

Father does, these things the Son does. He not only does what the Father does, but does them in the same way, in the same manner, the Father does them. And because the Son only does what the Father does, it is absolutely impossible for the Son to do anything independent of the will of the Father. He only does what the Father does. Therefore He cannot do anything independent of the will of the Father, but only what the Father shows Him--only what He sees the Father doing. He takes those things and He only does them because the Son only does what the Father does, and He does it in the same way in which the Father does it. Because of that fact it is impossible for Him to do anything that is outside the will of the Father.

What He is saying here is simply this: I and the Father have close fellowship together. The Father shows Me what He does. He makes it clear to Me, and I do those things which the Father shows Me, nothing else but what the Father shows Me, and I cannot do anything independent of what the Father shows Me because I and the Father are one God.

You see how it fits the context? He has just said that He is equal with God, that He and the Father are One, the same rank, authority and nature. And because they are One, the Son can do nothing independent of the Father, but only what He sees the Father do. The Father and Son have fellowship and communion and the Father shows Him what He does. Because they are One, the Son only does what the Father does because, "Whatsoever things the Father does, that one does these things and only these things." He does them just like the Father does.

And, the reason the Father shows these things to the Son, John tells us in verse 20, "For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth." Not just some things, but all things that He Himself does, so that whatever the Father does, the Son does as well.