

Big idea: Salvation is absolutely a free gift of God's grace, but to be a fully devoted disciple of Jesus is costly.

I. Where we left off...

- A. It's still the day AFTER the Feast**
- B. Jesus is still at the TEMPLE mount**
- C. Jesus is still giving WITNESS to who he is**
- D. John tells us many BELIEVED**

II. Truth and Freedom

A. What does it mean to BELIEVE? v. 30

1. The PURPOSE

2. The PROCLAMATION

3. The PROBLEM

- How do you RECONCILE v. 30 and vs. 37 & 44 & 59**
- So is it a GENUINE faith or a FALSE faith?**

4. The SOLUTION

- Two different groups of PEOPLE**
- Two different TRUTHS in view**

B. What does it mean to ABIDE? v. 31

1. The MEANING of the word – ABIDE

2. The IMPORTANCE of the WORD

C. What does it mean to be FREE? v. 32

1. The CENTRALITY of the truth

2. The EFFECTUALITY of the truth

D. What does it mean to be in BONDAGE? vs. 33-36

1. The confusing of the PHYSICAL and the SPIRITUAL

2. Let me be CLEAR

- The ultimate bondage is slavery to SIN

- The ultimate freedom is found in CHRIST

III. What we take away... True freedom is not the liberty to do anything we please; but the freedom to do what pleases God