

# True Freedom!

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## John 8:30-36

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### 1. The secret to true freedom. (John 8:30-31)

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### 2. The truth found in the person of Jesus Christ brings freedom. (John 8:32)

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Men do not always, or even usually, realize that they are in bondage. They tend to rest in some fancied position of privilege, national, social, or religious. So these Jews, proud of their religion, did not even know their need to be free. (Leon Morris)

### 3. If you do not recognize you are in bondage, how will you ever be free? (John 8:33)

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### 4. Those who are enslaved will demonstrate it in their lives. (John 8:34)

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### 5. A slave is temporary, but a son is forever! (John 8:35)

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A slave has no security, for he can claim no family ties that entail an obligation toward him. The son of a family has permanent status within it. Jesus enlarged this analogy by stating that while a son is rightfully a partaker of family privileges, the Son can confer them. The hope of real freedom does not lie in the ancestry of Abraham but in the action of Christ. (Merrill Tenney)

### 6. True freedom only comes through the Son, Jesus Christ. (John:36)

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Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. (1 Peter 2:16)

## 「真自由」！

約翰福音 8:30-36

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### 一. 得「真自由」的秘訣 (約 8:30-31)

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### 二. 在耶穌基督裡的真理帶給人自由 (約 8:32)

你們必曉得真理，真理必叫你們得以自由。（約 8:32）

人們經常沒有意識到自己處於捆綁之中。他們安於某些假想的特權，無論是國家的、社會的或是宗教的。因此，這些以他們的宗教引以為傲的猶太人甚至不知道自己需要自由。（Leon Morris）

### 三. 如果你不知道自己在捆綁之中，如何能得自由呢？ (約 8:33)

他們回答說：「我們是亞伯拉罕的後裔，從來沒有做過誰的奴僕，祢怎麼說『你們必得以自由』呢？」（約 8:33）

### 四. 為奴的人會在他們的生活中顯出為奴的身份 (約 8:34)

耶穌回答說：「我實實在在地告訴你們：所有犯罪的就是罪的奴僕。」（約 8:34）

### 五. 奴僕是暫時的，但兒子是永遠的！ (約 8:35)

奴僕不能永遠住在家裡，兒子是永遠住在家裡（約 8:35）

一個奴僕是沒有安全感的，因為他沒有任何對他有義務的家庭關係。一個兒子在家中卻擁有永久的地位。而耶穌把這個比喻擴大了，指出不但一個兒子可以理所當然地享有家庭特權，神的兒子還可以授予原來不是兒子的這些家庭特權。因此要得到「真自由」的指望不在於擁有亞伯拉罕為祖先，而在於基督的作為。(Merrill Tenney)

## 六. 真自由唯有從 神的兒子耶穌基督而來 (約 8:36)

所以天父的兒子若叫你們自由，你們就真自由了。(約 8:36)

你們雖是自由的，卻不可藉著自由遮蓋惡毒，總要做 神的僕人。(彼前 2:16)