

John 8:28,31

Contours of the Heart

A. ABIDE IN MY WORD – v. 30-31

1) Results

- You know the truth – v. 31-32
- You are set free – v. 32, 34
- You love like a son – v. 35
- You are free indeed – v. 36

2) Content (Matt 7:24-27)

3) Specs (Joshua 24:14-23)

4) Minimums

- Profession
- Public Fellowship
- Repenting of Sin
- Personal Piety

5) Contours of the Heart

- Love – Matt 22:37
 - Honor – Psa 112:1
 - Happiness – Psa 1:2, 37:4
 - Hope – James 5:7-11, 1 Pet 1:13, Rom 8:18-25
- Diminished Rivals
 - Men – Matt 10:28, Psa 118:6, Prov 29:25, Isa 8:12-13, Gal 1:10, Dan 3:16-18
 - Money – Matt 6:24, 1 Tim 6:6-10
 - Self – Matt 6:25ff, James 4:4, Dan 6:10
- Ordered Actions – Phil 2:12-13
 - Prioritize Kingdom Service – Dan 2:27-30
 - Take Sin Seriously – Dan 1:8, 9:3-15
 - Others-Centered Relationships – Dan 6:22

B. THEN YOU WILL KNOW – v. 28

1) At the Cross (Mark 15:39, Luke 23:48, Acts 2-3)

2) In the Future (Phil 2:10, Rev 5:13, 6:15-17, Rev 19)

- Ezekiel 20:33-38
- Zechariah 13:7-9
- Zechariah 12:9-10, 13:1
- Romans 11:25-27

Praxis

1. What are ways in which you can cultivate true love for the Lord? How can you help others to do so?
2. What are some practical steps to go about “diminishing rivals” in your heart – those things that attract an inordinate amount of your honor, joy, or hope...?
3. What are some of the “ordered actions” of one who “abides in My word”? Which one in particular do you need to give some attention?