

# **TRUE FREEDOM**

John 8:32-59

Introduction:

## 1. Jesus Exposes Their True Spiritual Condition

A) The importance of knowing who Jesus is talking to

> Follow the antecedent for “you”

Those who believe (John 8:31a)

Those who abide in His word (John 8:31b)

Those who are His “disciples indeed” (John 8:31c)

And “you” shall know the truth ... (John 8:32a)

> Jesus is giving these “Jews” who believed more of His word

B) The importance of knowing what Jesus is talking about

> You will know the truth – what does He mean by truth

Truth can mean the absence of untruth

Truth can also refer to what is real or really happened

In John’s gospel, truth is related to who Jesus is, why He came, and what He will accomplish (John 1:14-18; 14:6)

Notice one kind of truth in John 16:7

Notice another kind of truth in John 16:13-14

> You will know the “truth” and the “truth” will set you free

Jesus is the truth and reveals the truth

Jesus, the Word, is God’s message that all mankind are sinners and enslaved by sin – held captive by sin

Jesus, the Word, is God’s message that Jesus can set us free from our sin. (John 8:32 and 36)

Its one thing to believe that Jesus is a prophet – He is, or that Jesus is a King – He is

But to believe that I am a sinner and that He is our only hope of salvation – that is another level of belief (John 6:15, 53-60, 66)

\* Jesus is claiming that knowing Him – the Truth, results in true freedom – freedom from the enslavement to sin

## 2. The Response to Jesus' Word

A) We are Abraham's descendents (John 8:33a)

> This wasn't intended to be just a genealogical statement about their national identity

This was a spiritual statement (John 8:39 and 41b)

B) We have never been in bondage to anyone (John 8:33b)

> This wasn't intended to be a statement about their national identity

In bondage in Egyptians? In bondage to Assyrians? In bondage to Babylonians? In bondage to the Romans?

> This was another spiritual statement

They are the chosen people of God, self righteous, spiritually free

They are God's children – in right relationship with Him

\* Jesus' response to their answer in John 8:34-35 gives us insight into what they were thinking

### **APPLICATION:**

Many Jews believed in Jesus ... that He was real and some kind of unique person – maybe a prophet or maybe even the Messiah who would bless them by freeing them from Roman intrusion and giving them everything they wanted

But would they believe that He came to free them from their sin?

Jesus is in truth the Son of God

He came to earth because every human was enslaved to sin and under its curse

He came to make slaves free ... “and if the Son makes you free you are free indeed.”