

The Promise of Freedom

John 8:31-36

I. THE PROBLEM OF BONDAGE

a. Four types of bondage

[] Hurts:

[] Hang-ups:

[] Habits:

[] Haunting thoughts:

b. A testimony of bondage.

c. "Believers" in bondage. John 8:31

- There is a difference between *believing about Jesus* and having a *belief that is backed by commitment*.
- There also is a difference between being *acquainted with Jesus* and *personally knowing Him*.

II. THE PROMISE OF FREEDOM

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III. THE PROCESS OF FREEDOM

1. Freedom is Obtained through Faith in Jesus

a. The root of bondage is sin. 8:33-34

b. The result of sin is separation. 8:35

Romans 6:23a; Isaiah 59:1-2

Death = separation.

c. The remedy for sin is Jesus.

John 8:36; John 14:6; Romans 6:23; 1 Peter 3:18

Jesus is the truth that sets us free.

- A: Admit
- B: Believe
- C: Call, Confess, and Commit

2. Freedom is Maintained through Abiding in the Word of Truth.

John 8:31-32

a. We experience freedom as we experience truth.

The Bible is the truth that keeps us free.

b. We maintain freedom as we experience the truth of the Bible.