

# True Discipleship

John 8:30-32

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What is his purpose of writing the Gospel that he wants us to understand?

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His purpose of writing the Gospel Of John is that you may have true belief that Jesus is the Messiah, The Son of God and that by believing you may have eternal life!

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## John 8

1. "I am the light of the world." - verse 12
2. "You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me." - verses 15-16
3. "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." - verse 19
4. "Where I am going you cannot come" "You are from below I am from above" & you are of this world I am not of this world." - verses 21 & 23
5. Jesus says He is God in verse 24. And if they didn't believe that they would die in their sins.
6. "So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." - verses 28-29

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## Two themes

There are some who will look like true disciples and will even confess to be true disciples but truly are false disciples.

What it looks like to be a true disciple of Christ.

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**Do these Jews sound like true disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ?**

- They cannot bear to hear his word.
- They are of their father the Devil.
- They are not of God.
- They pick up stones to kill him.

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**Does this mean that these “believers” such as Judas, lost their salvation?**

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**1 John 2:19**

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

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**John 8:31-32**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

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**2 John 1:9**

Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

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**John 3:36**

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

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**1 John 2:5-6**

but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

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**What does bearing fruit look like?**

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**A true follower of Christ:**

- Will have right belief in who Jesus is and what He has done and that true belief will be manifested in the believer by him living a life that is pleasing to the Lord.
- Will love God and love his people
- Will hate sin and live a life of daily repentance.
- Will abide in Christ and His word.
- Will display fruits of the Spirit; Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.

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**2 Corinthians 13:5**

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?— unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

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**Matthew 7:21-23**

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

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**Romans 5:8-9**

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

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**2 Corinthians 5:21**

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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**Isaiah 45:22**

“Turn to me and be saved,  
all the ends of the earth!  
For I am God, and there is no other.

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Read John 8:30. and John 8:39-59.

1. What happened to the “believing Jews” of verse 30?

Read John 6:39-40, John 10:27-30, Ephesians 1:13-14.

2. According to these verses can someone lose their salvation?
3. What about those who have professed faith but are now apostate, did they lose their salvation? (1 John 2:19)
4. According to 1 John 3:6 What does John mean by “keeps on sinning?”
5. Is John saying Christians don’t sin? (See 1 John 1:8 & 10)
6. What happens if we do sin? (1 John 1:9 and 1 John 2:1)
7. How do we know that we have come to know or rather to be known by God? (1 John 2:3, 2:29)
8. If we have been born again how should we then live?