

Straight Talk from Jesus

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 8:31-47.

B. Many people think freedom is being able to do whatever one wants to do.

C. Real freedom is the ability to be all that a person wants to be.

II. The way to be what one wants to be.

A. Believe Jesus. Evidence must be examined with regard to Jesus' claims about His evidence.

B. Continue in Jesus' Word.

C. Know the truth.

1. When we see things as Jesus does, we will see others, the world, and ourselves differently.

2. A person's whole value system will change to give him understanding. (Proverbs 2)

III. The truth will set a person free.

A. People are slaves held in bondage.

B. The truth frees us from all our hang-ups, guilt and pride.

C. The obstacle with the Jews was their belief that they were accepted before God.

D. Believers have been made children of God and have been given access to all the privileges that accompany it.

IV. Freedom is a matter of where a person comes from.

A. Jesus told the Jewish leadership that the devil was their father, not Abraham, because of their deeds.

B. What one does reveals to which he belongs.

V. Life cannot be understood until one recognizes that there are invisible realities both good and evil.

VI. Jesus' testimony is true because He was without sin.

Application questions:

1. Why is sin something from which we must be set free?

2. What are the steps to truth? How do these practically work themselves out?

3. How would you respond to someone who argues that it was cruel for Jesus to say that the Jewish leaders were from the devil? Explain.
