

**“True Freedom”**  
**John 8: 31-36**

**Question:** So, if the Son sets you free, are you truly free?

These verses are very important in understanding genuine salvation and true discipleship. John emphasized these realities by stressing the truth about true freedom.

The focus in the passage is upon those who were exercising the beginnings of faith in Jesus as Messiah and Son of God. Jesus desired them to move on in their faith. Saving faith is not fickle or inconstant but firm and settled. [John 3:36](#), [John 5:24](#)  
Such maturity expresses itself in full commitment to the truth in Jesus Christ resulting in genuine freedom. [1 Corinthians 3:2](#)

**John 8:31** "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;"

The first step in the progress toward true discipleship is belief in Jesus Christ as Messiah and Son of God. Obedience to Scripture is the fruit or evidence of genuine faith. [Ephesians. 2:10](#)

A genuine believer holds fast, obeys and practices Jesus' teaching. The one who continues in his teaching has both the Father and the Son. [2 John 9](#), [Hebrews. 3:14](#), [Revelation. 2:26](#).

The only way any of us then, or now, can walk in God's ways is to know what His will is for our life. The secret of life everlasting is in His Word. To be His disciple, we must make Him our Lord, as well as our Savior. [James 4:15](#), [Matthew 6:33](#), [Romans 12:1-4](#)

**John 8:32** "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

"Truth" here has reference not only to the facts surrounding Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God but also to the teaching that he taught.

A truly saved and obedient follower of the Lord Jesus Christ will know both divine truth and what it means to be free from sin. [1 Corinthians. 2:14](#), [Titus 1:1-2](#)

One of the names Jesus is called by is the **Truth**. [John 4:16](#). Jesus is also the **Word**. [John 1:1-4](#).  
Jesus also, is the **Light**. [John 8:12](#), [John 12:46](#) [2 Corinthians 4:5-6](#)

That Truth does set you free from the bondage of sin. We are told that in the end times, there will be false Christs who are deceivers [Matthew 24:24](#), [Matthew 7:15](#), [Acts 20:30](#)

There is only one way not to be deceived, and that is by being full of the Word of God; so that if they change even one word, you will be aware of it.

**John 8:33** "They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?"

You can see, that these people are caught up in the flesh, and cannot see the things of the Spirit. They are Abraham's descendants in the flesh but are not Abraham's descendants in the Spirit. [Galatians 3:28-29](#)

**John 8:34** "Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committed sin is the servant of sin."

The idea of "committeth sin" means to practice sin. The ultimate bondage is not political or economic enslavement but spiritual bondage to sin and rebellion against God. [John 6:14-15](#)

You cannot be the servant of sin and the servant of God all at the same time. [1 John 3:8](#), [Luke 16:13](#)

**John 8:35** "And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever."

If you continue to be servants of sin, you shall not for ever abide in God's house; [John 1:12](#) [Romans 8:15,16](#).

**John 8:36** "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." [Romans 8:2](#), [Galatians. 5:1](#)