

Does the believer come into the Investigative Judgment?

What Jesus *did* say on the subject.

What does Jesus say and mean in John 5:22-30 about the believer not coming into judgment? (Gk. Krisis) The most common word in the New Testament for going to court and standing before the judge, is krisis. It is usually translated judgment or condemnation. Krisis was used in the ancient world to refer to the judicial process against a guilty party leading to a verdict, and to the place and time of that judgment being handed down.

Specifically, in the New Testament, the word krisis, often refers to ultimate Divine judgment, where the verdict is final, irreversible, incontrovertible, and eternal. Most of the time, the krisis is initiated by God against men, angels, and nations. All are held guilty and accountable for their own actions.

Some of the examples of the use of the word krisis in the New Testament are useful in helping to understand the use. The true meaning of a word is of course not determined just by the dictionary but by usage in context. Read the following in context: Matt. 10:15, 23:33, Lk. 11:31-32, John 10:22-30, 1 Tim. 5:24, Heb. 9:27, 10:27, 2 Pet. 2:4,

Rev. 14:8. There are more than 40 uses of the word in the New Testament. The use of krisis in the LXX (Gk. Translation of Heb. Old Testament) also supports this usage.

With that information in place as a background, can we determine with accuracy what Jesus meant in John 5:24 when He said: “Truly, truly I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment (krisis), but has passed from death to life.” ESV The context clearly speaks of the final, irreversible, incontrovertible, and eternal judgment of God which affects the final destiny and estate of those who are judged.

If the reader finds these words of Jesus to be accurate and true, Is there any Investigative Judgment for the believer? For as Jesus says, the believer has “eternal life, and will not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life?”



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John 5:19-30

¹⁹ Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. ²⁰ "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel. ²¹ "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes. ²² "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

²⁴ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

²⁵ "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; ²⁷ and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. ²⁸ "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, ²⁹ and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

³⁰ "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. (NASU)



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