

LW – Find/quiet place/know Jesus; Deal w/sin-not condemn/but not approving; W/out Him/His forgiveness we will die in our sins – He doesn't want that to happen!

John 8:31–59

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.”

* Promise - To those who believed – If/abide/word 1) Disciples; 2) Know/truth; 3) Make/Free

Respond – Receive Blessings/Abiding/Word: 1) Disciples 2) Know/truth 3) 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.”

* Never/bondage – False/Lie (Egypt/Judges/Assyria/Babylon/Greek/Currently Roman!)

* Whoever commits sin/slave sin – True;

* Whoever abides/lives in Word of God – #4 - Abides in/House of the Lord as sons forever

Respond

* We all deny that were in bondage to sin at first – deceived/thinking freedom, don't realize

* Religious heritage doesn't make us free/sin – able to abide in the House Lord/Heaven

* Only Son of God, Jesus Christ, Can make us free of sin, able to abide forever!

* Believing/Abiding(Living) in Word of God makes us free & sons/daughters – (Jn 1:10-13)

37 “I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. **38** I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.” **39** They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. **40** But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. **41** You do the deeds of your father.” Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God.” **42** Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. **43** Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.”

* Jesus says, “You may be Abraham’s descendants/lineage, don't have same Father”

* Tells them how he knows – they don't do the works of Abraham –

Genesis 15:6 - And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Heb 11:8 – By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out...

Heb 11:9 – By faith he dwelt in the land of promise...

Heb 11:17-18 – By faith Abraham, when he was tested offered up Isaac...of whom it was said, “in Isaac your seed shall be called,”

* What was Abraham’s work? – Believing God’s word! But what does Jesus say about them?

* My word has no place in you...you do not understand my speech because you are not able to listen to my word.

Respond – It is not by our self-righteous acts of our religious heritage that makes us sons/daughters of God

* It is believing/Word of God, Jesus, the Word made flesh, believing by faith! (Jn 6:28-29)

44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. **46** Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? **47** He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 - But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, **4** whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Respond – Pray for, and speak the truth in love, but boldly, that YOU/they might believe

48 Then the Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” (V41 – born of fornication) **49** Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. **50** And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. **51** Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.”

1) Samaritan/Demon/(V41/Born/Fornication) - A lot/people/say/lot/things/Jesus! NOT true!

2) Instead/defending Himself, just speaks/truth (good lesson) – Keeps word/never see death

Respond – #5 – Believe/likes about Jesus; believe/truth of Jesus! Never see death! (**Jn 5:24**)

52 Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ **53** Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?” **54** Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. **55** Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. **56** Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” **57** Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” **58** Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” **59** Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

* Repeatedly, those who rejected Jesus made false accusations and spoke untruths about Him

* Jesus only spoke the truth and they tried to kill Him!

* Jesus, just like God the Father, is from everlasting –

Psalms 106:48 - Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!

Micah 5:2 - “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.”

Communion

Believers – Abide/(Live) in God's word – 1) Disciples 2) Know/truth, 3) truth set you free, 4) abide in house forever, 5) never see death!

Hearers of the Word – Believe the lies, or believe the truth – abide in the truth, set you free...