

LIKE FATHER LIKE SON ~ JOHN 5:16-47

→ Scripture Eph. 2:1-5 & John 3:16-19

THE SON, LIKE THE FATHER, IS GOD ~ John 5:16-23

[16] So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. [17] Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." [18] For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. [19] Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. [20] For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. [21] For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. [22] Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, [23] that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

Proof That Jesus is Equal to the Father...

- Equal in ABILITY v. 19
- Equal in KNOWLEDGE v. 20
- Equal in POWER v. 21
- Equal in AUTHORITY v. 22

THE SON IS THE SAVIOR ~ John 5:24-30

[24] "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. [25] I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. [26] For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. [27] And he has given him authority to judge because he is *the* Son of Man. [28] "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice [29] and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. [30] By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

APPLICATION

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NIV) ...because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.

John 3:18 (NIV) Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

HEAR - to Understand and Accept

BELIEVE - in Faith to Receive God's Gift of Salvation

THE SON'S WITNESSES ~ John 5:31-47

[31] "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid. [32] There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is valid. [33] "You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. [34] Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. [35] John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light. [36] "I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing, testifies that the Father has sent me. [37] And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, [38] nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.

You do not Believe the One God Sent because you...

- have NEVER Heard God's voice
- have NEVER Seen God in anyway
- do NOT have God's word Dwelling you

[39] You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, [40] yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

Four Witnesses...

- John the Baptist v. 33
- Miracles Jesus performed v. 36
- God the Father v. 37
- Scriptures v. 39

APPLICATION

[41] "I do not accept praise from men, [42] but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. [43] I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. [44] How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God? [45] "But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. [46] If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. [47] But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?"

TAKE AWAY ???

HE is Either a...

- LEGEND
- LIAR
- LUNATIC
- LORD & GOD (just like HE claimed)

➔ What will we do with JESUS?

You Need to...

- **Admit** - you are a sinner already under Condemnation
- **Acknowledge** - Jesus Died on the Cross for Your sins
- **Accept** - the offer of Forgiveness