

True Freedom

John 8: 31 – 36

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³¹ So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, ‘You will become free’?” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. ³⁵ “The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. ³⁶ “So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Believers Can be Enslaved Like Unbelievers.

- The believers in text had head knowledge, but needed to progress toward discipleship.
- Jesus instruction applies to all Christians – Abide in His word.
- Free from what?
 - The proud boast was hardly true politically or religiously.
 - Jesus clearly teaches that if you continue to habitually practice sin, you are enslaved.

Released from the Bondage of Slavery.

- What is truth?
 - Truth is absolute, there is right and wrong!
 - Truth is found in God's written word.
 - Truth is found in God's living word – Jesus.
- What is freedom?
 - Freedom is to be released from sin's enslavement.
 - Freedom is realized in at least five ways as related to freedom from sin.

Five ways Truth Frees.

- The truth sets us free from the shadow of doubt and despair. In Jesus is confidence for eternity.
- The truth sets us free from the bondage of sin. The power to overcome, conquer is in Jesus.
- The truth sets us free from the bondage of death. Sin results in death, but Jesus dies for us.
- The truth sets us free from the bondage of Hell.
- The Truth sets us free to be saved to the uttermost. Saved completely, perfectly, finally, and for eternity.

Principles to Living Free.

- Deal with the sin problem.
 - Believe on Jesus as Savior and Lord.
 - In humility daily live confessional lives.
- Develop your relationship personally with God making it a priority in your schedule. Abide in Him.
 - Daily devotions and church worship and service.
- Discipline yourself to become a disciple of truth.
 - Study God's word.
 - Maintain the attitude of a learner.

Conclusion

- America's cry for freedom persists.
- By denial of absolute truth and tolerance, America's pursuit of freedom has resulted in the pursuit of immorality and all sin.
- Instead of freedom people are enslaving themselves to sin and the despair and destruction that comes with it.
- Real freedom, true freedom is only found in the absolute truth of God's word, and salvation, abiding in Him, and empowered with the Holy Spirit.