

# The Demands of Discipleship

## The Cost of Freedom in Christ

### John 8:31-37

thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

## I. Jesus' Demands: The Prerequisite for Freedom (31,32)

### A. Requirements For Freedom (31)

1. **Believing**
2. **Continuing**  
**Romans 2:13** (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.  
**James 1:22** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

### B. Results of Freedom (32)

1. **Knowledge of the Truth**
2. **Freedom from the Bondage of Sin**  
**Romans 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.  
**Galatians 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

## II. Jews' Denial: The Pretense of Freedom (33-35, 37)

### A. The Arrogance of the Jews (33)

**Galatians 4:22** For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

1. **They Forgot Their Physical Bondage**
  - a. **Their Past Enslavements**
  - b. **Their Present Enslavements**
2. **They Forgot Their Spiritual Bondage**  
**Romans 6:16** Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But God be

## B. The Answer of Jesus (34 -35, 37)

### 1. Concerning Their Slavery (34 -35)

#### a. Their Sin (34A)

**1 John 3:6** Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

**1 John 5:18** We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

**1 John 5:4** For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

#### b. Their Servanthood (34B-35)

**Genesis 21:10** Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.

### 2. Concerning Their Seed (37)

#### a. Truth of Their History (37a)

#### b. Trouble of Their Heart (37b)

## III. Jesus' Declaration: The Promise of Freedom (36)

### A. The Source of This Freedom

**John 10:10** ... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

### B. The Satisfaction of This Freedom

## CONCLUSION:

**2 Cor. 13:5** Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?