

## The Great I AM "True Freedom" John 8:31-38

The Road to Freedom and Security (vv.31-32)

The 4 Roads to Eternal Security:

- 1) True Theology (Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2:8-9)
  - 2) God-like character
  - 3) Christ-like conduct.
  - 4) Spirit-led fruit (Galatians 5:22-23)

## 4 Kinds of Freedom:

- From fear.
- From self.
- From others.
- From sin (Romans 6:15-18).

The Road to Religion and Slavery (vv. 33-38)

- The Problem of Heritage (37-38).

Food For Thought: Jesus makes a devastating appraisal of God's historic people by drawing the distinction between true and false disciples with the condition of abiding in or obeying the Word of Christ. It is that obedience and relationship that gives us true freedom from the slavery of sin.

- 1. What does your spiritual family tree look like?
- 2. What does Jesus emphasize as the condition for being a true disciple of His?
- 3. What does Jesus mean by words like truth? Freedom?

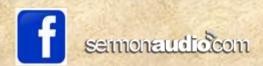
## **Bible Text**

John 8:31-38 (ESV)

## The Truth Will Set You Free

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never 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 practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. 37 I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you.38 I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

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And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers. – Acts 2:42 (NKJV)