



Equality with God

John 5:17-24

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I. Equal in _____ (v. 17, 19)

[Jn. 4:34; 5:36; 6:38; 14:31; 17:4]

- A. Like His Father, Jesus is _____ at work
- B. Looking to His Father, Jesus does _____ the Father does

II. Equal in _____ (v. 18)

[Jn. 10:30; 12:45; 14:9-10; 17:11, 22]

- A. Jesus claimed God has His _____ Father
- B. Jesus claimed to be _____ with God

III. Equal in _____ (v. 20)

[Jn. 1:47-48; 2:24-25; 16:30; 21:17]

- A. The Father shows the Son _____ that He is doing
- B. The Father shows the Son even _____ works

IV. Equal in _____ (v. 21)

[Jn. 11:40-44; Matt. 9:23-26; Lk. 7:11-15; Jn. 6:39-40]

- A. God raises people from the dead in the _____ Testament
- B. Jesus raises people from the dead in the _____ Testament

V. Equal in _____ (v. 22)

[Jn. 3:18-19; 5:27, 30; 12:48; Matt. 7:22-23; 2 Thes. 1:7-8]

- A. Jesus is the Judge because God _____ Him
- B. Jesus will judge according to the _____

VI. Equal in _____ (v. 23)

[Jn. 12:26; Jn. 17:4-5; Lk. 10:16; 1 Jn. 2:23; Phil. 2:9-11]

- A. No _____ person is to share honor with God
- B. Jesus is no normal person but is _____ God and fully man

VII. Equal in _____ (v. 24)

[Jn. 1:12; 10:10, 28; 14:1; 1 Jn. 2:25; 5:11]

- A. You must _____ in the Father and the Son
- B. You must _____ from death to life

TAKE HOME

- Jesus' first _____ revealed He was here to do His Father's will.
- Jesus' _____ against temptation shows His commitment to do His Father's will.
- Jesus' _____ in the Garden of Gethsemane shows His desire is to do His Father's will.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." These questions are designed to help you apply today's message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 5:17, 19. How long has the Father been working? How about the Son? How does this fit with the Jew's view of the Sabbath?

2. Read John 5:18. Now look at Jn. 10:30; 12:45; 14:9-10; 17:11, 22. How do all these verses point to the fact that the Father and the Son are equal in being? Why is that important?

3. Read John 5:20. What does the word "shows" mean here? Read Jn. 1:47-48; 2:24-25; 16:30; 21:17. Which one of these verses helps you understand that Jesus knows all things?

4. Read John 5:21. What is the worse thing that could ever happen to you? How does Jn. 6:39-40 and 1 Cor. 15:42-44, 55-57 encourage you about the resurrection?

5. Read John 5:22. Have you thought of Jesus as being the ultimate Judge before? Why or why not? How does Jesus judge?

6. Read John 5:23. How is it that Jesus shares honor with the Father? What happened to other men who tried to put themselves in the place of God? What happens to you if you do not honor Christ in the same way that you honor God?

7. Read John 5:24. How are the Father, the Son, and the Spirit all equal in the work of regeneration? How does Jn. 1:12; 10:10, 28; 14:1 encourage you in the regenerating work of Christ?

8. Read the take home statements. Which one impacted you the most as you think about how perfectly the Son fulfills the Father's will? How will that help you do the same this week?

*Our Lord's reply to the Jews is very remarkable. "My Father," he says, "works hitherto, and I also work." It is as though He said--"**Though my Father rested on the seventh day from His work of creation, He has never rested for a moment from His providential government of the world, and from His merciful work of supplying the daily needs of all His creatures. Were He to rest from such work, the whole frame of nature would stand still. And I also work works of mercy on the Sabbath day. I do not break the fourth commandment when I heal the sick, any more than my Father breaks it when He causes the sun to rise and the grass to grow on the Sabbath.**"*

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*