

THE TRUTH WILL MAKE YOU FREE
(John 8:31-36)

- I. The PATHWAY to Freedom (John 8:31-32)
 - A. BELIEVING in CHRIST (8:31*a*)
 - 1. These had made a PROFESSION of FAITH (cf. v. 30)
 - 2. They did not POSSESS true FAITH (cf. 2:23-25)
 - B. CONTINUING in the WORD (8:31*b*)
 - 1. TRUE disciples want to KNOW God's Word
 - 2. TRUE disciples want to OBEY God's Word
 - C. KNOWING the TRUTH (8:32*a*)
 - 1. BEGINS with FAITH in CHRIST
 - 2. RESULTS from commitment to GOD'S WORD
 - D. Being made FREE (8:32*b*)
 - 1. The CONSEQUENCE of EMBRACING the truth
 - 2. Involves recognizing Christ's DIVINITY and your DEPRAVITY
- II. The PRETENSE of Freedom (John 8:33-34)
 - A. Insisting they'd ALWAYS BEEN FREE (8:33)
 - 1. Ignored their HISTORY of POLITICAL BONDAGE
 - 2. Assumed their HERITAGE guaranteed SPIRITUAL FREEDOM
 - B. Revealing ignorance of their SLAVERY to SIN (8:34)

1. They believed their WILL was ABSOLUTELY FREE
2. They didn't know their WILL was CORRUPTED by SIN

III. The PROMISE of Freedom (John 8:35-36)

A. Explaining their real STATUS

1. As SLAVES, their connection to the household is TEMPORARY
2. A SON'S connection to the household is PERMANENT
3. Therefore, they are part of the HOUSEHOLD but not part of the FAMILY

B. Only the Son can LIBERATE them

1. Only He has the AUTHORITY
2. Only He has the ABILITY
3. Only He can liberate ABSOLUTELY
 - a. They are not SET LOOSE to live in SIN
 - b. They are ADOPTED to live in TRUTH