

Jesus - “The Truth Will Set You Free.”

Jn. 8:31-38

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

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’?”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

Freedom?

. To do what I want?

- . To be whatever I want to be?
- . To live the way I want?

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Freedom!

- . From sin and its power
- . From Satan and his deception
- . From guilt and its burden
- . To live for God!
- . To serve Him!

Often quoted but rarely understood -

“The truth will set you free.”

What truth will set you free?

Knowing the truth of your spiritual need will set you free.

. Without faith in Christ,
you will die in your “sin.”

I am going away, and
you will seek me. Jn. 8:21

...and you will die in your sin.
Jn. 8:21

“sin” – singular form –
sin condition; sin nature;
sin problem.

“Die” – separation from God; spiritual or eternal death.

... will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matt. 8:12
(22:13) (25:30)

The wages of sin is death... Rom. 6:23
(spiritual and eternal)

. Without faith in Christ,
you cannot get to heaven.

Where I am going,
you cannot come. (21b)

There are 2 worlds

- . World “above”
- . World “below”

Radical difference in -

- . Nature . King
- . Source . Mode of operation
- . Purpose

You are from below;
I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world (23)

The whole world lies in the power of the evil one.
1 Jn. 5:19

... My kingdom is not of
this world. Jn. 18:36

Friendship with the world is enmity with God. James 4:4

. Without faith in Christ,
you will die in your sins.

... unless you believe that I am He you will die in your
sins. (24b)

“sins” – plural

You were dead in the trespass and sins. Eph. 2:1

... we have never been enslaved to anyone (33)

Everyone who commits sin is
a slave to sin. (34)

Whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved
2 Peter 2:19

Sin blinds the mind

- . I don't have a problem!
- . I can handle it myself!
- . I can stop anytime!
- . I'm not that bad!

These are those who are clean in own eyes, but are not washed of their filth.

Prov. 30:12

How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?
Heb. 2:3

Knowing the truth of Jesus, will set you free!

. Jesus came from heaven and is one with His Father.

... I am from above... I am not of this world (23)

When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He. (28)

God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified. Acts 2:36

He who sent Me is with Me. He has not left me alone for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him (29)

Jesus and His Father

- . The Son explains Him – Jn. 1:18
- . The Father bears witness of the Son Jn. 8:18
- . The Son listens to His Father Jn. 8:26
- . The Son knows the Father Jn. 14:7-9

Jesus and His Father

- . The Father is always with the Son. Jn. 8:29
- . The Son says what the Father says Jn. 8:38
- . The Son always pleases the Father Jn. 8:29
- . The Son is eternal with the Father Micah 5:2
- . Jesus came to save.

... unless you believe... (24)

For the son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. Lk.
19:10

For God so loved the world...
Jn. 3:16

... that He gave His only Son

... that whoever believes in Him

... should not perish
... but have eternal life.
. Jesus came to teach
the truth.

I declare to the world what I have heard from Him (26b)

... but speak just as the Father taught Me. (28b)

If you abide in My Word,
you are truly My disciples. (31)

You will know the truth and
the truth will set you free. (32)

“My chains fell off,
my heart was free;
I rose, went forth
and
followed Thee.”
Charles Wesley –
“And Can It Be”

- . God is truth – Isa 65:16
- . Jesus is truth – Jn. 14:6
- . God’s spirit is truth –
Jn. 14:17
- . The Bible is truth – 2 Tim.2:15
- . SALVATION is coming to the
truth – 1 Tim. 2:4
- . Victory over sin - obey the
truth 1 Pet. 1:22
- . Armor of God – “wear the belt
of truth Eph. 61:4

Set Free?

- . From the deception of Satan
2 Cor. 4:4
- . From condemnation – “shall
not come into judgment”

Jn. 5:24

. From the bondage of sin –

Rom 7:24-25

... He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives.

Luke 4:18

... they refuse to love the truth and so be saved. 2 Thess.

2:10

Jesus came to make us “sons”

... everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. (34)

... the slave does not remain in the house forever; the Son remains forever. (35)

... He gave the right to become children of God. Jn. 1:12

... that we might receive adoption as sons. Gal 4:5

So if the Son sets you free,
you will be free indeed. (36)

... and if children, then heirs , heirs of God and fellow
heirs with Christ. Rom 8:17