

John 5:30-38

John 5:30 – *“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”*

A. Jesus did not act on His own accord as God is made up of three persons, in agreement (**Deuteronomy 6:4, John 10:30, and I John 5:7**).

1. Jesus did the will of the Father (**I Corinthians 11:3, John 6:38, and John 8:42**).
2. Jesus did as He heard from His Father (**John 8:28 and John 12:49-50**).
3. Some twist this point to deny that Christ is, was, and always will be deity. Therefore, it is good to remember that the Scriptures clearly declare that Christ is, was, and always will be God (**Matthew 1:23, John 8:56-58, John 10:30-33, John 20:28-31, Acts 20:28, Romans 9:1-5, Colossians 2:8-9, Titus 2:13, Hebrews 1:8-12, and I John 5:20**).

B. Just judgment comes by not having one's own will (**Ezekiel 18:5-9 and John 8:15-16**).

1. God's judgment is a just judgment (**Romans 2:2 and Romans 2:5**).
2. Using God's judgment keeps one from respecting persons too (**I Peter 1:17; cf. James 2:9**).

John 5:31-35 – *“(31) If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. (32) There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. (33) Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. (34) But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. (35) He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.”*

A. Jesus did not try to be His only witness (**Proverbs 27:2, John 8:54, and II Corinthians 10:12; 18**).

1. John the Baptist was a witness for Christ (**John 1:6-8; 15**).
2. We will talk more about those whom bore witness of Christ in verses **36-38**.

B. John was a burning and shining light (**Luke 1:13-17**).

1. With all the great things John was, those least in the kingdom are greater than him (**Luke 7:28; cf. Galatians 3:26-4:5**).
2. John had a period of time wherein he was the man people needed to take heed to (**John 3:25-30**).

C. For discussion, consider this: **John 8:12-14**

1. Jesus was not His lone witness (**John 8:17-19**).
2. Jesus had a task that required Him to be a witness of Himself to some degree (**John 18:36-37; cf. Isaiah 9:6-7 and Daniel 7:13-14**).

John 5:36-38 – *“(36) But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. (37) And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye*

have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. (38) And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not."

- A. The works of Christ bore witness of who He is (**John 10:25**) and it does not stop there...
 - 1. The Holy Spirit bore witness of Christ (**Acts 5:30-32** and **I John 5:6**).
 - 2. God the Father bore witness of Christ (**I John 5:10-12**).
 - 3. The Apostles bore witness of Christ (**John 15:27**, **Acts 1:8**, and **Acts 1:22**).
- B. We need to pay attention to the evidence (**Hebrews 11:1**).
 - 1. We have eyewitnesses to hear from (**I John 1:1-3** and **I John 4:14**).
 - 2. We also have the evidence of things we now see (**Acts 14:17**).
- C. Those who deny Christ deny the word of God (**John 1:1-5; 14**).
 - 1. The very Law the Jews held to was being rejected when they denied Christ (**Acts 3:13-26**).
 - 2. Those that deny the evidence have no escape from sin without Christ (**Hebrews 2:1-4**).