

Sermon Notes: 'You Shall Know the Truth and the Truth Will Set You Free'

Text: John 8:31-32

"Then Jesus said to the Jews who believed in Him, 'If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.'"

1 The liberating power of truth

- Truth is not just information; it is transformative (John 14:6).
- Psalm 119:45 "I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts."
- 2 Corinthians 3:17 "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

2 The rejection of truth is not intellectual but moral

- Rejection of truth is resistance of the heart.
- Romans 1:18 "For the wrath of God is revealed... who suppress the truth."
- Romans 1:21 "Although they knew God... their foolish hearts were darkened."

3 The example of the Pharisees

- John 5:39-40 "You study the Scriptures... yet you refuse to come to me."
- John 8:43-44 "Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word."

4 Truth requires submission and humility

- James 4:6 "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."
- Hebrews 3:15 "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts..."

5 Freedom comes to those who receive and walk in truth

- John 3:19-20 "Light has come... but people loved darkness instead of light."

Outline:

Introduction: Context of John 8:32.

Main points:

1. Truth liberates those who submit to it (John 14:6; 2 Cor 3:17).
2. Rejecting truth = moral resistance (Romans 1:18-21).
3. Pharisees as example (John 5:39-40; 8:43-44).
4. Humility needed (James 4:6; Heb 3:15).
5. Warning: Refusal keeps in bondage (John 3:19-20).
6. Promise: Truth brings freedom (John 8:31-32).

Conclusion: Challenge congregation to examine whether they reject truth out of pride or fear, call to repentance and freedom.