

at all. Notice that phrase, "The Son can do nothing of Himself." What does that mean? It means that the Son can do nothing independent of the Father's will. Now, what does it mean to do something independent of the Father's will? You remember back in the Old Testament that the Lord spoke to Moses and said, Now, Moses, I want you to speak to the rock. If you speak to the rock you will get water. What did Moses do? Did he do the will of God? No. Instead of speaking to the rock, what did he do? He hit the rock, not only once but two times. He acted independently of the will of the Father. That is what it means to do something independent of the will of the Father. The Father wants one thing, you do something different. Jesus can never do anything like that. What He is saying here in verse 19 is this: "The Son can do nothing of Himself." That is, the Son cannot do anything independent of the will of the Father. Why? Because of the union that exists between Him and the Father. He and the Father are one God. And because they are one God, it is absolutely impossible for the Son to do anything independent of the Father. But, what does the Son do? The Son does what He seeth the Father do. You see, the Father and the Son have close fellowship. They have close communion. What the Father does is to show the Son what He does. And the Son sees what the Father does, and the Son only does what the Father shows Him.

Why is it that the Son only does what the Father shows Him and nothing else but what the Father shows Him? We are told the reason. "For," (verse 19) "what things soever he doeth," and the Greek New Testament says "Whatever things that one doeth," that is, the Father. It points out the Father. "Whatever things that One doeth, these also doeth the Son." Now notice, the Son only does what the Father does. That is always true. Not only does He only do what the Father does, "whatever things that One does," these things, and only the things which the