

John 8:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

Analysis

When Jesus judges, His judgment is true because it's united with the Father's judgment. The phrase 'I am not alone' emphasizes the perfect unity between Father and Son. Reformed theology treasures this truth: Christ's work perfectly represents the Father's will. There's no division in the Godhead, no tension between Old Testament God and New Testament Jesus. Their judgment is unified and therefore true.

Historical Context

The unity of Father and Son in judgment addresses Jewish concerns about Jesus' authority. He doesn't judge independently but in perfect harmony with the Father, validating His divine authority.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does the Father and Son's unity affect your understanding of God's character?
2. What assurance does Christ's unified judgment with the Father provide?
3. How should God's perfect judgment affect how you view justice?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

John 8:29 (Parallel theme): And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

Acts 17:31 (Judgment): Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

John 16:32 (Parallel theme): Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

1 Samuel 16:7 (Parallel theme): But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

