

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"What Is Freedom?"
John 8:31-36
Part-30

John 8:32

Most people define Freedom as: **Freedom** – "being able to do whatever you feel like doing."

John 8:34 – "everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin."

The true definition of **freedom** is, "being able to be all that you were created to be." **Jesus is the source of spiritual freedom!**

John 8:12-30 – Jesus Teaching In The Temple.

John 8:31-47 – Jesus' Instruction To Professing Believers.

John 8:48-59 – The Response Of The Unbelievers.

Thought Of Our Passage: "Real Freedom Comes Through Faith In Jesus, Who Frees Us To Become What God Created Us To Be."

1. Verses 31-32 – The Way To Freedom

2. Verses 33-34 – The Fraud Of Freedom

3. Verses 35-36 – The Promise Of Freedom

1. Verses 31-32 – The Way To Freedom:

John 8:31

"So Jesus was saying" – What was Jesus saying? Takes us back to John 8:30.

John 8:12-30 – Jesus is the guiding light and the Warning light. Jesus revealed Himself as the light of the world. John 8:24

John 8:28-30

John 8:31-47 – Jesus' Instruction To Professing Believers.

Verse 31 – Freedom Begins With Believing In Jesus: "to those Jews who had believed Him," – "believed Him" – "a reliance upon, to cling to, that stays, to stay with"; Genuine Faith – We need to confess that we are paralyzed in our sins; That we are in a condition that no man can do; only the intervention of God will do!

Belief Begins With Knowledge – The intellectual facts, evidence about salvation.

John 20:31

Belief Agrees – that the facts of Jesus and salvation are true.

Belief Trusts – and acts on them by personally trusting Jesus as the hope of our salvation.

Verse 31 – Freedom Is Continuing In The Word: “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;”

“If you continue in My word” – The Greek implies “It is doubtful that you will.” “Your persistent loyalty to the truth I have taught you will prove the reality of your present profession.”

Matthew 12:50

John 15:14

John 17:17

Disciple – “learner, a follower of the teacher and his teaching.” There is such a thing as being a disciple in name only. John the Baptist preached repentance and expected change – Matthew 3:7-8.

Continuance in Jesus’ teaching is the acid test of regenerating faith!

Matthew 13:20-21

1 John 2:19

Verse 32 – Freedom Is Knowing The Truth: John 8:32.

“and you will know the truth,” – The blessing of believing in Jesus and continuing to obey His Word is to know the truth.

John 7:17

Know – This word appears 56X in the gospel of John. It speaks of a “Knowledge that is gained from experience.” Here is a progress from ignorance to knowledge; Note, “you will know.”

“the truth” – is “formulated, revealed reality.” Which finds its center in the reality of Jesus Christ. The truth is a person – John 14:6.

What, then, is the truth? Truth is the nature of things as they really are. Verse 32 – Freedom Is Being Made Free: “the truth will make you free.” – The word “free” – This is a word that is used only here in John 8: 32, 33, 36. It means “absence of constraint and restriction, opportunity to exercise the right of acting apart from external interference,” John 8: 34; “free” was used in the first century in the releasing of a slave. Here it is spiritual/moral slavery.

To be free comes from, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;” – You can know truth and freedom and still not be free.

Luke 4:18

Fear Is A Thief Of Freedom.

Anger Is A Thief Of Freedom.

Guilt Is A Thief Of Freedom.

2. Verses 33-34 – The Fraud Of Freedom:

John 8:33

False Freedom – Ancestry And National Privilege: “They answered Him, ‘We are Abraham’s descendants’”

Spiritually Blind – We Don’t Need Liberation: “and have never yet been enslaved to anyone;”

“have never yet been enslaved to anyone;” – This Is A Lie! Pride is blind to the truth.

John 8:34

“Truly, truly, I say to you,” – This is the truth, this is a true saying, listen up!

“everyone who commits sin” – “living a life of sin” is the slave of sin.

“Slavery is not inflicted from without but from within.”

John 5:6

John 3:19-21

3. Verses 35-36 – The Promise Of Freedom:

John 8:35

These Jews were slaves to sin, they did not have access to heaven, to God, the Father's house as they have imagined.

John 8:36

"So if the Son" – This is Jesus claiming to be Deity; "makes you free," – He has the authority to forgive sins (Debt of sin).

"makes you free," – This freedom is the result of faith in Him, the son of God; That He releases us from the bondage of sin.

"you will be free indeed." – It means "really free"; Only used here in John.

Galatians 4:4-7

Application:

1. Believing In Jesus, Obeying His Word, And Knowing The Truth Will Bring Spiritual Freedom.
2. God's True Freedom Is To Choose That Which Is Right, The Freedom To Choose The Best, The Freedom To Keep On Growing, The Freedom To Reach Our God-Given Potential, This Is Free Indeed.
3. Why Are Some Christians Not Experiencing Spiritual Freedom Today In Jesus Christ? They May Be Biblically literate, But They Are Not Biblically Obedient.