

John 8:32-36

The Truth About Slavery, Sonship, and Spiritual Freedom (pt. 2)

INTRO: If you're not who Jesus says you are, AND if He's not who He claims to be, biblical Christianity goes up in flames! If John 8 isn't the gospel truth, our faith is worthless!

John 8 highlights 3 Great Truths:

1) The Truth About Slavery (is a hard pill to swallow).

(John 8:31-34; Rom. 6:22-23; Titus 3:3; Gal. 4:1-7; 5:1).

2) The Truth About Sonship.

(John 8:35-36; Matt. 3:17; 17:5; 20:31; Gal. 4:1-7)

3) The Truth About Spiritual Freedom.

(John 8:34-36; Note the lyrics in *Once I Was Bound by Sin's Galling Fetters*
and *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*)

3 Clarifying Points of Practical Application

I) Gospel Freedom is the Basis of our _____.

II) Gospel Freedom Should Never Be Misused as a License for Unrepentant _____

III) Gospel Freedom Does Not Mean the _____ with Sin is Over.

For Further Reflection/Application: *Lord help us to be effectually doers of the Word!*

Satan relentlessly attacks our faith in Christ and the Word! Keep in mind that the Gospel of John is intended to strengthen the faith of believers (as well as bring unbelievers to Christ). The four Gospels are precious gifts from God above. May we never grow dull of hearing the message!

What were your initial thoughts when you heard the preacher say, *“If you’re not who Jesus says you are AND if He’s not who He claims to be, biblical Christianity goes up in smoke! If John 8 isn’t the gospel truth, our faith is worthless!”* *“We of all men are most to be pitied!”*

Who are you currently praying for in terms of salvation/regeneration/conversion? Are you also praying that God will give you an open door to share the Gospel message? Note Col. 4:2-6.

Read Titus 3:3-7; Gal. 5:1; Romans 6:22-23; 1 Peter 2:16; (Later on see Gal. 4; Rom. 6-8).

Why is the truth about slavery (to sin) such a hard pill for unbelievers to swallow (especially religious unbelievers)? Talk about some of the ways Satan deceives unbelievers into thinking they are free (when in reality they are in spiritual bondage).

Did anyone ask an unbeliever if they would be willing to take Jesus’, “Are you a *slave* of sin challenge?” (per last week’s sermon)? How did that conversation go? John 8:31-36

Liberals suggest Jesus died on the cross simply to provide a moral example of sacrificial love. The Bible teaches that the death and resurrection of Christ is much more than this. Jesus died to pay the penalty for sin (Rom. 3:23-25). Jesus died to defeat sin and to set “the captives free” (from their bondage to sin). Our Lord Jesus Christ is a Greater Moses, securing a greater deliverance, ensuring a greater Exodus!

“If the Son makes you free, you are free indeed!” Meditate this week on the lyrics of the hymn “Once I was bound by sin’s galling fetters.” Thank God each day for your blessed freedom!

We sing, *“Until all the ransomed church of God, be saved to sin no more!”* What a glorious day that will be! *“Oh, that day when freed from sinning/I shall see Thy lovely face/Clothed then in blood washed linen/How I’ll sing Thy sovereign grace!”*

If you have time to read Romans 6-8 look for the final 3 application points that were shared during today’s sermon. 1) Gospel Freedom is the Basis of our Pursuit of Holiness (Rom. 6:1-23; Titus 2:11-12; Rom. 8:2). 2) Gospel Freedom Should Never Be Abused as License For Unrepentant Lawlessness (Romans 6:1-2; 1 Peter 2:16; Jude 4). 3) Gospel Freedom Does Not Mean the Battle with (indwelling/remaining) Sin is Over (Romans 7). We are no longer slaves of Satan, sin, and death, but the battle with the flesh, in some ways, continues! Satan is a defeated foe who won’t stop fighting until He is thrown into the abyss.

What is the main thing you took away from this morning’s exposition? What do you want to study further as a result of today’s sermon?

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