

Slaves to a Lie

Jesus promised His followers:

“If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” (John 8:31-32, NASB)

What did He mean?

From what does God’s truth set us free?

He sets us free from the lies of sin and Satan.

Realize that the truth is never on Satan’s side.

He is a defeated foe with
limited powers.

Therefore lies are always his main weapon.

Jesus said of him:

“He...does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”
(John 8:44, NASB)

Sin and Satan continually make promises they can’t keep.

When he tempts you,

he is promising a happiness, a satisfaction,
that neither he nor his sin can possibly deliver.

What’s more, the Bible says that when we give in to such deceiving sin,
we make ourselves its slave.

We give the lie power over us.

Jesus said,

“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.” (John 8:34)

The Apostle Paul wrote:

Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? (Romans 6:16, NASB)

As slaves of sin,

slaves of a lie,

we are compelled to sin,
chasing it for satisfactions it can never bring.

When we turn to Jesus and walk in His truth,
we are set free from that slavery to a lie.

The truth that is in Jesus sets us free.

Now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:22-23, NASB)

This truth that is in Jesus,
 this glorious reality,
is more than just facts to be believed.

Jesus not only speaks the truth.
He also thinks the truth and
 lives the truth.

Jesus **is** the truth.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (John 14:6, NASB)

Jesus is the glorious reality of
 God's love and life
 filling our world.

And in Him,
 in the Spirit of Truth,
we become part of that reality.

In Him we
 think the truth,
 speak the truth, and
 live the truth.

As we follow Jesus,
 as we continue in His word,
His truth sets us free from slavery to a lie.

We can now
 think and breathe,
 speak and live
the beautiful, loving truth that
 is in Him alone.

"If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36, NASB)

Hymn: *Think, Speak, and Live the Truth*

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