

Sunday, May 26, 2013
Freedom in Christ
John 8:31-36



Far too many Christians are living beneath their privileges today. We have too many Christians that are living in bondage to drugs, alcohol, sex, bad relationships, envy, and even anger. Those same people will sing loudly "Victory in Jesus" on Sunday... but the truth is, they are experiencing very little victory in their lives.

I. The Path to Freedom

John 8:30-32 (NKJV) ³⁰ As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. ³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

- Biblical Principle: True disciples are Word oriented. A real disciple of Jesus Christ recognizes that it is "the word of His grace" which is able to build them up. They understand the importance of being "doers of the word", and not merely hearers.
- Definition of Freedom: to be released from an illegitimate bondage. It means to be able to act and live as he or she chooses, without being subject to any undue restraints or restrictions. Freedom allows us to be liberated to become what we were saved to be.
- We learn two things from Jesus words concerning truth:
 1. Truth exists.
 2. Truth can be known.
- Definition of Truth: Truth is an absolute standard by which reality is measured; it is ultimate reality. It is that thing that corresponds to fact or reality.
- When salvation took place in our lives our spirit got saved and our soul is being saved. This is called sanctification.

II. The Promise of Freedom

John 8:36 (NKJV) Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

- A. No one frees themselves
- B. The Son must set us free