

John 8:30-36

The Truth Shall set you Free

John 8:30–36 (NKJV)

³⁰ As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

³³ They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever.

³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Introduction

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples **indeed**.

³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth **shall make you free.**”

v.33b How *can* You say, ‘You ***will be made free***?’”

³⁶ Therefore if the Son **makes you free**, you **shall be free indeed**.

free

eleutheroó: to make free, fig. to exempt (from liability)

Original Word: ἐλευθερώω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: eleutheroó

Phonetic Spelling: (el-yoo-ther-o'-o)

Short Definition: I free, set free, liberate

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Cognate: **1659** *eleutheróō* – properly, set free, release from bondage; (figuratively) to remove the restrictions of sin (darkness) because delivered by God *into true spiritual liberty* (growth). **See 1658** (*eleutheros*).

old verb from ἐλευθερος [*eleutheros*] (from ἐρχομαι [*erchomai*], to go where one wishes and so free)

Robertson, A. T. (1933). *Word Pictures in the New Testament* (Jn 8:32). Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.

Indeed v 31, v36

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples **indeed**. **indeed**.”

alétheia: truth (as opposed to false)

Original Word: ἀλήθεια, ας, ἡ

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: alétheia

Phonetic Spelling: (al-ay'-thi-a)

Short Definition: truth

Definition: truth, but not merely truth as spoken; truth of idea, reality, sincerity, truth in the moral sphere, divine truth revealed to man, straightforwardness.

225 *alétheia* (from **227** /*alēthés*, "true to fact") – properly, *truth* (true to *fact*), *reality*.

³⁶ **Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.**

indeed.

ontós: really, truly Real as opposed to Fake

Original Word: ὄντως

Part of Speech: Adverb

Transliteration: ontós

Phonetic Spelling: (on'-toce)

Short Definition: really, truly

Definition: really, truly, actually.

3689 *óntōs* (the adverbial form of **1510** /*eimí*, "to be") – properly, *exist; really be (exist, as reality)*. **3689** /*óntōs* ("substance as reality") is usually translated "indeed" and refers to what is *genuinely important* ("real").

Old and common adverb from participle ὄντων [*ontōn*], actually, really (cf. Luke 24:34).

Robertson, A. T. (1933). *Word Pictures in the New Testament* (Jn 8:36). Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.

Luke 24:34 Adv

GRK: λέγοντας ὅτι ὄντως ἠγέρθη ὁ

NAS: The Lord *has really* risen

Young's Literal Translation

v36 if then the son may make you free, in reality ye shall be free.

not theoretical, not hypothetical, but actual

There has been much discussion throughout the centuries as to what Christian Freedom really is.

Freedom in our culture has become a very dangerous word. It has become a very misunderstood word in our culture and also the church

The idea now is that they want to be free to do what ever they want to do.

They also want to be free from you telling them that what they are doing is wrong.

They want to be free with no constraints and also want they want with complete toleration.

Not New

3000 years ago,
Judges 17:6 (NKJV)

⁶ In those days *there was* no king in Israel; everyone did *what was* right in his own eyes.

To do this, you will have to get the Bible out of the way

It needs to be out of the schools

It needs to be out of the universities

It needs to be out of the legislature

It needs to be out of our courts

And
It needs to be out of the church.

The sad reality is that all this desire for unrestrained freedom becomes bondage.

Our society cry for freedom actually is a cry for more sin.

We are a society of SIN Addicts
We want more and more sin.

Much like the opioid addict, or the Heroin addict, they are not satisfied until they get there next fix. They will do what they have to do, sell what they have to sell, leave what family they have, just so they can have there next high on drugs.

Every day, more than 115 Americans die after overdosing on opioids.¹ The misuse of and addiction to opioids—including prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl—is a serious national crisis that affects public health as well as social and economic welfare. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that the total "economic burden" of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is \$78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement.² (National Institute of Drug abuse)

How did this happen?

In the late 1990s, pharmaceutical companies reassured the medical community that patients would not become addicted to prescription opioid pain relievers, and healthcare providers began to prescribe them at greater rates. This subsequently led to widespread diversion and misuse of these medications before it became clear that these medications could indeed be highly addictive.[3,4](#) Opioid overdose rates began to increase. In 2015, more than 33,000 Americans died as a result of an opioid overdose, including prescription opioids, heroin, and illicitly manufactured fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid.[1](#) That same year, an estimated 2 million people in the United States suffered from substance use disorders related to prescription opioid pain relievers, and 591,000 suffered from a heroin use disorder (not mutually exclusive).[5](#)

- About 80 percent of people who use heroin first misused prescription opioids.[7](#)
- Opioid overdoses increased 30 percent from July 2016 through September 2017 in 52 areas in 45 states.[10](#)
- The Midwestern region saw opioid overdoses increase 70 percent from July 2016 through September 2017.[10](#)

Just like in the 1990s

pharmaceutical companies reassured the medical community that patients would not become addicted to prescription opioid pain relievers, So today we are being told that we can have all the freedom we want in sin. Our society has declared a free for all for any sin or view point on morality you have (just so long as it is not Biblical)

So this same mentality has come into the church. We have Christianized our Freedom, and tried to Sanctify our sin.

This new desire for Christian Freedom is another way to import the world into the church.

Our problem today inside and outside the church is that we are addicted to sin.

We cloak our desire for sin in the term freedom.

We would never praise someone for being addicted to painkillers or heroin,

We would do all that we could to free them from that addition

Yet we praise and parade our addition to sin as if it is the greatest form of liberty.

In our society just a few decades ago, there was a certain restraint on society, there were accepted and understood boundaries that you did not cross. Family meant something. Marriage meant something

Raising Children with discipline was an understood accepted norm.

There were certain lifestyles or conduct that built in shame

But now all that was once in the dark, has been brought into the light and paraded as if it normal. Sin and Shame are gone and are replaced with Freedom, license and Tolerance

That which was good and wholesome has all been thrown to the wind for the new found freedom

The Church now with its Armenianistic Pragmatism and shallow if not altogether vacant Theology has decided the best way to reach the world is to parade our sin to.

On the Liberal side of the false church, it has reached a terminal point of no return of the ordination of lesbians and homosexuals into the ministry, and the normalizing of same sex marriage.

There is even some talk of normalizing abortion.

That is the extreme end

But even the evangelical Church, those that would say they believe the gospel there has been a slide toward a view that says we don't want to confront the world on the freedom they have. So sin is never confronted directly

No now sin has gone to church
The new norm is not to condemn, not to judge
sinners need to be comfortable in your church

So any confrontation on sin, or any discussion on sanctification, or holiness is left unsaid. So that sinners will remain comfortable
To talk of sin would expose the nonbelievers and make them uncomfortable

So some pastors and authors are calling for a new approach.

That approach is "you don't need to worry about your conduct "

This is a new regurgitated re packaged form of Antinomianism

This means "against the law"

This is an old heresy that taught that

Since Christ fulfilled the law for us, we don't have to pay any attention to it.

We have imputed righteousness, His life is given to us, so it doesn't matter what we do.

Some of the thoughts out there that are being taught

"We need to be fully free in Christ"

"Freedom and Fun must be reinstated back into our faith so that the non christians will be attracted to us"

"Grace has saved us from sin and freed us from obligation and duty."

The thought now is that you are free from the law to sin

rather than you are free from sin to obey the law

Steve Brown, pastor, theologian and Reformed Theological Seminary Professor.

says

In a Book (A Scandalous Freedom)

"You ought to live your life with such freedom and joy that uptight Christians will doubt your salvation."

— Steve Brown, A Scandalous Freedom

“The good news is that Christ frees us from the need to obnoxiously focus on our goodness, our commitment, and our correctness. Religion has made us obsessive almost beyond endurance. Jesus invited us to a dance...and we've turned in into a march of soldiers, always checking to see if we're doing it right and are in step and in line with the other soldiers. We know a dance would be more fun, but we believe we must go through hell to get to heaven, so we keep marching.”

— Steve Brown, A Scandalous Freedom

“You are really and truly and completely free. There is no kicker. There is no if, and, or but. You are free. You can do it right or wrong. You can obey or disobey. You can run from Christ or run to Christ. You can choose to become a faithful Christian or an unfaithful Christian. You can cry, cuss, and spit, or laugh, sing, and dance. You can read a novel or the Bible. You can watch television or pray. You're free...really free.”

— Steve Brown, A Scandalous Freedom

“God save me from politicians, Christians, or pagans who think they are my mother!”

— Steve Brown, A Scandalous Freedom

“If you've been a Christian very long, you may be wondering why I left out the guilt, the condemnation, and the promises to get better and better in every way,

every day. I left them out because they simply aren't in the Bible.”

— Steve Brown, A Scandalous Freedom

“God will not only love you if you don't get better; he will teach you that getting better isn't the issue. His love is the issue.”

— Steve Brown, A Scandalous Freedom

“There really is something neurotic about Christians who spend most of their time trying desperately to please a God who is already very pleased. They don't have any freedom, and they sometimes take away the freedom of others.”

— Steve Brown, A Scandalous Freedom

(Three Free Sins: God's Not Mad at You)

“I find myself laughing a lot. Every time I remember that I'm forgiven and loved (that I have unlimited free sins and blank checks), I get the giggles. In fact, Christians are the only people on earth who have something significant to laugh about.”

— Steve Brown, Three Free Sins: God's Not Mad at You

“Religion can make you weird. It can also make you afraid. If God is a police officer at best and a child abuser at worst, you had better be careful, and careful will kill your

freedom. If the work of Christ depends on your faithfulness, obedience, and purity, and you must work to maintain your witness, maintaining will kill your freedom.”

This has fleshed itself out in the newer contemporary seeker churches, and also the the young restless and Reformed movement.

Not all that are associated the with these groups are this way

But many are free and are free in your face free.

Im going to drink smoke and chew and go with girls that do. and theres nothing you can do about it, because I am free.

But what does this Grace of God bring

Titus 2:11

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² **teaching** us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

¹⁵ Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

12 teaching

Tense: Present

Mood: Participle

Voice: Active

paideuó: to train children, to chasten, correct

Original Word: παιδεύω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: paideuó

Phonetic Spelling: (pahee-dyoo'-o)

Short Definition: I discipline, educate, train, chastise

Definition: (a) I discipline, educate, train, (b) more severely: I chastise.

Titus 3:8 (NKJV)

⁸ This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

Your freedom in Christ is not freedom to sin. but Free to do good deeds

The Bible does not deny our Freedom it affirms it

We are free From

1. The Curse
2. The Condemnation
3. The Customs
4. The Continuation

1. Free from The Curse

Galatians 3:10

¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “*Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.*”

James 2:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

2 Free from Condemnation

Romans 8:1–2 (NKJV)

8 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

3. Free from the Customs Rituals

Galatians 5:1–2 (NKJV)

5 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. ² Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.

Colossians 2:13–17 (NKJV)

¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, ¹⁴ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵ Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶ So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, ¹⁷ which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

4 Free from the Continuation

Romans 6:6–14 (NKJV)

⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that

Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Galatians 5:13–25 (NKJV)

¹³ For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.