

THE SON OF THE FATHER
(John 5:17-24)

- I. Jesus is Equal to God in His PERSON (John 5:17-18)
 - A. This was Jesus' LEGAL DEFENSE
 - B. Jesus said, "MY FATHER has NEVER STOPPED working"
 - 1. Repudiates DEISM
 - 2. Affirms God's constant providential CARE and DIRECTION
 - 3. Affirms that God's work does not VIOLATE the Sabbath
 - C. Jesus proclaimed His EQUALITY with the FATHER
 - 1. Calls Him "MY Father"
 - 2. Defends His working on the ground of HIS FATHER'S working
 - D. The Jews decided to KILL HIM on three CHARGES
 - 1. DESTROYING the Sabbath
 - 2. Taking God's NAME in VAIN
 - 3. BLASPHEMY by claiming EQUALITY with God
- II. Jesus is Equal to God in His WORKS (John 5:19-20)
 - A. His work is never INDEPENDENT of His Father's
 - 1. The Son is SUBORDINATE to the Father
 - 2. The Son's work is IDENTICAL to the Father's
 - B. His work demonstrates that the Father LOVES HIM
 - 1. The Father SHOWS Him EVERYTHING He is doing
 - 2. He will do GREATER works that will cause them to MARVEL
- III. Jesus is Equal to God in His SOVEREIGN POWER (John 5:21)
 - A. The Father RAISES the DEAD, giving them LIFE

- B. Jesus GIVES LIFE to whom He WISHES
 - 1. By PHYSICALLY raising the DEAD
 - 2. By giving SPIRITUAL life to those spiritually DEAD

IV. Jesus is Equal to God in His JUDGMENT (John 5:22)

- A. The Father DELEGATES to the Son the AUTHORITY to Judge mankind
- B. The Son's judgment is CONSISTENT with the Father's WILL

V. Jesus is Equal to God in the HONOR Due Him (John 5:23-24)

- A. ALL will honor the Father and Son EQUALLY (cf. Phil. 2:9-11)
- B. To dishonor the SON is to dishonor the FATHER
- C. He is the arbiter of DESTINY
 - 1. Whoever HEARS My word and BELIEVES the Father has ETERNAL LIFE
 - 2. They can NEVER be CONDEMNED
 - 3. They have been PERMANENTLY transferred from DEATH to LIFE