

John 5:17-27

17-18. But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill him, because **He not only broke the Sabbath**, but also said that God was His Father, **making Himself EQUAL with God.**

- **Colossians 2:9** "For In Him (Jesus Christ) dwells all the _____ of the _____ bodily, and you are complete in Him, who is the _____ of all principality and power."
- **John 1:1-3 & 14** "In the beginning was the _____, and the Word was with God, and the _____ was _____. He was in the beginning with God. All things were _____ THROUGH _____, and without Him _____ was made that was made. And the _____ BECAME _____ and _____ among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

Definition: "Making Himself EQUAL with God." - Jesus was ABSOLUTELY RIGHT in making statements that claimed He was EQUAL with God, because He WAS God! He was God come to earth in the FLESH, having taken HUMAN FORM and BECOME a MAN. Jesus is given many titles for Himself in Scripture that belong only to God, such as "Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." Also, He receives WORSHIP from men and angels (see Rev. 5:5-14; Hebrews 1:6).

- **Revelation 1:8 & 11& 17-18** "'I am the _____ and the _____, the Beginning and the End,' says the Lord, 'Who is and who was and who is to come, the _____.'" (Verse 11) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the _____ and the _____.'" (Verses 17b-18) "Do NOT be AFRAID; I am the _____ and the _____. I am He who _____, and was _____, and behold, I am _____ forevermore. Amen. And I have the Keys of Hades and of Death."
- **Isaiah 44:6** "Thus says the _____, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts, '_____ am the _____ and I am the _____. And there is no _____ besides Me.'"
- **Revelation 22:13 & 16** "I am the _____ and _____, the Beginning and the End, the _____ and the _____." (Verse 16) "I, _____ have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." Colossians 1:15-18 "He is the _____ of the _____ God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him (Jesus) all things were _____ that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were _____ through Him and _____ Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist (hold together). And He is the _____ of the body, the church, who is the beginning (origin, source), the _____ from the _____, that in all things He may have the preeminence (first place)."

19-21. Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do;** for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, **that you may MARVEL.**"

- **John 8:28** "Then Jesus said, 'When you _____ up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do _____ of _____; but as My _____ taught Me, I speak these things.'"

Definition: "The SON can do NOTHING OF HIMSELF" - Jesus deliberately LIMITED HIMSELF to doing ONLY WHAT the FATHER SHOWED HIM. Jesus, as the second Person of the Godhead, existed from all eternity and could do ANYTHING He wanted, but **He CHOSE** to come to earth in human form and be OBEDIENT to the Father.

- **John 12:49** "For I have _____ spoken on My _____ authority; but the _____ who sent Me gave Me a _____, what I should _____ and what I should _____."
- **John 14:10** "Do you not believe that I am in the _____, and the Father in _____? The words that I speak to you I do _____ speak on My _____ authority; but the _____ who _____ in Me _____ the _____."
- **Philippians 2:5-8** "Let this mind be in you which was also in _____, who, being in the _____ of _____, **did not consider it robbery** to be _____ with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a _____, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a _____, He _____ Himself and became _____ to the point of _____, even the death of the cross."

Definition: "DID NOT CONSIDER IT ROBBERY" - Philippians 2:6 says that Jesus "did not consider it robbery **to be EQUAL with God**", or another way to say it is "He did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, or HELD ONTO." The beginning of verse 6 already said that **Jesus WAS IN THE FORM OF GOD**, so we see that **He ALREADY IS EQUAL with God**. Then, in verse 7, it says He "made Himself of no reputation", which could also be said as "HE EMPTIED HIMSELF of His powers as God". In other words, Jesus came to earth as a man, FULLY HUMAN, of His own free will. He never gave up His DIVINE NATURE, but He did **temporarily LAY ASIDE HIS POWERS and PRIVILEGES AS GOD** (God the Son, the second Person of the Triune God) to become a man, and to DIE on the cross.

Definition: "Greater WORKS than these, that you may MARVEL" - "Marvel" means to become filled with SURPRISE, WONDER, and AMAZEMENT. It is NOT the same as TRUE FAITH. Jesus did not perform MIRACLES ("greater works") in order to produce FAITH in people. His greatest miracles, for the most part, only produced WONDER and AMAZEMENT in the crowds, although they did increase the disciples' faith on certain occasions. His greatest and most public miracle of all, **theraising of Lazarus from the dead**, only made the Pharisees and Jewish leaders MORE DETERMINED to kill Him. Miracles do NOT produce faith. **Faith comes from HEARING THE WORD OF GOD** (see **Romans 10:17**).

- **Luke 16:31** "But he said to him, 'If they do not _____ Moses and the Prophets (Old Testament scripture), neither will they be persuaded though one _____ from the _____.'"
- **John 12:9-11** "Then a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see _____, whom He had _____ from the _____. But the chief _____ took counsel that they might also _____ Lazarus to _____, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus."
- **Romans 10:17** "So then _____ comes by _____, and hearing by the _____ of _____."

21-23. For as the Father **RAISES the dead and gives LIFE** to them, even so **the Son gives LIFE** to whom He will. For **the Father JUDGES no one**, but has committed all JUDGMENT to the Son, that **all should HONOR the Son JUST AS they HONOR the Father**. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

- **John 11:25** "_____ said to her, '_____ am the _____ and the _____. He who believes in _____, though he may die, he shall live."
- **Acts 10:42** "And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by _____ to be _____ of the _____ and the _____."
- **Acts 17:31** "Because He has appointed a day on which He will _____ the world in _____ by the _____ whom He has ordained (appointed). He has given assurance of this to all by _____ Him from the _____."

Definition: "The Father JUDGES NO ONE" - Both Old Testament and New Testament speak about God's JUDGMENT of sin and this evil world, but we are told that God the Father has actually **COMMITTED ALL JUDGMENT to the Son, Jesus Christ**. Those who try to say they believe in God and serve God in SOME OTHER WAY other than through Jesus Christ, will have to **be JUDGED by the very One they rejected!** John 5:23 says that if they do not **HONOR the Son in the SAME WAY they HONOR the Father**, they are NOT honoring or worshiping the Father at all! Jesus said in John 14:6 that NO ONE can come to God the Father any other way but through Him.

- **Read II Thessalonians 1:5-10** (Verse 5) "Which is manifest evidence of the righteous _____ of _____, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer." (Verses 7-8) "And to give to you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord _____ is revealed from _____ with His mighty _____, in flaming fire taking _____ on those who do not _____ the _____ of our Lord _____ Christ."

24-25. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has **EVERLASTING LIFE**, and **shall NOT come into judgment, but has PASSED from DEATH into LIFE**. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when **the DEAD will HEAR the VOICE of the Son of God; and those who hear will LIVE**.

- **Read John 10:27-30** "My Sheep _____ My _____, and I know them, and they _____ Me. And I give them _____ life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My _____. My Father who has _____ them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My _____ hand."
- **Colossians 2:13** "And you, being _____ in your _____ and the uncircumcision of your flesh, has He made _____ together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses."
- **I John 3:14** "We know that we have _____ from _____ to _____, because we _____ the brethren. He who does not love his brother (fellow Christian) abides in _____."

Definition: "The DEAD will HEAR the VOICE of the SON of GOD" - When a person accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior and is born again, they receive eternal life (EVERLASTING LIFE), and are actually **PASSED from DEATH into LIFE**. The Bible says that we are all **DEAD in our sins** and also that **we are in Satan's kingdom** BEFORE we accept Christ. God "translates" us from Satan's kingdom into Christ's kingdom when we are born again, and **we are MADE ALIVE** by the Holy Spirit.

- **Acts 26:18** "To open their eyes and to _____ them from _____ to light, and from the power of _____ to _____."

- **Colossians 1:12-14** "Giving thanks to the Father who has _____ us to be partakers of the _____ of the saints in _____; He has _____ us from the power (kingdom) of _____ and _____ us into the kingdom of the _____ of His _____."
- **Ephesians 2:1-2 & 4-6** "And you He made alive, who were _____ in trespasses and _____, in which you once walked according to the course (system) of this world, according to the _____ of the power of the air (Satan), the _____ who now _____ in the sons (children) of disobedience." (Verses 4-5) "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were _____ in trespasses, has made us _____ together with _____ (by grace you have been saved)."

26-27. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted **the Son to have LIFE in Himself**, and has **given Him AUTHORITY to EXECUTE JUDGMENT** also, because **He is the Son of Man**.

- **I John 5:11-13** "And this is the testimony: that God has given us _____, and this _____ is in His _____. He who has the _____ has _____; he who does not have the Son of God does not have _____. These things I have written to you who _____ in the name of the _____ of God, that you may _____ that you have _____ life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the _____ of _____."
- **Ephesians 1:20-21** "Which He worked in _____ when He raised Him from the dead, and _____ Him at His _____ hand in the heavenly places, far _____ all principality and _____ and _____ and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come."
- **Matthew 28:18** "Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All _____ has been _____ to _____ in _____ and on _____.'"
- **Read Matthew 25:31-46** "When the _____ of _____ comes in His glory, and all the holy _____ with Him, then He will sit on the _____ of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats." (Verse 34) "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, _____ the _____ prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" (Verse 41) "Then He will say to those on the left hand, '_____ from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting _____ prepared for the _____ and his angels.'" (Verse 46) "And these will go away into everlasting _____, but the _____ into eternal _____."