Three Explanations of the Nature and Implications of Jesus’ Sonship (John 5:17-29)

1. *Jesus Explains His Role as the Son (vv.19-23)*
   1. *The Son imitates the Father out of perfect submission (v.19)*
   2. *The Father installs the Son as His representative out of complete love (vv.20)*
   3. *The Father invests the Son with His authority out of an unyielding pursuit for the Son’s honor (vv.21-23)*
2. Jesus Explains the Right Response to His Word as the Son (v.24)
   1. Those who honor Christ express a submissive faith toward the Father and the Son (v.24a; cf. v.23).
      1. They must respond toward the Son’s word with submissive-faith (*One must submit to the Son as One sent from the Father*)
      2. They must respond toward the Father as the sender with dependent-faith (*One must believe in the Father as revealed through the Son*)
   2. Those who honor Christ experience a present reality of the final salvation (v.24b; cf. v.21; 11:25-26; 1 John 3:10-15).
      1. The escape from judgment and death
      2. The entrance into eternal life
3. Jesus Explains the Resurrection Coming Through His Authority as the Son (vv.25-29)
   1. The already-not-yet of the resurrection (v.25-27; cf. 4:23)
      1. The Son’s life-giving voice (v.25)
      2. The Son’s life-in-himself being (v.26)
      3. The Son’s authority to judge (v.27)
   2. The universal extent of the final resurrection (v.28-29)
      1. The inescapability of the Son’s voice (v.28)
      2. The unavoidability of the coming resurrection (v.29)
         1. It’s goals (life and judgment)
         2. It’s basis (good vs. evil works)

Summary Implications:

1. Honor the Son by submitting to Him as One sent by the Father. And honor the Father by believing in everything revealed about Him in the Son.
2. Rejoice in the abundant eternal life which is your present possession. And let it excite you for the culmination which is coming at His return.
3. Know the power of Christ’s Word, especially as it is contained in the Scripture.
4. Live in light of the coming judgment of Christ.