

**DISCIPLESHIP IN CHRIST – Jn 8:28-36**

is **Freedom from self will to do God's will**  
is **Freedom from satan's lies to know God's truth**  
is **Freedom from sinful habits to be like Christ**

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1. **Reading:** Jn 8:28-36.  
v28 Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of man, then you will know that I am He, and **that I do nothing of Myself, but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.**"  
v29 "And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, **for I always do those things that please Him.**"  
v30 As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.  
v31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed in Him, "**If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed.**"  
v32 "**And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**"  
v33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say 'you will be made free'?"  
v34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **whoever commits sin is a slave of sin,**"  
v35 "and a slave does not abide in the house forever, **but a son abides forever.**"  
v36 "**Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.**"
2. As Jesus spoke these words to the people many believed in Him, v30.
3. Confronted with many new believers, Jesus spoke first of all to them about the **importance of God's Word** in their lives. He said that if we abide in His Word, then three major blessings would result. The word "abide" means to continue at all times in His Word, to keep it in mind and heart, to speak it, believe it and act on it.  
*Pro 4:20-22, Ps 1:1-3, Josh 1:8, Heb 10:23, Col 3:16.*
4. **Jn 8:31 - The first blessing that the Word will produce in our lives is that of being disciples of Jesus.** As we fill our lives with His Word and walk in it, we will be walking in His pathway and be His disciples. Jesus said, "If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples," *Jn 8:31.*

**Only God's Word in our lives can set us free from going our own way and doing our own thing.** We either walk in God's Word or we walk in our own way. **Jesus said** if anyone chooses to follow Him, they must deny self-will, **take up their cross daily** and follow Him, *Lk 9:23.*

**By knowing and believing God's Word, we are set free** from slavery to self-will, to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. *Phil 2:13, Rom 6:6,11, Gal 2:20, Col 3:1-3, Rom 8:2, Rom 12:2.*

5. ***Jn 8:32* - The second blessing is that we will know the truth, and it is only the truth that can set us free from the lies of satan.** *Rom 12:2, Jn 8:44, 2Cor 4:4, Eph 5:8.* The truth of God is light but the lies of satan are darkness. God's Word sets us free from untruth, lies and the control of satan through his lies. **God's Word reveals the truth** and brings us to the One who is the Truth.

The one lie of satan that will be responsible for more people going to hell than any other, is that people get saved and go to heaven by doing good works. People think that if they live a "good" life and do good deeds, their good deeds will cancel out their sins and God will receive them. **But God's Word tells us clearly that no-one can be saved and go to heaven by doing good deeds.**

It is **only the Word of God that can set us free** from this lie of satan. The Word shows us that it is only by faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord that we can be forgiven, justified and saved.

*Rom 4:1-8, Eph 2:8,9, Gal 3:6-11, Rom 10:6-13, Tit 3:5, Gal 2:16, Rom 3:21-28.*

6. ***Jn 8:33-36* - The third blessing of abiding in the Word of Jesus is that the truth will set us free from the power of sin and sinful habits.** It is only by knowing and believing God's Word that we can be set free from sin. Sin separates from God, *Is 59:1,2*. It breaks relationship with God. So it is very important that we are set free from sin and sinful habits.

Jesus said, *v35*, that if we continue to allow ourselves to be a slave of sin we will not be able to continue in God's house forever. Either we **cast out sin or sin will cut us off** from God's house. But, hallelujah, if we abide in God's Word **we will be set free** from sin by the power of the truth. This is the message of *Rom 6:1-14*. This truth has set countless thousands of believers free from sinful bondage to live in peace, in a close relationship with the Lord. **Believe, confess and rejoice** in the fact that that particular sinful bondage, which has held you bound for years was smashed to pieces by Jesus Christ on the Cross and you have already been totally set free. **It is true. It works. Jesus has done it for you.**

Receive it now by faith, *Rom 6:6, Rom 6:11.*