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- ✘ God the Son “voluntarily yielded the independent exercise of His divine attributes to the will of His heavenly Father.” (Macarthur)
- ✘ **John 5:19** Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner
- ✘ **John 5:30** I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me

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- × After His resurrection: John 20:14-17 (Mary) turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' "

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- × **Matthew 28:9** ⁹ And as [the women] went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.
- × **To the disciples he said: Luke 24:39-43** ³⁹ "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." ⁴⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹ But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" ⁴² So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³ And He took *it* and ate in their presence.
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- ✘ God the Son is in heaven now, retaining the glorified form of His humanity:
- ✘ ^{NKJ} **Hebrews 8:1** Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.
- ✘ ^{ESV} **Revelation 5:6** And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain,

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- ✘ He is heir to all that God has promised Him.
- ✘ *kleronomos* - 1) one who receives by lot, 1a) an heir 1b) in Messianic usage, one who receives his allotted possession by right of sonship 2) one who has acquired or obtained the portion allotted to him

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- ✘ ^{CSB} **Matthew 1:20** But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit.

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- ✘ The fact that a son is generated by the father guarantees that the son shares the same nature as the father. Christ in His deity, however, is not a created being. He had no beginning but is as timeless as God Himself. Therefore, the begetting mentioned in Psalm 2 and its cross-references has nothing to do with the origin of either His deity or His humanity. But it has everything to do with Him sharing the same essence as the Father.
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- ✘ God singles out the firstborns as belonging to Him
- ✘ **Numbers 3:13** all the firstborn *are* Mine. On the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast. They shall be Mine: I *am* the LORD."

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