

## LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

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Believing Into Life, Part 16

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**BIG IDEA:** As we get a bigger, more accurate vision of Jesus himself, our faith grows and our confidence soars.

“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” ... he was even **calling God his own Father**, making himself **equal with God**. (17-18)

...the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because **whatever the Father does the Son also does**. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does... so that you will be amazed. (19-20)

### 1. Jesus is ONE WITH THE FATHER in All His Actions.

“I and the Father are one.” **John 10:30** (Heb. 1:3)

“For God was pleased to have ALL his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things...”  
**Colossians 1:19-20**

... so **the Son gives life** to whom he is pleased to give it... whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. (21, 24-26)

**Eternal life:** The life of the age to come.

### 2. Jesus has the power to GIVE LIFE.

“you were dead in your transgressions and sins... But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions” **Ephesians 2:1, 4-5** (John 10:28)

... the Father... has **entrusted all judgment to the Son...** Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him... I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just... (22-23, 27-30)

### 3. Jesus has the AUTHORITY TO JUDGE.

“He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.” **Acts 10:42 (2 Cor. 5)**

**You know you believe by what you do.**

### RESPONSES?

We allow ourselves to be **FRESHLY AMAZED** by Jesus, the Father and their work!

We **HONOR JESUS** as we honor the Father.

We **HEAR** him, and **BELIEVE** in him.