

Jesus is Equal to God

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hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

1. Jesus puts Himself as equal with God saying that He works like the Father **17** But Jesus answered them, **My Father** worketh hitherto, **and I work.** **18** Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had **broken the sabbath,** but said also that **God was his Father, making himself equal with God.**

- a. Both He and the Father have been at work until now **hitherto**
- b. The sabbath was for man, not God-God is under no such restrictions **Isaiah 40:28** Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *That* the everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, **Fainteth not, neither is weary?** *There is* no searching of his understanding.
- c. Jesus is claiming full deity when He says that He is the Lord of the Sabbath **Matthew 12:8** For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.
- d. The Jewish leaders had no doubts about what He was saying **18** Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him,

because he not only had **broken the sabbath**, but said also that **God was his Father, making himself equal with God.**

e. Jesus is God and fully claims to be equal with God. He can do on the Sabbath day whatever He wants to do because of who He is

2. Jesus claims to show that He is equal with God by the works that He does **19** Then answered Jesus and said unto them, **Verily, verily,** I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he **seeth** the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also **doeth the Son likewise.** **20** For the Father loveth the Son, and **sheweth him all things** that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, **that ye may marvel.**

a. These claims are outrageous-He is either God or a lunatic

b. He is not misspeaking here. He is claiming to be God

c. He lets them know that He knows what He is saying and that it is truth **Verily, verily,** I say unto you,

- d. The Son and the Father work in perfect harmony. **Jesus was doing nothing on His own but what He had seen the Father do**
 - e. The Son does the same things that the Father does **these also doeth the Son likewise.**
 - f. The Father loves the Son **For the Father loveth the Son,**
 - g. God does nothing without showing the Son
 - h. Jesus is going to do even greater things than they have seen so far
3. Jesus is equal to the Father because He, too, has power over death **21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.**
- a. It is God that gives and takes life **Deuteronomy 32:39 See now that I, even I, am he, And there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: Neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.**
I Samuel 2:6 The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: He bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

- b. Elijah prayed and God answered [I Kings 17:22](#) And the Lord **heard the voice of Elijah**; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.
- c. Elisha prayed [II Kings 4:33-35](#) He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and **prayed unto the Lord**. [34](#) And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. [35](#) Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.
- d. Jesus says that He simply quickens or gives life [21](#) For as the **Father raiseth up the dead**, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.
- e. Jesus calls Lazarus out [John 11:43-44](#) And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. [44](#) And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

f. Not only could He give life He also gave His life and still overcame the grave

4. Jesus is equal to God because God has given all judgment to Him **22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:**

a. The Bible clearly states that God is the judge of all the earth, Abraham is talking to God **Genesis 18:25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?**

b. The Psalmist has no idea about Jesus yet so is speaking of God the Father **Psalm 82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: For thou shalt inherit all nations.**

c. God is the judge but then Jesus is God **Acts 17:29-31 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the**

world in righteousness by *that* man whom **he** hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that **he** hath raised him from the dead.

d. One day those that will not believe and have rejected His offer of salvation will hear Him say that He never knew them **Matthew 7:23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

5. Jesus is to be honored equally as God because He is God **23** That all *men* should **honour the Son**, even as they **honour the Father**. He that **honoureth not the Son** honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. **24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **heareth my word**, and **believeth on him that sent me**, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

a. When someone does not honor the Son then they do not honor the Father

b. The Father who will not share His honor with another does so with the Son **Isaiah 42:8** *I am the Lord: that is my name: And my glory will I not give to another, Neither my praise to graven images.* **48:11** For mine own sake,

even for mine own sake, will I do it: For how should my name be polluted? And I will not give my glory unto another.

- c. It glorifies God the Father when you glorify Jesus
Philippians 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; 11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

6. Salvation is contingent on believing what Jesus is saying, including what He says about Himself 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **heareth my word**, and **believeth on him that sent me**, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

- a. The promises given have requirements they are not just for everybody
- b. They are for those that hear the word
- c. And believe on Him that sent Jesus
- d. You must believe that Jesus truly is sent from God

e. You either believe or don't, you are with Him or you are not **Luke 11:23** He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

7. Promises for those that hear and believe **24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me,** hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

a. Hath everlasting life

- i. Hath is have or has
- ii. Everlasting means ever lasting
- iii. Ever lasting means it lasts forever
- iv. There is no temporary in eternal

b. Shall not come into condemnation

- i. Shall not is a strong term
- ii. We are in Christ Jesus **Romans 8:1** *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
- iii. We have His righteousness **II Corinthians 5:21** *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

iv. All against us has been nailed to the cross

Colossians 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

c. Passed from death to life

i. We were removed from the list of those that were scheduled to die

ii. We were put on the list of those that are going to live

iii. It has already happened

d. These promises should give us security of salvation

e. These promises should motivate us to live out the life that we have been given

f. Let me remind you that all that happened in salvation He did. That is why we can't mess it up