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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)

This 'Part 5' devotional study titled "Whatever the Father Does the Son Does Likewise" shall be the last in this series. To bring to mind again, I would like to review the word studies first shared in part one of this attribute of Christ Jesus:

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, so also 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 something, so also 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 whom Jesus not only receives communication, instruction, direction, commandment, etc.. from the Father; but also sees and observes what the Father is doing - and them 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 Jesus doing the same things as the Father does; but also Jesus doing these things with the same heartfelt love, compassion, mercy, concern, care, etc., as the Father Himself does.

This attribute of Christ Jesus is thus 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.

Thus far in this series of devotional studies titled: "Whatever Things the Father Does the Son Does Likewise" we have considered, pondered, and discussed several wonderful things that the Father does; and that Jesus does Likewise. Please consider the following brief reviews:

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They each 'gave' us Love: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him (Jesus) should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

They each 'gave' us Peace: “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)

They each 'gave' us Joy: “These things have I (Jesus) spoken unto you, so that My Joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” (John 15:11)

They each 'gave' us Grace: “I thank my God always on your behalf, for the Grace of God which is given to you through Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:4)

They each 'gave' us Mercy: “But God (the Father), who is rich in Mercy, 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” (Ephesians 2:4-5)

They each 'gave' us Forgiveness: “Him (Jesus) has God exalted to His Right Hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and Forgiveness of sins.” (Acts 5:31)

They each 'gave' us Salvation: “For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain Salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that, whether we are awake or sleep, we should live together with Him.” (1 Thessalonians 5: 9-10)

They each 'gave' us Eternal Life: “And this is the record, that God has given to us Eternal Life, and this Life is in His Son (Jesus). He who has the Son has Life; and he who does not have the Son of God, does not have (Eternal) Life.” (1 John 5:11-12)

They each 'gave' us Kindness: God “has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; so that in the ages to come He (the Father) might show the exceeding riches of His Grace in His Kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:6-7)

They each 'gave' us Rest: “Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I (Jesus) will give you Rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find Rest unto your souls.” (Matthew 11:28-29)

They each 'gave' us Righteousness: “But now the Righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the Righteousness of God which is through faith in Jesus Christ unto all and upon all those who believe.” (Romans 3:21-22)

They each Shepherd us: “The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.” (Psalm 23:1) Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

They each Judge us: “He (Jesus) was ordained by God to be the Judge of the living and the dead.” (Acts 10:42)

They each gave us an Inheritance: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an Inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.” (1 Peter 1:3-4)

They each 'gave' us Faith: Look “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 has sat down at the right hand of the Throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2)

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They each 'gave' us Strength for the Journey: “God is our refuge **and Strength**, a very present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46”1); “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly (us).” (Romans 5:6)

They each 'gave' us Honor: “If a man therefore purge himself from these (iniquities), he shall be a vessel **unto Honor**, sanctified, and useful for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.” (2 Timothy 2:21)

They each 'gave' us Glory: “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)

I would like to conclude this devotional series with one more action-promise that the Father does, and the Son does likewise:

The Father 'gave' us The Holy Spirit, and so does Jesus:

The Holy Spirit: the everywhere present (omnipresent) Spirit of God, the eternal Spirit of God the Father; the Spirit of Christ Jesus; the Holy Spirit of Promise, in whom we are baptized into the Family of God.

Speaking of the promise of the Holy Spirit Jesus said:

“He who believes on Me, as the scripture has said, 'out of his heart (his innermost being) shall flow rivers **of Living Water**” (i.e. **the Holy Spirit**). (John 7:38)

Consider the following prophetic Promise:

“I will pour **Water** upon him who is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground. I will **pour My Spirit upon your descendants**, and **My Blessing upon your offspring**. And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.” (Isaiah 44:1-4)

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh**; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days **I will pour out My Spirit.**” (Joel 2:28-29) (Quoted in Acts 2:16-18 at the fulfillment)

John the Baptist said the following about Jesus:

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but **He (Jesus)** who comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to carry: **He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit**, and with fire.” (Matthew 3:11)

Jesus also made this promise:

““And, being assembled together with them, He commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, **but wait for the 'Promise' of the Father, which, you have heard from Me:** for John truly baptized with water; **but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.' ... (and) you shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.' ” (Acts 1:4-8)

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All these things that the Father does and that Jesus the Son of God does likewise, are for the benefit and blessing of believers: those who place their faith and trust in Jesus, and His saving work that He accomplished on the Cross. All these things are what usher us into the Kingdom of Eternal Life where Jesus reigns as King of Kings at the Right Hand of the Father. In this we who believe have placed our Hope!

Hope: the expectation and desire for certain things to happen; as in the promises of God. Please consider the following words of encouragement from Paul to Titus:

“Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the **Faith** of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; **in Hope of Eternal Life**, which God, who cannot lie, **promised** before the world began” (Titus 1:1-2)

“For the grace of God that brings **Salvation** has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **looking for that blessed Hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ**; Who gave Himself for us, so that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” (Titus 2:11-14)

“But after the **Kindness** and **Love** of God our Savior toward man appeared, and not by works of righteousness which we have done, **but according to His Mercy He saved us**, by the washing of regeneration, and **renewing of the Holy Spirit**; which He shed on us abundantly **through Jesus Christ our Savior**; so that being justified **by His Grace**, we should be made **Heirs** according to **the Hope of Eternal Life**.” (Titus 3:4-7)

In this five part series we have considered a number of things which the Father does, and which Jesus does likewise. Something we did not yet consider, is the fact that just like the Father has done, Jesus also performed many supernatural amazing miracles during His ministry years. How was Jesus, a physical human man, like unto ourselves, able do all these marvelous things for us; and with the same ability and power as God the Father was able to do them? Of course it is because of the Divinity of Christ Jesus – the fact that Jesus is God incarnate. Consider these words of Jesus Himself:

“Jesus said unto him, 'Philip, have I been with you so long time, and yet you have not known Me,? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father**; and how then do you say, 'Show us the Father?' Do you not believe that **I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me**? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: **but the Father who dwells in Me, He (God the father) does the works**. Believe Me that **I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me**: or else believe Me because of the very works' sake.” (John 14:9-11)

Whatever the Father Does - Jesus Does Likewise

**All that we have in Christ Jesus, we have because of what the Father and Son have done for us!
All that we have in Christ Jesus, we will have forever in Their Eternal Life Kingdom!
Truly truly; Forever and ever; Always and always; Amen and Amen!**

**May all Praise, Honor, Glory, Wisdom, Power, Dominion, and Blessings ...
... be to the Father - Son - and Holy Spirit !!!**

**Thank You Jesus – my Lord, and my King, and my Savior !!!
Amen and Amen !!**