

# How to Be a Son of Abraham

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John 8:31-59

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## Jesus - His Words are Truth

- Last week: *as Jesus was saying these things many believed in Him*<sup>8:30</sup>
- To those believers: *If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples*<sup>31</sup>
- Jesus defined what true disciples look like
- Jesus knew who were true disciples<sup>2:24</sup>

## So How Do We Know Who are True Disciples?

- Jesus declares: *If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples*<sup>31</sup>
- faith: not a walking aisle; warm mushy feelings but *abide in His Word*

## What Does It Mean to Abide?

- The word abide used often by John<sup>5:38;6:56;8:31;15:4,6,7,9</sup> = 'to remain'
- Jesus: *I am the true vine... abide in me, and I in you*<sup>Jn15:1</sup>
- If we abide in the vine then we will produce fruit<sup>Gal5:22-23</sup>. Jesus' goal<sup>Jn15:8</sup>
- Abiding is more than a profession - consider parable of sower<sup>Mt13</sup>
- Ask yourself the tough questions:
  - Are you abiding in His Word? Do you study His Word?
  - Does that study produce godly fruit? Is your fruit<sup>Gal5:22-23</sup> increasing?
  - If NOT then consider Jesus' words and cry out for Him to have mercy!

## Some Answered As If They Didn't Believe

- Jesus directs His comments to those who didn't believe<sup>33</sup> in Him
- They were thinking physically, Jesus is talking spiritually: bondage to sin
- Argument heard today: I'm a Christian because I was born...
- Birth or Family doesn't matter – only faith<sup>Jn3:3;6:40</sup>

## Jesus' Bold Answer & Confrontation of Their Pride

- Jesus starts with Truly, truly<sup>34</sup> - 'that which is sure and valid': Amen, Amen.
- Jesus came to set us free<sup>36</sup> from our bondage to sin
- Declared they weren't acting like offspring of Abraham<sup>37</sup>
- Jesus made it clear that actions<sup>obedience</sup> is what shows relationship

## Then the Name Calling Starts...

- They were so offended they resorted to attacking His character<sup>41</sup>
- Vilifying Jesus by attacking Virgin Birth & calling Him mere man...
- Their actions are proof they are not on God's side<sup>42-44</sup>
- They attack because they are blind and willingly serving the evil one<sup>44</sup>
- More attacks<sup>48</sup> calling Him a Samaritan & saying He has a demon
- Jesus ignores Samaritan comment – He came to save all, not just Jews
- Denies demon, but declares He does honors the Father<sup>49-50</sup>
- Jesus calls them to obey His Word<sup>51</sup>
- His enemies say he couldn't have been with Abraham
- Jesus declares His deity and eternity: *before Abraham was, I am*<sup>58</sup>

## What About You?

- John has showed you Jesus Christ & the power of His Gospel will you believe?
- Salvation is NOT by your obedience but by FAITH in Jesus' obedience
- John wrote so we might believe and be strengthened<sup>Jn20:31</sup>