

John 8:13-59: Truth Sets Free.

1. The witness of the Light (13-20).

Jesus proclaimed that He was the light of the world, but the Pharisees couldn't see it, they were blind. Jesus doesn't need witnesses to prove that He is the Light; it was visible to everyone, He knows everything and the Father God is His first Witness.

2. Believe in me or die in your sins (21-30).

Jesus now draws their minds to think about death and life; He tells them that they won't go to heaven unless they repent and accept who He is. He again reminds them of His oneness with the Father in effecting salvation, the Father sent the Son who they would crucify. Many would repent after the crucifixion and resurrection.

3. (31-47) Jesus offers freedom from sin and death.

The Pharisees are up for a long pointless argument, but Jesus offers them liberating truth, **obedience to His Word**. To be a follower of Jesus is to live with His WORD and to discover truth.

There is nothing better than freedom from bondage to sin. *"No money can buy it, no status can obtain it, no works can earn it, and nothing can match it."* **Sin** in this passage is a habitual and continuous action. The person in habitual and continuous sin is a slave (of sin).

In Adam we were all deceived and enslaved to sin. Slavery to sin is the worst kind of slavery, because there is no escape from ourselves. Someone has to set us free, the Son of God.

John 14:6 - *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

We are called to abide/stay in His word as His followers so we can continuously be filled with truth that sets us free from sin. If we keep away from Him and His truth we'll be deceived and stray to danger/destruction.

Psalms 119:130 - *The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.*

John 17:7 - *Sanctify them by Your truth, Your Word is truth.*

3 John 1:4 – *I have no greater joy than to hear than my children walk in the truth.*

The unattended garden will soon be overrun with weeds; the heart that fails to cultivate truth and root out error will shortly be a...wilderness. A.W. Tozer.

They thought they were automatically saved because they were Abraham's descendants, they forgot what Abraham did...

Genesis 15:6 - *And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. **James 2:23** - And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.*

Abraham didn't kill God's messengers; He was faithful, hospitable and obedient.

They were under the influence of Satan as they planned to murder the LORD; Satan is a liar and murderer.

4. I AM (48-59)

I Am: the voice from the burning bush, God's self-existence.

Exodus 3:14 - *And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'*

Insults: They insulted Jesus as they called Him fatherless, one who born out of sexual immorality, foolish and a demon possessed Samaritan. And we see the righteousness of Christ; He never got angry or fought back fight back...