimed to be the _____ begotten _____ of God. This was a claim of Deity!

2. Who can do exactly what the Heavenly Father does? Only the _____ who shares Deity with Him, who was _____ and was God!

B. Jesus said, "For the Father _____ (phileo) the Son ..." This is to say that His Father loved Him very deeply and affectionately as His own Son, not as the Father has loved mankind as a matter of a willful decision, but _____ out of a pre-existing Father-Son _____.

C. Because the Father loves the Son, Jesus knew and told His accusers that He would soon even greater _____ that would cause even them to be struck with _____, being clear and irrefutable evidence that He is who He says _____.

1. Though they deny Jesus' claim to deity, He tells them that His Father has told Him that He will work greater works than the healing of a lame man, for He will _____ the _____ giving them irrefutable _____ that _____ the only begotten Son of God even according to their own beliefs!

a. In saying that He "gives life to whom He wishes" He made it clear that He does not give life as an instrument of God, but as the Sovereign God Himself gives life, for the same _____ that exists in God the Father exists _____ for He is God the Son. As the Beloved wrote, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men" (Jo. 1:4).

2. And, just as it is Christ's to give life as He wills thus displaying His deity, it is His to met out all _____ as He wills thus further proving _____ divine authority!

3. Christ gives life as He wills and has been given all judgement that men may fear and _____ the Son just as they do God the Father.

a. In the book, "What the Bible Teaches" John Heading writes, "It is not up to man to decide that He will honour the One or the Other, it is either _____. In religious circles, it is too easy for unbelief to contemplate God but not the Son. Knowledge of One implies knowledge of the Other (Jo. 8:19); hatred of One implies hatred of the Other (15:23); denial (*or acceptance*) of the One implies denial (*or acceptance*) of the Other (1 Jo. 2:23)."

4. The _____ which the Father desires for His Son reasserts the deity of the Jesus of Nazareth for Isaiah 42:8 says of God, "I will not give My glory to another." And so He will not give His glory to another, and yet He gives honor to His Son; and what can this mean except that _____ the Son!?

III. In the strongest terms possible Jesus emphatically told His accusers that if they would hear His word, and _____ in the Father who sent Him, that they would eternal _____, and not coming into judgement but having been born again, will have passed out of spiritual death into life everlasting. This too, was a divine work of God whereby God the Son worked the good of God the Father, explaining the Father to them (cf. Jo. 1:18).

Conclusion: As revealed by Jesus in our text, it is an indispensable and necessary requirement that we _____ this truth if we are to be saved, for Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me" (John 14:6). And, as inspired by the Spirit of God the Apostle Peter declared of _____ saying, "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). _____ honor Jesus believing that He is God the Son? Choose this day who you will serve!

Let him who has ears to hear, hear what the Spirit says to the church! There is a _____ day coming and it comes surely and quickly as a thief in the night! But here and now, on this very day, the good Lord provides a way of _____! Believe the Word of God! Believe upon the Lord Jesus that He is the Christ, God the Son. And upon believing it will be revealed that you have been born from above and been _____ from your sin to eternal _____.