

# Truth and Freedom

John 8:32

## Introduction:

- A. Today, July 4, our nation celebrates its freedom.
- B. Jesus promised a freedom greater than political and civil freedoms.
  - 1. Based on being a dedicated disciple (student) of his word (v. 31)
  - 2. Such a disciple will learn the truth and be made free (v. 32)
- C. Let us look closely at the two elements of this promise of Jesus:

## Discussion:

### I. Truth

- A. Spiritual truth.
  - 1. Not scientific, mathematical, historical, medical, etc.
    - a. Salvation does not depend of believing truth in these areas (cf. 2 Thess. 2:9-12)
    - b. Yet, there is no error in these fields in Bible – always truth when such areas touched on.
  - 2. But the truth of God, Christ and the gospel (cf. Rom. 1:25; 2 Cor. 11:10; Gal. 2:5, 14)
- B. Absolute truth.
  - 1. There are degrees of our knowledge and understanding (Acts 18:26; 24:22)
  - 2. But, truth of its very nature cannot be relative – in any field.
- C. Knowable truth.
  - 1. God would not punish on for not obeying the truth, if cannot know it (cf. Rom. 2:8, 9)
  - 2. Must search the scriptures for the truth (Acts 17:11)
  - 3. Must love the truth (2 Thess. 2:10)

### II. Freedom

- A. From Sin (Rom. 6:20, 22: 8:2)
  - 1. The guilt of sin (Heb. 8:12)
  - 2. The practice of sin (Rom. 6:6, 12-13)
- B. From fear (Heb. 2:15; 1 John 4:18)
- C. From the law (Gal. 5:1-4)
- D. To serve God (Rom. 6:22)

## Conclusion:

- A. There can be no real freedom in Christ without truth.
- B. There can be no forgiveness (purifying the soul) without obeying the truth (1 Pet. 1:22)
- C. There can be freedom without continuing to obey the truth (Gal. 5:1,7)