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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)

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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, these things have very much to do with our own eternal salvation. Just Some of the 'many' shared actions, and things needed for life and holiness, that the Father does, and Son likewise does for us are as follows:

They each 'gave' believers Love, Joy, and Peace. They each 'gave' us Grace, Mercy, and Forgiveness. They each 'gave' us, Salvation, and Life Everlasting. They each 'gave' us Kindness, Rest, and Righteousness. They each Shepherd us and Judge us, and give us an Eternal Inheritance in the Kingdom of God. They give all the things that we need for life and holiness, such as: Faith, Strength for the journey; Honor, and Glory. They also have given us the Gift of Holy Spirit of Promise, and thus also the gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit. It is as it says:

"But my **God shall supply all your need** according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

Paul said he: "Ceased not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, **the Father of Glory**, may give unto you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: **so that the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; then you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the Glory** of his inheritance in the saints; and what is the exceeding greatness of His power towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He brought in Christ, when He raised him from the dead, and set Him at His own Right Hand in the heavens," (Ephesians 1:16-20)

The Father gives us Faith, and so does Jesus!

Faith: encompasses complete trust, belief, confidence, surrender, and obedience in service to God in and through the One in whom we have placed our faith – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This kind of faith is a gift from God; and this faith grows by means of Gods continual persuasion in our lives through His Word, through His provision, through the guidance of the Spirit of Christ abiding in us, even through the trials and tribulations, and other testings of our faith, that we experience in our lives.

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God (the Father) has assigned, **to every man a measure of Faith**." (Romans 12:3)

"Looking unto **Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith**; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the Right Hand of the Throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2)

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“Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have **obtained like precious Faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.**” (2 Peter 1:1:)

“Therefore being justified through Faith, we have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ **through whom we also have access through faith** into this Grace in which we stand, and **rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**” (Romans 5:1-2)

The Father gives us Strength for the journey, and so does Jesus!

Strength: the quality of life in which we are able to, with power, persevere and walk through the trials, troubles, and persecutions of life with fortitude, resilience, firmness, steadfastness, bravery, courage, etc., **without** losing hope, peace, and joy, during our journey in Christ Jesus.

“**The LORD is my strength** and song, and He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; my father's God, and I will extol Him.” (Exodus 15:2)

“And David spoke unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, ,,, And he said, ' The LORD is my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer; the God of **my strength**; in Him will I trust. He is my Shield, and the Horn of my Salvation, my Stronghold, and my Refuge, my Savior; You save me from violence. ... **God is my Strength and Power: and He makes my way perfect.** ... For You have girded me **with Strength to battle**; and those who rose up against me You have subdued under me.” (2 Samuel 22:1-3, 33, 40) = (Psalm 18)

Consider also these encouraging quotes from the Psalms:

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, **my Strength, and my Redeemer.**” (Psalms 19:14)

“But be not far from me, O LORD, O **my Strength**, hurry to help me.” (Psalms 22:19)

“The LORD is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear? **the LORD is the Strength of my life**; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalms 27:1)

“**The LORD is their Strength**, and He is the saving Strength of His anointed.” Psalms 28:8)

“The LORD will **give Strength unto His people**; the LORD will bless His people with peace.” (Psalms 29:11:)

“**God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble.** Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters in it roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. ('we will not fear')” (Psalms 46:1-3)

“**Seek the LORD, and His Strength: seek His face forevermore.**” (Psalms 105:4)

Consider also the strength and power that we have in and through Christ Jesus:

“... **We also glory in tribulations:** knowing that tribulation works patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope does not make ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who is given unto us. **For when we were yet without strength**, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.” (Romans 5:1-6) (and thus providing strength for us to live in Jesus)

“And He (God) said unto me, 'My grace is sufficient for you; for **My Strength is made perfect in weakness**' (in our weaknesses). Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my infirmities, so that the **power of Christ may rest upon me. And I am helped**; therefore my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song will I praise Him.” (II Corinthians 12:9)

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“It (our body) is sown in dishonor; **it is raised in glory**: it is sown in weakness; **it is raised in power**; so also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; **it is raised in incorruption**: It is sown in dishonor; **it is raised in glory**: it is sown in weakness; **it is raised in power**; it is sown a natural body; **it is raised a spiritual body.**” (I Corinthians 15:41-44)

The Father gives us Honor, and so does Jesus!

Honor: to regard, and bestow upon, someone with high respect and great esteem.

“By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, **and honor**, and Life.” (Proverbs 22:4)

Jesus said: “If any man will serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be. If any man will serve Me, **My Father will honor him.**” (John 12:26)

“God ... will render (give) to every man according to his deeds: to those who by patient continuance in well doing seek for Glory **and Honor** and Immortality: Eternal Life. But unto those who are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness: indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish upon every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile. But **Glory, Honor, and Peace, to every man who works good**, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile; for there is no partiality of persons with God.” (Rom. 2:6-10)

“... so that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it (your faith) be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ; whom having not seen, you love; in whom, even though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory; **receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.**” (1Peter 1:7-8)

“Nevertheless the foundation of God stands sure, having this seal, 'The Lord knows those who are His. And, Let every one who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; **and some to honor**, and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these (iniquities), **he shall be a vessel unto Honor (to be honored)**, sanctified, and useful for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work.” (II Timothy 2:20-21)

“And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God has tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked. (I Corinthians 12:23-24)

The Father gives us Glory, and so does Jesus!

Glory: to exist within the state of high renown, respect, splendor, pleasure, praise, fame, etc.. May also refer to the splendor and blessedness of Heaven and Eternal Life.

The Father and Son, by nature, abide in Glory and Honor; and are thus able to give and share such glory with believers. Consider the following:

“**You are worthy, O Lord**, to receive glory and honor and power: for You hav created all things, and for Your pleasure they are and were created.” (Revelation of John 4:11)

“Saying with a loud voice, '**Worthy is the Lamb** who was slain to receive Power, and Riches, and Wisdom, and Strength, and Honor, and Glory, and Blessing.” (Revelation 5:12)

“**And the Glory which You (the father) gave Me (Jesus) I have given them**; so that they may be one, even as we are one.” (John 17:22)

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“Father, I will that they also, whom You have given Me, **be with Me where I am (in heaven)**; so that **they may behold My Glory**, which You have given Me: for You **loved Me** before the foundation of the world.” (John 17:24)

Just as the Father loved His Son Jesus, and gave Glory to Jesus; so now also Jesus loves us and desires to give Glory to those believers who were given to Jesus by the Father. Consider the following:

“Now the Lord is the Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty **But we all**, with open face beholding as in a glass **the Glory of the Lord**, **are changed into the same image from glory to glory**, even as **by the Spirit** of the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, **crowned with Glory and Honor**; so that He by the grace of God (the Father) **should taste death for every man**. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, **in bringing many sons (believers) unto Glory**, to make the Author (speaking of Jesus) of their Salvation perfect through sufferings.” (Hebrews 2:9-10)

Peter's exhortation to the elder and younger followers of Christ Jesus: “And when the **Chief Shepherd (Jesus)** shall appear, **you shall receive a Crown of Glory that does not fade away**. Likewise, you younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yes, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resists the proud, and **gives Grace to the humble**. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you in due time. Cast all your cares upon Him; **for He cares for you**. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, being steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world. But the **God of all Grace**, who has called us **unto His Eternal Glory through Christ Jesus**, after you have suffered a while, will perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. **To Him be Glory and dominion forever and ever**, amen. And when the **Chief Shepherd (Jesus)** shall appear, **you-all shall receive a Crown of Glory that does not fade away**.” (1 Peter 5:4-11)

“Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, **to those who have obtained the same precious Faith with us** through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and Peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, just as His Divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us through His own Glory and virtue; by which are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: so that by these **you might be partakers of the Divine Nature** (and thus Glory), having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” (2 Peter 1:1-4)

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**Just as God the Father has given to each believer a measure of Faith;
So also Jesus has become the Author and Finisher of our Faith!**

**Just as God the Father has given Honor and Glory to His Beloved Son Jesus;
So also the Father and Son have given Honor and Glory to each believer!**

**Just as God the Father is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble;
So also, when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ Jesus died for us;
so that the Power of Christ may rest upon us!**

**Truly and truly may it be so always and always; forever and ever: for us in Your
Eternal Kingdom – Lord Jesus!**

**'Worthy are You Lord Jesus, who was slain for us, to receive Power, and Riches, and
Wisdom, and Strength, and Honor, and Glory, and Blessing – Amen !!!**