

If You Want Freedom, You'll Need the Truth:

John 8:12

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Isaiah 9:2

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

1. Jesus is the true light. If you want freedom, you'll need the truth and truth comes in the light. Jesus is the answer. Freedom won't come from anyone else or anything else.

John 8:31-32

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

"There is no problem for which the ultimate solution is not discipleship to Jesus". – Dallas Willard

Matthew 28:18-20 to make disciples.

A disciple of Jesus is a learner of the way of Jesus, who follows Him by adhering to His instructions as a rule of conduct.

2. Abiding in God's Word is True Discipleship.

Abide: Bonding Word.

Abode: Spending Your Life in One Place.

This is the pathway to a true disciple of Jesus.

We must abide because it is required to know the truth, as it says in verse 32 ³² and you will **know** the truth, and the truth will set you free."

3. Knowing the Truth Leads to Freedom:

Despite what many believe, there is truth, absolute moral right and wrong and it is found in scripture.

John 8:33

³³ 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'?"

John 8:34-35

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.

Jesus contrasts two members of a typical household.

That is what sin does, **The Bible is clear that We do not become sinners because we commit sins; we commit sins because we are sinners.**

Galatians 3:22 (NLT)

²² But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin we have fallen, sin-oriented hearts.

Sin is to fail against God, to miss the goal,

"sin is the failure to love God and others by not treating them with the honor that they deserve." Tim Mackie Anytime we don't fully love God or fully love others, we fail.

Here is one of the scariest things about sin: We usually don't know when we are sinning, and oftentimes we think we're succeeding and doing what is right, (1 Samuel 26:21) We so easily deceive ourselves

John 8:36

³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.

4. Freedom Comes From the Son: The Son sets you free.

The sin that entangles us, we can never free ourselves from, but by Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection by the power of the Spirit, We can be set free from the power of sin by believing that this is true.

Now this is important, when we're set free, we're not set free to do whatever we want. People's ideas of freedom have radically shifted. Freedom has been redefined to do whatever the heck you want to do. "You do you" a It is everywhere.

Ironically, this redefinition of freedom is actually what the New Testament calls "slavery."

“True freedom is not the liberty to do anything we please, but the liberty to do what we ought; and it is genuine liberty because doing what we ought now pleases us.” DA Carson

Freedom is not doing what we want, it is doing what we ought,

If you have trusted Jesus as your Lord and savior and believe that Jesus is God and Man and died on the cross in your place, was buried, and rose again, if you change your mind about these things by repenting then you have your sins forgiven and you are given eternal life as you are made new. You are justified and saved from the penalty of sin and given a new heart that strives to please God, but the effects, consequences, and pull of sin still remain, what then ensues is all-out conflict between our old nature and new nature. When our old nature wins the day, and we fall into sin, we sin as children of God, you have not lost your status as God's children, the son remains forever, because you have been set free by THE SON. you remain free, but so often we still live as slaves not recognizing our freedom, you don't need to keep making those destructive decisions, you don't need to put the chains back on.

The most beautiful, the most peaceful, the most vibrant, the most breathtaking sunset of them all is that the son sets you free. **If you want freedom, you'll need the truth** that the light of the world brings.