

THAT YOU MAY KNOW

Sons and Slaves
John 8:31-47
July 24, 2022

I. THE CALL TO ABIDE (vv. 31-32)

- To abide is to persevere in trusting Christ's words (John 6:66-69).
- Jesus brings the freedom of the New Exodus (Is. 42:1-7; 61:1).

II. "WE HAVE NEVER BEEN ENSLAVED!" (vv. 33-38)

- We are all slaves of sin by nature (Eph. 2:1-3).
- Slaves cannot remain in God's house; the Son must set you free (Eph. 2:4-10).
- True freedom is not freedom to sin, but freedom from sin (John 10:10; Rom. 6:20-23; Gal. 5:13).

III. "WE ARE SONS OF ABRAHAM!" (vv. 39-40)

- True sons of Abraham share the faith of Abraham (Gen. 15:6; Gal. 3:7-9, 29).

IV. "WE ARE SONS OF GOD!" (vv. 41-47)

- Those who abide in the truth love Jesus and are children of God (John 1:9-13; 3:1-8; 8:42).
- Those who reject the truth love lies and are children of the Devil (vv. 43-47; Gen. 3:1).

V. A WORD TO SONS AND SLAVES

- To sons:
 1. **Abide** in the words of Christ by faith resulting in obedience!
 2. **Rejoice** in the freedom you have in Christ!
- To slaves:
 1. **Repent** by turning from the sin that enslaves you!
 2. **Believe** by trusting in the Son of God who alone is able to set you free!

KNOW: You are either a free son of God, or a slave to sin; the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent. The difference is revealed in whether you have put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

DO: To the sons, abide and rejoice in your freedom in Christ! To the slaves, repent and believe in the Truth that sets you free!

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 8:31-47

1. What is the distinguishing mark of a true disciple?
2. What does Christian freedom look like?
3. What does Christian freedom not look like?
4. Why is the enslaving nature of sin vital to a right understanding of the gospel?
5. How should we engage those in the church who continue to sin habitually?
6. If you are a believer, take a moment to thank God and reflect on your sonship in Christ.