

John 8:30-37

John 8:30-32 – *“(30) As he spake these words, many believed on him. (31) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; (32) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

A. As Jesus spoke many believed, but Jesus is not just looking for temporary believers (**Acts 14:22, Romans 11:22, Colossians 1:21-23, I Timothy 4:16, Hebrews 3:6, and Hebrews 3:14**).

1. This implies what other Scriptures outright state, one is not saved by faith alone (**Matthew 10:22, Mark 13:13, Mark 16:15-16, John 10:9, Acts 2:21, Acts 2:37-41, Acts 3:19, Acts 8:30-39, Acts 18:8, Acts 22:16, Romans 8:24, Romans 10:10, I Corinthians 1:18, I Corinthians 5:4-5, I Corinthians 15:1-2, II Corinthians 7:10, Ephesians 2:5, II Thessalonians 2:10, and I Peter 3:20-21**).

2. True faith produces works (**I Thessalonians 1:3, Titus 3:8, Hebrews 11:7-10, and James 2:14-26**).

B. The truth sets us free (**Romans 6:17-18 and II Timothy 2:24-26**).

1. If you want to learn the truth, you can (**John 5:39, John 6:45, Romans 15:4, Ephesians 4:21-24, and II Timothy 3:14-17**).

2. The truth can be understood (**Proverbs 14:6, Ephesians 3:1-4, Ephesians 5:17, II Peter 1:12, I John 2:21, and I John 5:20**).

John 8:33-35 – *“(33) They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? (34) Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. (35) And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.”*

A. Being of the seed of Abraham did not make one saved (**Romans 4:12-14**).

1. Being of Abraham did not spiritually free anyone (**Matthew 3:7-10 and Galatians 4:3-5**).

2. Furthermore, being of Abraham's seed did not even mean you would not be in physical bondage (**Exodus 1:13-14, Judges 3:8, and Ezra 9:8-9**).

B. When you commit sin you are the servant of sin (**Romans 6:16 and Titus 3:3**).

1. Sin is transgressing God's law (**I John 3:4**) by doing things that are not righteous (**I John 5:17**).

2. One who commits sin is a child of the devil (**I John 3:8-10**).

C. You don't just want to be looked at as a servant (**Genesis 21:10 and Galatians 4:7; 30-31**).

1. This does not mean that we're not servants of God (**Romans 6:22 and Colossians 4:12**).

2. However, while we are servants, we [faithful Christians] are also children of God (**II Corinthians 6:14-18, Galatians 3:26-29, and I John 3:1**).

John 8:36-37 – “(36) *If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. (37) I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.*”

A. Christ is the one who sets one free from sin (**Luke 4:18, Romans 8:2, and Galatians 5:1**).

1. One in sin has to have the right mindset in seeking to be set free (**Psalms 119:133**).

2. To keep sin from reigning over mankind, Christ had to die (**Romans 5:21**) bringing true grace into the world (**John 1:17**).

B. Rather than accepting freedom, many of the Jews still sought to kill Jesus (**John 5:16-18**).

1. The reason they wanted to kill our Lord is that His word had no place in them (**Matthew 13:15 and I Corinthians 2:14**).

2. If they had allowed the word of God to have place in them, they would not have been in bondage to sin (**Psalms 119:11**).