

Now, there is another passage I want to look at with you quickly. It is found in the gospel of John. Look with me at John 5:19. A little earlier we looked at 5:18 and noted that in verse 18 we have a very clear testimony given by John the Apostle that Jesus is God. He said that every time Jesus said that God was His Father, or that He was the Son of God, that Jesus was making Himself equal to God; that is, He was claiming to be of the same rank, authority and nature as God. Those who deny the deity of Christ will say, But you need to look at the following verse. After all, you do not just pick out one verse and look at that and say, That's it! You need to look at the following verse. If you look at the following verse, you will find that what Jesus does is to correct the wrong understanding the Jews had. You see, the Jews thought that when Jesus said God was His Father, He was making Himself equal with God. But Jesus corrects that and says, No, you misunderstood Me. It is just a case of misunderstanding, that is all. And He shows that He did not mean by that that He was God at all. This is the way they approach it. They say, Look at verse 19: "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself," the Son is totally dependent on the Father. "The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do." The only thing that the Son can do is what He sees the Father do. The Son is totally dependent on the Father. Now, if you thought that when I said that God is my Father and I am His Son that I was making myself equal with God, you just misunderstood Me. The Son is absolutely dependent on the Father. He is not equal with the Father, He is not God, He is inferior to the Father, He is totally dependent on Him so that He can only do what the Father shows Him. And what He sees the Father do, that He does.

Is this what is taking place in this verse? No, this is not what it means