

SERMON OUTLINE

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Celebrating Our Freedom in Christ

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I. Finding True Freedom

- A. **John 8:31-32** - Jesus' connection of truth and freedom
- B. **John 18:35-38** - trying to find the truth - does he want to hear it?
- C. What is the reality?
 - 1. **John 8:19** - Know Jesus - Know God
 - 2. **John 8:23** - We are sinners
 - 3. **John 8:24** - Our sin leads to death
 - 4. **John 8:31** - Continue in truth - disciple (sin is ongoing battle)
 - 5. **John 8:51** - Never see death if keep Jesus' words
- D. Maybe it's better not to know??? **John 8:33,39** - FREE?

II. What Does True Freedom Look Like?

- A. **John 8:33** - Never been enslaved to anyone! - Free!??
- B. REALITY: **John 8:34** - slave of sin
 - 1. We all want to be right - sin takes that from us
 - 2. We want true worth - sin steals that away
 - 3. We want meaningful relationships - sin destroys that
 - 4. We want our lives to be of value - sin cheapens it
 - 5. Sin takes away everything of value in life - I alone powerless
- C. REALITY: **John 8:12** - We can have the Light of life
 - 1. **Philippians 4:4** - "Rejoice in the Lord"
 - 2. **Matthew 12:35** - "The good man out of his good treasure..."
 - 3. **1 Thessalonians 5:23** - peace, sanctify, blameless
 - 4. **Philippians 4:7** - peace of God, surpasses comprehension...
 - 5. **Ephesians 3:14-21** - I want this freedom!!!!
- D. **2 Cor 3:14-18** - Freedom in Christ! Don't run from the truth

III. True Freedom Carries Responsibility

- A. So we're free in Christ - **Romans 6:1** - continue in sin?
- B. Freedom cannot be separated from responsibility. NOT - taskmaster, BUT - treasure (**2 Cor 4:7**) the heart - **2 Cor 4:16**
Responsibility (desire) to do good - WILL (**2 Cor 5:14-15**)
- C. **1 Peter 2:13-17** - Responsibility to do good
- D. **Galatians 5:13** - Responsibility to do right
- E. Like **Romans 6:1** - "Shall we continue..."