

The Truth Shall Make You Free John 8:30-47

- What is Truth? How do we know it is Truth? How does Truth affect us?

I) God's Truth Brings Freedom (John 8:30-36)

- *Saving faith*: there must be a soul/heart understanding of Christ's claims, a heart acceptance and trust in Him as Savior and Lord.
- **A true disciple is freed by the truth (31-32)**. The true disciple abides in and obeys the Bible as his rule of faith and life.
- Continual growth in his experience and knowledge of the truth brings Gospel freedom, **from** sin and its consequences **to** holiness in Jesus Christ.
- **A true disciple is a Son, not a slave (33-36)**. The Jews stumbled in **3 areas** regarding their view of the truth: a) **because of sin** v.34; whether Jews or Gentiles, a child or an adult, you need a Savior. b) **did not understand Sonship**; only a true believer will dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Ps23); c) **Adoption** v36; Jesus alone makes the child of God 'free indeed'.

II) The Truth that Reveals Who God Is (John 8:30-36)

- Who is your spiritual Father? v.37-38: What the children do identifies their Father; if a true child of Abraham, you welcome the Messiah, don't reject Him.
- Their father is the Devil. v44. By their unbelief and their rejection of Jesus, they prove that they are not truly of Abraham, but of the Devil.

III) Truth Is Perfectly Expressed in Jesus (John 8:42-47)

- The test is Loving Jesus (v42); 1 John 5:1
- These Jews were **the blinded sons of Satan** (v43-45): 1) **Rationally, incapable of understanding Jesus**; 2) **Rationally, at one with their father the Devil**; 3) **Religiously, did not believe Jesus**.
- **The sinless Son of God** (v46-47): A majestic declaration of His sinlessness.
- Which is true of us? "You are not of God" or "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."