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"But Jesus answered them, 'My Father works until now, and I am working.' Therefore the Jews (their rulers) sought even more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the sabbath, but He also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. Then answered Jesus and said unto them, 'Truly, truly, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of Himself; but what He sees the Father doing; for whatever things He (the Father) does, these also the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him everything that He does; and He will show Him greater works than these, so that you may marvel.' " (John 5:17-23)

Whatever: from the Greek word *ha* which means: whatever, what, who, whoever, which, that, this. In context: refers to the specific things, works, etc., which the Father does and shows to His Son Jesus, the promised Christ-Messiah, and Savior of the World; which things Jesus likewise does also.

Things: from the Greek word *tauta* a demonstrative pronoun which means: this, these, these things. In Context refers to, deeds, works, actions, teachings, words of wisdom, etc., which the Father does, and shows to Jesus His Son.

The Father: from the Greek words *ton Patera* which means: the Father; (from pater: a father); refers to the male begetter, originator, progenitor of children; and thus someone in intimate connection and relationship with his child (children); and who passes on to his children unique physical characteristics; and who teaches and leads his children in his ways. The context is: *Like Father - Like Son*, - or as God the Father does - Jesus the Son does likewise, and in like manner.

Does: from the Greek word *poie* which means: to do (something), to make (something), to cause something to occur or happen. The context is: as God the Father does - Jesus the Son does likewise, and in like manner.

Son: from the Greek word *huios* which means: a son, a male descendent who shares the same nature and rights of his father. In context: Jesus has a very close 'working' relationship with His Father, in which Jesus not only receives communication, instruction, direction, commandment, etc.. from the Father; but also sees and observes what the Father is doing - and then simply does likewise as the Father does.

Likewise: from the Greek word *homolos* which means: likewise, in like manner, in the same way. The Context is more than just doing the same things as the Father does; but also doing these things with the same heartfelt love, compassion, mercy, concern, care, etc., as the Father Himself does.

This attribute of Christ Jesus is clearly an action oriented attribute related to the shared vision and high calling of the Father and Son, in regards to the Salvation of all people who believe and embrace the Good News of Jesus the Messiah. This is a past, present, and future oriented plan of salvation. Also, whatever things the Father does, and the Son likewise does, has very much to do with our own eternal salvation. Just Some of the 'many' shared things and actions that the Father and Son likewise does are as follows:

They each 'gave' believers Love, Joy, and Peace. They each 'gave' us Grace, Mercy, and Forgiveness. They each 'gave' us Kindness, Rest, and Righteousness. They each 'gave' us, Salvation, and Life Everlasting. They each shepherd us; judge us, and Teach us all things that we need for life and holiness. They will give us riches, glory, and an eternal inheritance in the Kingdom of God. They also gave us the Holy Spirit of promise. They each performed Signs, and Wonders, and Miracles!

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The Father gave us Love, and so does Jesus:

Love: to prefer the best for others, to wish well, to have regard for the welfare of others, to will the best for them: in regards to God's love for all mankind; and people's love for others - whether friend or foe. Thus, to embrace God's will in all things in love towards God and all people. Action oriented love as exemplified by 1 Corinthians chapter 13.

“The LORD has appeared of old unto me, saying, 'Yes, **I have loved you with an everlasting love**; therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn you.’” (Jeremiah 31:3)

"For **God so loved the world**, that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life." (John 3:16)

"**But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us**, Even when we were dead in sins, **has made us alive together with Christ.**" (Ephesians 2:4-8)

Jesus said, "**As the Father has loved Me**, so **I have loved you**; continue you in My love. If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love." (please read in context - John 15:9-14)

"**Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ?** shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, '*For Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter*' (Psalm 44:22). Rather, in all these things we are more than conquerors **through Him (Jesus) who Loved us**. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**" (Romans 8:35-39)

Paul prayed that we "May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know **the Love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge**, and that you might be filled with all the fulness of God." (Ephesians 3:18-19)

The Father gave us Joy, and so does Jesus:

Joy: in context: the great pleasure founded upon awareness of God's unmerited Grace and favor; the cause or occasion of such joy.

"Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and **everlasting Joy** shall be upon their head; and **they shall obtain Gladness and Joy**; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away." (Isaiah 51:11; see also Isaiah 35:10)

"For He (the LORD God) remembered **His holy promise**, and Abraham His servant. **And He brought forth His people with Joy, and His chosen with Gladness.**" (Psalms 105:42-43)

"Then he said unto them, 'Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord; nor be sorry; **for the Joy of the LORD is your strength.**'" (Nehemiah 8:10)

Jesus said: 'These things have I spoken unto you, so that **My Joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.**'" (John 15:11)

Jesus said, "**And now I come I to You (the Father); and these things I speak in the world, so that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves.**" (John 17:13)

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The Father gives us Peace, and so does Jesus:

Peace: peace of mind; rest, quietness; freedom from strife, worry, anxiety, fear, stress, etc.. Especially in regards to peace that comes from a right relationship with God in Christ Jesus.

“Moreover **I (the Father) will make a Covenant of Peace with them**; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set My Sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore.” (Ezekiel 37:26)

“For thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the Desire of all Nations shall come; and I will fill this House (His Sanctuary) with Glory, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter House shall be greater than of the former, says the LORD of hosts; **and in this place will I give Peace**, says the LORD of hosts.’” (Haggai 2:6-9)

"But He (Jesus) was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement **for our Peace was upon Him**; and by His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

Jesus said, "**Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you**: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid." (John 14:27)

"But now in Christ Jesus you who were sometimes far off are made near through the blood of Christ. **For He (Jesus) is our Peace**, who has made both (Jews and non-Jews) into one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us." (Ephesians 2:14-15)

"Therefore being justified by faith, **we have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**; through whom we also have access by faith into this Grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." (see Roman 5:1-2)

"To Timothy, my dearly beloved son; Grace, Mercy, and Peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord." (2 Timothy 1:2) (a common salutation written by Paul in his letters)

The Father gave us abundant Grace, and so does Jesus:

Grace: the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings. The gift and blessing brought to man by the Father through Jesus Christ.

"For the LORD God is a sun and shield; **the LORD will give Grace and glory**: no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. Oh LORD of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in You." (Psalms 84:11-12)

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, **the spirit of Grace** and of supplications: and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced (speaking of Jesus), and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for his only son." (Zechariah 12:10)

"And the Child (Jesus) grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; **and the Grace of God (the Father) was upon Him**." (Luke 2:40)

We "are justified **freely by His (the Father's) Grace** through the redemption **that is in Christ Jesus**:" (Romans 3:24)

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us; and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth." ... **And of His fulness we have all received, even Grace for Grace**." ... For the law was given by Moses, but **Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ**." (see John 1:14-17)

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“But we believe that through the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.” (Acts 15:11)

“And so, the **free gift** (the gift of Grace) is not like the offense. For if through the offense of one (speaking of Adam) many died, much more did **the Grace of God, and the gift by Grace, which is by one Man, Jesus Christ, abound unto many.** ... Moreover the law entered, so that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, **Grace did much more abound**; so that as sin has reigned unto death, even **so Grace might reign through righteousness unto Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**” (Romans 5:15, 20-21)

Paul wrote, “I thank my God always on your behalf, **for the Grace of God which is given to you through Jesus Christ;**” (I Corinthians 1:4)

“But God, **who is rich in Mercy**, and for **His Great Love** in which He loved us; even when we were dead in sins, has made us alive together with Christ! **By Grace you are saved!** And He has raised us up together, and made us sit together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus; so that in the ages to come **He might show the exceeding riches of His Grace in His kindness towards us through Christ Jesus.** For by Grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God!” (Ephesians 2:4-8)

The Father gave us Mercy, and so does Jesus:

Mercy: The compassion and forgiveness given and bestowed upon sinners, who fall short of the holiness of God, instead of eternal punishment and separation from God's Kingdom.

“For a small moment have I forsaken you; **but with Great Mercies will I gather you.** ... but **with Everlasting Kindness will I have Mercy on you**, says the LORD your Redeemer.” (Isaiah 54:7-8)

“The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, **and of great Mercy.** The LORD is good to all; **and His Tender Mercies are over all His works.** All Your works shall praise You, O LORD; and Your saints shall bless You.” (Psalms 145:8-9)

“And his (John the Baptist's) father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He has visited and redeemed His people, And has raised up a Horn of Salvation (Jesus), ... so that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us; **to perform the Mercy promised to our fathers**, and to remember **His** holy covenant.” (Luke 1:67-72)

“**But God, who is rich in Mercy**, because of His Great Love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, has made us alive together with Christ. **By Grace you are saved.**” (Ephesians 2:4-5)

“But when the **Kindness** and Love of God our Savior towards man appeared; ... **according to His Mercy, He saved us** by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit; Which He (the Father) shed on us abundantly **through Jesus Christ our Savior;**” (Titus 3:4-6)

“Blessed be **the God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant Mercy has begotten us again unto a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (I Peter 1:3)

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**Always and always, together in their Great Love for us!!
Forever and ever, because of their Great Mercy for us!!
Grace upon Grace!!**

Thank You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for Your Love, Joy, and Peace !!!