



*You will know the truth,
and the truth will make you free (John 8:32)*

By Pastor Jeff

The Lord Jesus in this little verse gives us a grand principle. If we know the truth about Jesus and His Word, we will be set free. Our friend Bob George, in his book *Classic Christianity* states the following profound insight in regards to John 8:32:

It occurred to me that if “truth sets you free,” the opposite also had to be true: Error puts you in bondage. Identifying this principle was a significant turning point for me. *Truth sets you free; error binds you.* (Classic Christianity page 24)

The principle that truth sets free and error binds is one of the reasons that at Mountain View Bible we stress the exposition of God’s Word on Sunday mornings and the study and application of God’s Word in our mid-week CARE groups. Every study is designed to help you know, understand and apply God’s Word so that error can be dispelled resulting in spiritual freedom, joy and power in your Christian walk! This is especially true in regards to the current preaching series we are in, *Resolving Spiritual Conflicts*. Spiritual conflicts that rob us of joy, peace, and confidence occur when we are holding to error instead of God’s liberating truth!

Over the past weeks, we sought God’s truth in the areas of: God’s image of us, Godly thinking and being thankful in all things. In the next three weeks the scheduled messages are:

- **Sunday, September 11th - Guilty vs. A Clear Conscience** - Many believers struggle for years in frustrations with sins God has already forgiven. In this message, you will discover three reasons why Jesus’ satisfying sacrifice is the answer to a clear conscience.
- **Sunday, September 18th - Self Sufficiency vs. Christ Sufficiency** - When our motivation and means of life is our self, we are in for great conflict. In this message, you will learn how the Lord Jesus defeats three sources of self sufficiency in our lives.
- **Sunday, September 25th - Independence vs. Total Surrender** - Surrender is a dirty word in our culture. But when we realize all that God has done for us in Christ, we will joyfully surrender our wills to Him. That is the place of power and peace!

It is my deepest hope and prayer that each of us learns to walk fully in the reality of our relationship with Jesus. That our fleshly minds that have been shaped by the world can be reprogrammed by God’s truth resulting in true freedom in every area of our lives. I am looking forward to seeing all of you on Sunday as we continue our quest together from God’s liberating truth.

In His Love and Grace,

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