

The Great Emancipator!

John 8:31-36 (1232); Romans 6:1-10 (1298)

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Introduction

- Freedom is never free!
- People are enslaved today—physically and spiritually
- Jesus Christ as Son of God, Spokesman for the Father

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A. The Pathway to Freedom—John 8:31-32

1. Believe in Jesus Christ
 - a. Not all faith is “saving” faith.—James 2:19
 - b. Three elements of “saving” faith
 - 1) Knowledge—Romans 10:17; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
 - 2) Assent—affirming the content is true
 - 3) Trust—committing our lives to Jesus Christ
2. Continue in His Word—John 8:31
 - a. “Disciple” as learner—Matthew 11:28-30
 - b. Continuing in His Word means...
 - 1) Being a life-long learner—1 Peter 2:2-3
 - 2) Being a doer of God’s Word—James 1:22
3. Know the Truth—John 8:32
 - a. From Modern to Post-Modern thought about truth
 - b. Bible teaches timeless truth—truth is in Jesus (Ephesians 4)
4. Truth makes us FREE—John 8:32; 5:24; Luke 4:18-19

B. The Pretenders—John 8:33-34

1. The Jews thought they were free. No need for a savior.
2. True Condition: “*Everyone is a slave to sin*” John 8:34
 - a. All are sinners by nature and by choice.
 - b. The tension and pull of sin—Romans 7:21-24
3. How Jesus liberates from sin – Romans 6:1-10
 - a. Baptism pictures what happens at salvation
 - 1) We died with Christ to sin’s power
 - 2) We were buried with Christ—complete break with the past.
 - 3) We were raised with Christ—new life
 - b. No longer slaves to sin, but now slaves of God—Romans 6

B. The Promise of Freedom—John 8:35-36

1. Sons abide forever in God’s Household!—John 8:35
2. True Freedom found only in Jesus Christ—John 8:36