

John 8: 31-32

This section of the discourse is addressed to those who believe, and yet do not believe. Clearly, they were inclined to think that what Jesus said was true. But they were not ready to yield Him their allegiance to Him.

Many Jews were a bit surprised to hear that because, as they were descendants of Abraham, they thought they had never been enslaved [John 8:33](#).

When Jesus gave the recipe that we are “free indeed,” it is a reliable recipe because of who He is. The condition for becoming “free indeed” is that His hearers should abide in His word.

He later explains that keeping His word results in eternal life and He challenges His hearers that they need to believe in Him [John 8:52](#), [John 8:46](#).

Jesus’ disciples, we **must** abide in His word. There is no other way. To be a follower of Jesus [John 10:27](#)

To **abide** (is live in, to dwell in, to make your home in) His **word**. So that it becomes part of the believer’s life, a permanent influence [Psalm 1:1-2](#), [Psalm 119:97-108](#), [Proverbs 6:21](#)

The [apostle Paul](#) gives us a further implication of “we are free indeed” [Romans 8:1](#)

Because of that new freedom, we are no longer in bondage to sinfulness, and now we can choose righteousness [Romans 9:12-15](#).

[Peter](#) adds a caution that we use this freedom not as an excuse for evil but that we use this freedom to walk in devoted service to God—as bondslaves [1 Peter 2:16](#).

Someone may ask the question why isn’t coming to church enough, singing in the choir, preaching, etc... [John 17:14-21](#)

How dangerous will be for those who reject the words of God [Hebrews 6:4-6](#); [10:26-31](#), [1 Thessalonians 4:8](#)

You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free:

This is the result of abiding in the word of Jesus. We prove ourselves to be His disciples and we **know the truth**, and God works His freedom in our life through His **truth**.

The **freedom** Jesus spoke of doesn’t come from just an academic pursuit of truth in general; but from abiding in His word and being His disciple.

Jesus then explained that, if a person is committing **sin**, that person is enslaved by sin, and slavery is not fitting for sons [John 8:34-35](#)).

The true freedom that Jesus gives is freedom

(1) from the *penalty* of sin [Ephesians 2:1-3](#)

2) from the *power* of sin—no longer are we in bondage to sin, [Galatians 5:1](#)

3) from the *presence* of sin—when our eternal life is fulfilled, we will be like Him and without sin [Romans 8:28-30](#)