



LIVING IN THE WORD "Freedom in Knowing the Truth" John 8:31-41

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I. "Living in the Word" Is One of the Things that True Disciples DO.

- A. The original disciples had the benefit of seeing and listening to the Word's words.
- B. Contemporary disciples have the "God breathed" record and the Spirit's presence.
- C. The result today is people who are being transformed into the likeness of Christ – disciples.

II. "Living in the Word" Leads True Disciples into an Experience of "Knowing the Truth."

- A. *Ginosko* in classical Greek = to perceive by the senses leading to an ordering of the mind.
- B. *Ginosko* in LXX = to develop a personal relationship between the knower and the known.
- C. *Ginosko* in N.T. = to know about in order to become personally acquainted.
- D. E.G. the original disciples knew about "Truth," but in Jesus they encountered living Truth.
- E. *Aletheia* in LXX = that which is firm, reliable, faithful. cf. Exodus 34:6 & John 1:14, 17
- F. *Aletheia* in N.T. = conforms to reality – opposite of lies, exaggeration, misleading appearance.
- G. Pilate asked, "What is truth?" (cynical, despairing?) Jesus stated, "I am the truth." (live reality).
- H. Disciples who order their minds concerning the truth in Jesus become personally acquainted.
- I. So they "hear," (Eph. 1:3) "understand," (Col. 1:6) "do," (John 3:21) "speak," (Eph 4:25) truth.

III. "Knowing the Truth" Leads to Being "Set Free."

- A. A misunderstanding and sense of false security based on heritage corrected. John 8:33f
- B. Knowing the truth reveals the reality of sin by exposing lies, exaggerations, and appearances.
- C. Sin when it is exposed is seen to be universal, pervasive, dominant, and destructive.
- D. Knowing the truth about God in Christ reveals reality of lostness, hopelessness, and helplessness.
- E. Knowing the truth shows the reality of grace – for Jesus is "full of grace and truth." John 1:14
- F. Freedom from sin's penalty (Rom. 8:1), presence (Rev. 21:1-8), and power (Rom. 6:14).
- G. This leads to freedom, not to do what I want, but to desire and to do what I ought. Gal. 5:1f

In Closing:

"If you live in my Word, then you are really my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." - Jesus!!