

The Need to Be Freed

John 8:31-48

All people are in need of being set free from that which truly enslaves us. This true freedom is not something we can obtain by our own means - it is only (and surely) granted by Christ to those who belong to Him.

1. The surprising offense of Jesus' teaching
 - a) "belief" is not enough
 - b) Apart from Christ you are not free, you are a slave to sin
 - c) You are helpless and entirely dependent on Jesus to set you free

2. The nature of true slavery
 - a) Slavery to sin is proven by continuing in sin
 - b) Slavery to sin is proven by prideful blindness and self-righteousness
 - c) Slavery to sin results in rejecting Christ

3. The nature of true freedom
 - a) Freedom from the penalty of sin
 - b) Freedom from the power of sin
 - c) A Future Freedom from the presence of Sin