



John 5:19-30

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HONORING THE SON AND THE FATHER

Introduction:

“Nowhere else in the Gospels do we find our Lord making such a formal, systematic, orderly, regular statement of His own unity with the Father, His Divine commission and authority, and the proofs of His Messiahship, as we find in this discourse.”
– J.C. Ryle

I. THE SON IS EQUAL TO THE FATHER (5:19-23)

A. In His Works (vs. 19)

“the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing”

“for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner”

B. In His Love and Knowledge (vs. 20)

“the Father loves the Son and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing”

“the Father will show Him greater works than these”

“so that you will marvel”

C. In His Jurisdiction (vs. 21-22)

“just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes”

“for not even the Father judges anyone but He has given all judgment to the Son” (Jn. 3:17; Acts 17:30-31)

D. In Worship (vs. 23)

“so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father”

“he who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him” (1 Jn. 2:23)

II. THE SON IS SUBORDINATE TO THE FATHER (5:24-30)

A. In Granting Life (vs. 24, 26)

“he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life”

“and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life”

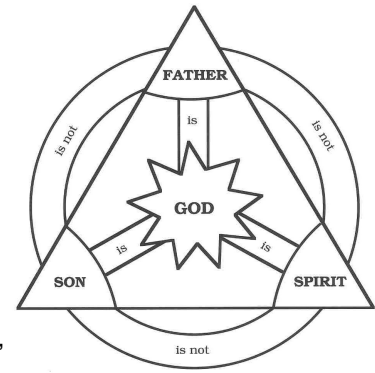
B. In Rendering Judgment (vs. 25, 27)

“an hour is coming and now is”

“the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God”

“those who hear will live”

“He gave Him authority to execute judgment because He is the Son of Man”



- Athanasian Creed: “We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons nor dividing the Substance [Essence].”

C. In Raising the Dead (vs. 28-29)

“do not marvel at this”

“for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice and will come forth”

“those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life”

“those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment”

D. In Taking the Initiative (vs. 30)

“I can do nothing on My own initiative”

“as I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just”

“because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me”

Conclusion:

- 1) *Any* equivocation on the humanity or the deity of Christ is heretical thinking.
- 2) *Any* error here negates salvation.
- 3) This is a matter of “hearing His word” (vs. 24). We know nothing of these matters apart from what is written in Scripture.

Acts 16:31

Food for Thought:

- 1) In what ways did Jesus claim to be God?
- 2) Can a person believe that Jesus is not God be saved? What about someone who says Jesus *only* is God?
- 3) What are the implications of Jesus claim in 5:21 (He gives life to whom He wishes)?
- 4) Some say we should not speak of God’s judgment to unbelievers, but only of His love. Why is this mistaken?