

“The Son Shall Make You Free”

John 8:31, Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. " 33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's offspring, and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You shall become free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. 35 "And the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. 36 "If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

Intro: Last Lord's Day we observed that there were some Jews who were _____ convinced that they were right before God, even as they _____ His only begotten Son. Our text today brings us to yet another group of Jews who "believed Jesus", but were _____!

A. We must be sure that we truly believe in Jesus, for it is possible for a person to think they are saved when they are not. The Scripture says, "_____ yourselves to see if you are in the faith; _____ yourselves!" (2 Cor 13:5).

I. "Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, '_____ you abide in My word, then you are truly _____ of Mine; ...'"

A. Notice, the very thing that Jesus began to address with those Jews is that true belief (salvific faith) is _____ a _____ ascent to some of what He says, but saving faith is manifested through a wholesale submission to His Word.

B. Here is a necessary manifestation of salvation: the one who is saved, who is truly a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, _____!

1. To abide in His Word is to _____ His Word, to _____ in it. The thought is defined in this: Jo. 14:15, Jesus said, "If you love Me you will _____ My commands!"

2. F.F. Bruce writes, "To 'remain' in Jesus' 'word' is to adhere to his teaching - to direct their lives by it. ... discipleship is something continuous; it is a _____. The true disciple has an affinity for his teacher's instruction and accepts it, not blindly but intellectually. The teacher's instruction becomes the disciple's rule of _____ and _____."

II. If one is a _____ disciple of the Lord Jesus they will abide in His Word and as they abide in His Word they shall _____ the _____.

A. If one is a true disciple who believes in Jesus, they will abide in His Word and they shall _____ the _____ (they shall come to have an intimate relationship with truth, applying the truth, _____ by the _____), rather than simply knowing that something is true.

B. "... and the _____ shall make you free." Truth _____ the soul from those things that bind."

1. Note the path: a) One must _____ in Christ's Word! b) In so doing, they will _____ the truth! c) The truth will make them _____!

C. Instead of abiding in His Word as true disciples would, _____ were _____ and began to question Jesus in a derogatory manner, declaring that they didn't need to be set free.

1. Being of the _____ of Abraham, they were sure that heaven belonged to them and no man could prevent it ... Further, as far as they were concerned, they knew the Scriptures and were already spiritually _____.

2. The freedom Jesus spoke of had nothing to do with their race or nationality nor was it a matter of their nations _____ with God, but it had everything to do with their personal relationship _____.

III. In the care of their soul, our Lord Jesus told those Jews how they were _____ - that they were slaves _____.

A. Jesus, in lovingkindness was showing them their lostness! How _____ is our Lord! How kind and loving to _____ the lost that they are _____! It was to say, "your nationality won't save you! God's covenant with the nation won't save you! Yes, He will restore the nation, but what of you? Will you personally _____ of your sin!?"

1. Those who are _____ of sin will be _____ from the house of God, but those who are adopted into His household are no longer slaves, but a son, and if a _____, then joint-_____ with Jesus Christ.

B. Then the question is, "How can a slave become a son?" And the answer is, through _____ Jesus Christ, for if the only begotten Son of God shall make you free from the law of sin and death, you shall be free indeed, and being truly free from the slavery of sin, you shall _____ in the Father's house _____.

1. Jesus told those Jews who believed Him just exactly how vitally _____ it was that they come to believe in Him! ... They needed a personal _____ with the Heavenly Father, and that only comes through believing in Christ!

Closing: So it is with many in the church, like "those Jews" in some way they believe Jesus, but do not believe in Him. Thus, they are not _____ for they have not entrusted themselves to Him and they fail to abide in His Word. This is what Jesus said, "If you _____ in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the _____, and the truth shall make you free. ... If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be _____ indeed."

Here is a mark of true faith, a mark by which we can examine our life to see if we are of the faith: True disciples _____ Jesus and through faith in Jesus they have a personal relationship with the Father. Thus, they a) _____ in His Word; b) _____ the truth; c) are truly _____ from sin and death, in life and practice. For if the Son shall set you , you are free indeed.

Those who _____ have entrusted themselves to Him and are realizing these blessed graces. Are you realizing these graces - _____ believe in Jesus?