

Take 5!

5 Verses, 5 Questions, 5 Minutes



Freedom!

Please take a moment to pray for forgiveness of any sin that God brings to your mind and ask for a fresh filling of God's Holy Spirit in you heart.

Now please read John 8:31-35.

How can we tell if we are truly Jesus *disciples* (verse 31)?

If we abide in His Word we are truly His disciples. The word for *disciple* in this text is *mathetes* which means a pupil, a learner, to increase one's knowledge, to learn by use and practice, to be in the habit of. In my opinion we can believe in Jesus but not really be a serious disciple of the cross. I know this to be true because I lived it for many years. So what's the difference between being a believer and a disciple? Abiding. The Greek word for *abide* in this verse is *meno* which means to remain, to sojourn, tarry, to remain as one, to wait for.

We abide with Jesus when:

1. We are continually in His Word,
2. We walk through every stage and decision of life with Him,
3. We wait on Him to act before we move, and
4. We remain as one with Him in thoughts, words and actions.

What will happen when we abide in His Word (verse 32)?

We shall be free! The meaning of this word in the original Greek is very interesting; it has a three fold definition. *Eleutheros* means:

1. Civil Freedom: freeborn, freed, of one who is not a slave, unrestrained.
2. Ethical Freedom: free from the yoke of Mosaic Law. (Marvelous Grace!)
3. Moral Freedom: free from the dominion of sin! (Hallelujah!)

Why did the Jewish believers think they were free?

Being a descendent of Abraham has never freed anyone from the bondage of sin.

How does a person become a slave of sin (verse 34)?

We will be a slave to something; either to God and His righteous works or to Satan, sin and evilness. It used to bother me to think about being a slave to Jesus. But now I would consider it a great blessing to have my will completely consumed by His.

Where will Christians abide forever?

We are free to dwell in the house of the Lord!

*If the Son makes you free,
You shall be free indeed!
John 8:36*

