

John 8:28-44

28-29. Then Jesus said to them, "**When you LIFT UP the Son of Man**, then you **will know that I am He**, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for **I ALWAYS DO those things which PLEASE HIM.**"

- **John 3:14-15** "And as Moses _____ up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the _____ of _____ be _____ up, that whoever _____ in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Definition: "When you LIFT UP the Son of Man" - Jesus is referring to His being nailed to the cross and "**lifted up**" **from the earth** as He would hang there on the cross during His crucifixion. The Jews knew He was speaking of crucifixion, because in John 12:32-34 they ask the question of how can the Messiah (Christ) both "remain forever" and be killed by crucifixion.

- **Read John 12:32-34** "And I, if I am _____ up from the earth (on the cross), will draw all peoples to Myself. This He said signifying by what _____ He would _____. The people answered Him, 'We have heard from the law that the Christ remains _____; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be _____ up? Who is this Son of Man?'"

Definition: "I ALWAYS DO those things which PLEASE HIM" - Jesus is the ONLY PERSON who can say He ALWAYS does the things that PLEASE GOD. We are far too self-centered and sinful to make that claim for ourselves, and that is why we are ALL SINNERS who need Jesus as our SAVIOR. However, **the GOAL for us as Christians** is to be conformed to the image of Christ - to become **as MUCH LIKE CHRIST as we possibly can** in this life (see Galatians 4:19).

- **Romans 8:29** "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined (planned) to be _____ to the _____ of His _____, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."
- **John 6:38-40** "For I have come down from _____, not to do My _____ will, but the _____ of _____ who sent Me."
- **Colossians 1:10-11** "That you may have a walk _____ of the Lord, fully _____ Him, being fruitful in _____ good _____ and increasing in the knowledge of God; _____ with all _____, according to His glorious _____, for all patience and longsuffering with joy."

Definition: "FIRSTBORN among many BRETHREN" - "Firstborn" is a title given to Jesus which indicates HIS POSITION. **Jesus is the only begotten Son, or UNIQUE Son of God**, in that He is the EXACT IMAGE of God, and He has existed as God for all eternity. No one else can become a "son of God" in the same sense as Jesus (He was God in the flesh), but we become **sons and daughters of God BY FAITH in Jesus** (John 1:12; I Corinthians 6:18), so in that sense He is the first of many BRETHREN (brothers and sisters).

30-32. As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed in Him, "**If you ABIDE in My WORD**, you are **My disciples** indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

- **John 5:38** "But you do _____ have His _____ in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe."
- **I John 2:14b** ".....I have written to you, young men, because you are _____, and the _____ of God _____ in you, and you have _____ the wicked one."
- **John 8:37** "I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My _____ has no _____ in you."

Definition: "If you ABIDE in My WORD" - Jesus says you will be His disciple INDEED, or TRULY His disciple, if His word has FIRST PLACE in your heart and life. To have **God's word ABIDING in you** means much more than just reading your Bible once in a while, or listening to it being preached on Sundays. To have it **ABIDING** means **you must be CONSTANTLY in God's word**, and have it down in your HEART or SPIRIT. Proverbs 4:20-21 says to GIVE ATTENTION to the word, and **KEEP God's WORD in your HEART.**

- **John 15:7** "If you _____ in Me, and My _____ abide in you; you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."
- **Proverbs 4:20-21** "My son, give _____ to My _____; incline your _____ to My _____. Do not let them depart from your eyes; _____ them in the midst of your _____."
- **Psalms 119:11** "Your _____ I have hidden in my _____, that I might not _____ against You."

33. They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have **NEVER BEEN in BONDAGE to anyone.** How can you say, 'You will be made free'?"

- **Read Acts 7:17-34** (Verse 19) "This man dealt treacherously with our people, and _____ our forefathers, making them expose their _____, so that they might not live." (Verse 34) "I have certainly seen the _____ of My _____ who are in Egypt; I have _____ their _____ and have come down to _____ them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt."
- **Exodus 3:7-8** "And the Lord said, 'I have surely seen the _____ of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their _____ because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their _____. So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians.....'"

Definition: "Have NEVER BEEN in BONDAGE to anyone" - How conveniently they have forgotten! Not only were the Israelites in BONDAGE (slavery) in Egypt hundreds of years before this, but they were in BONDAGE to the Romans right then, as Jesus was speaking! However, Jesus is not talking about **physical bondage or political oppression**, but of **being SET FREE from SPIRITUAL bondage.**

34-36. Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **whoever commits SIN is a SLAVE to sin.** And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if **the Son MAKES you FREE**, you shall be free indeed.

- **Romans 7:14** "For we know that the law is _____, but I am carnal (made of human flesh), _____ under _____."
- **Romans 6:16** "Do you not know that to whom you _____ yourselves _____ to _____, you are that one's _____ whom you _____, whether of _____ to _____, or of _____ to righteousness?"

Definition: "SOLD under SIN" - This was an ILLUSTRATION familiar to the people of Jesus' day - that of the SLAVE MARKET. How did we end up in the SLAVE MARKET? We were **"SOLD" there by our OWN SIN**, and we NEED SOMEONE to **BUY US**, or **REDEEM US** out of slavery. Who could possibly pay the price to BUY us out of slavery? The Bible says **Jesus, the Son of God, "MAKES you FREE"** - He PAID THE PRICE. And because He is the Son of God, and COMPLETELY WITHOUT SIN, He was not caught up in that SLAVERY to sin Himself, and was therefore **QUALIFIED to pay the price for our sins on the cross.**

- **Romans 6:6-7** "Knowing that our old man (sinful nature) was _____ with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should _____ longer be _____ of sin. For he who has died has been _____ from sin."
- **Ephesians 1:7** "In Him we have _____ through His _____, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His _____."
- **Colossians 1:14** "In whom (Jesus) we have _____ through His _____, even the _____ of sins."

Definition: "REDEMPTION" - The act of redeeming, buying back, FREEING from captivity by paying of a RANSOM. Jesus PAID, with His blood, for us to be REDEEMED and FREED from the SLAVE MARKET of SIN.

- **Acts 20:28** "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the _____, over which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the _____ of _____, which He has _____ with his own _____."

37-40. I know that **you are Abraham's descendants**, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. I speak what I have seen with My Father, and **you do what you have seen with YOUR father.**" They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, **"IF you were ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN**, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this."

- **Hebrews 11:8-19** (Verse 8) "By _____ Abraham _____ when he was called (by God) to _____ to the place which he would afterward receive as an inheritance. And he _____ out, not _____ where he was going." (Verses 17-18) "By _____ Abraham, when he was tested, _____ up Isaac, and he who had received the promises _____ up his _____ begotten _____, of whom it was said, 'In Isaac your seed (descendants) shall be called.'"

Definition: "You are Abraham's descendants" - Yes, the Pharisees and Jewish leaders were PHYSICAL descendants of Abraham, but as far as God is concerned, the important thing is to be a SPIRITUAL descendant of Abraham. Abraham is called the "Father of Faith," so if we have faith in Christ, we are his descendants (children).

- **Matthew 3:9** "And do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have _____ as our _____.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up _____ to _____ from these stones."
- **Galatians 3:6-7 & 29** "Just as _____ 'believed God, and it was accounted to him for _____.' Therefore know that only those who are of _____ are _____ of _____." (Verse 29) "And if you are _____, then you are _____ seed, and heirs according to the promise."

41-42. "You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father - God." Jesus said to them, "**If God were your Father, you would love Me**, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me."

- **Deuteronomy 32:6** "Do you thus repay the _____, O foolish and unwise people? Is not He your _____ who has bought you? He has _____ you and established you."
- **Isaiah 64:8** "But now, O Lord, You are our _____, we are the clay, and You are the potter; and all of us are the _____ of Your _____."

Definition: "We have ONE FATHER - GOD" - Is God the "Father" of everyone in the world? No, because Jesus says, "If God were your Father, you would LOVE ME." God is the "**Creator**" of everyone, but **we can ONLY enter a relationship with Him as our FATHER through Jesus Christ** (see John 14:6).

43. Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to LISTEN to My WORD.

- **Read John 10:27-28** "_____ Sheep _____ My _____, and I know them, and they _____ Me. And I give them eternal _____, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My _____."

44. You are of **YOUR father, the DEVIL**, and the **DESIRES of your FATHER** you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar, and the father of it.

- **Ephesians 2:2-3** "In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the _____ of the _____ of the air (atmosphere), the _____ who now works in the sons of _____, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts (desires) of our flesh, fulfilling the _____ of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature _____ of wrath, just as the others."
- **I John 5:19-21** "We know that we are of God, and the whole world _____ in the _____ of the _____ one. And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the _____ God and eternal life. Little children, guard yourselves from _____."

Definition: "PRINCE of the power of the AIR" - This is one of the many names for **Satan** in the Bible, because Satan and his demons roam about in the "air" or atmosphere of our world. The devil is also called the "prince of this world" or "**god of this world**". We were all **motivated** and energized by Satan when we were "children of disobedience", before we were saved. **ALL unsaved people** belong to **Satan** and are under his control - he is their "father."

- **II Corinthians 4:3-4** "But even if our gospel is veiled (hidden), it is veiled to those who are perishing (do not believe), whose _____ the _____ of this age (world) has _____, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."
- **John 12:31** "Now is the judgment of this world; now the _____ of this _____ will be cast out."
- **John 14:30** "I will no longer talk much with you, for the _____ of this _____ is coming, and he has nothing in (no hold on) Me."

- **Acts 26:18** "To open their eyes and to turn them from _____ to light, and from the _____ of _____ to God."