

TRUTH IS AN ESTABLISHED OR VERIFIED FACT OR PRINCIPLE

THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE JOHN 8:30-32

Introduction

1. “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32)...
2. In this statement, we see the bondage of the Jews and the source of true liberty (2 things)
3. And as we shall see, the effects of the precious discourse remarkable.

Discussion

- A. The First Part Of John Chapter Eight
 1. There was the discussion about the woman taken in adultery. (John 8:1-11)
 2. Secondly, Jesus declares Himself to be the Light of the world. (John 8:12-20)
...(John 1:1-4)
 3. Thirdly, He announces His going away, and inability of His enemies and unbelievers to follow Him. (John 8:21-30)
 4. And fourthly, He tells the Jews how to be free... (John 8:31-45)
- B. The Intellectual Acceptance Of Jesus
 1. “As He spake these things, many (Jews) believed on Him.” (John 8:30)
Note (John 12:42)...
 2. They accepted His statements, and believed Him to be the Messiah...
 3. But they were not true believers - at least some.
 4. Because Jesus, later on, spoke of them as seeking to kill Him. (John 8:37)...
- C. The Counsel Of Jesus To The New Converts
 1. “...If ye continue in my word, then are yye my disciples, indeed...”
(John 8:31b)
 2. In this statement is the necessity of steadfastness in the truth... (Heb. 2:1-3)
 - a. It’s implied that obstacles would have to be overcome...put away the old and put on the new.
 - b. Because Satan is always present to steal the good seed of the word out of the heart. (1 Peter 5:8) “Be sober, be vigilant; because you’re adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8, Matthew 13:19)
 - c. Steadfastness is a condition of discipleship - and everything that’s worth anything. (Rom. 12:1, 1 Cor. 15:58)...
 - d. Implied...Christ has come with power, and has a place in their hearts...
 3. So what is Jesus saying here in verse 31?
 - a. That the continuance in His will is the only test of true discipleship...
 - b. And that one act of obedience does not free one from sin, but a

- continuence in the Word of God...Baptism
- c. It's a great mistake to think that one act can free us from sin... once I'm baptized.
 - d. It's the continuence in the words of Jesus Christ that fits one for salvation...
4. The blessed privilege of steadfast discipleship is, "and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."...
- a. While others should be ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth (2 Tim. 3:7) the Christian receives a larger knowledge - is led into all truth, and sees more of the beauty and glory of Christ. - Glory Be...
5. The truth gives true freedom...
- a. This was more than freedom from Roman rule, which was to come with the coming of the Messiah.
 - b. Evil has its stronghold in darkness, but the light of truth destroys it --
 - c. And thus the Christian is freed from ignorance and error. Truth frees / error enslaves.

Conclusion

- 1. The truth of God's Word frees from sin.
- 2. Not an intellectual acceptance, only but a complete trust and obedience to the commands of God. (Rev. 22:14) equals more than a mental assent...