



John 8:31-36 NIV

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

33 They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

34 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.



John 8:31 AT

Then Jesus said to the Jews **who had believed Him**, “If you **remain** in my word, **truly** you are my disciples.



John 8:30 NIV

Even as he spoke, many believed in him.



Fair-weather Fans

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” 26 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but **because you ate the loaves and had your fill.** (Jn 6:25-26)

From this time many of his disciples **turned back and no longer followed** him. (Jn 6:66, NIV)



Loving Followers Loyally Obey

“If you love me, **keep my commands.**” (Jn 14:15, NIV)

Whoever **has my commands and keeps them** is the one who **loves** me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” (Jn 14:21, NIV)

23 Jesus replied, “**Anyone who loves me will obey** my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 **Anyone who does not love me will not obey** my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. (Jn 14:23-24, NIV)



John 8:32 AT

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.



John 14:6 NIV

“I am the way and the **truth** and the life.
No one comes to the Father except
through me”



John 8:33 AT

They answered him, "We are the descendants of Abraham and none of us have ever been slaves. How can you say that, "we will become free"?"



Galatians 3:7-8

7 Understand, then, that **those who have faith are children of Abraham.** 8 Scripture foresaw that God would justify the **Gentiles by faith,** and announced the **gospel** in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”



John 8:34 AT

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly I say to you that anyone who [continually] sins is a slave of sin."



1 John 3:9 NIV

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.



Who Do We Serve?

Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as **obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey**—whether you are **slaves to sin**, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness (Rom 6:16, NIV)

17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once **slaves of sin** have become obedient from the heart to the standard of **teaching** to which you were committed, 18 and, having been **set free from sin**, have become **slaves of righteousness** (Rom 6:17-18, ESV)



Romans 6:20-23 NIV

20 When you were **slaves to sin**, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 22 But now that **you have been set free from sin** and have become **slaves of God**, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Previous Scripture: Romans 6:16-18;

1 John 3:9; Galatians 3:7-8



John 8:35 AT

Now the slave does not remain in the household forever; the Son remains forever.



Jesus in the (Father's)House

To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s **house** [οἶκος | *oikos*] into a market!” (Jn 2:16, NIV)

Jesus answered them, “Destroy **this temple**, and I will raise it again in three days.” (Jn 2:19, NIV)

My Father’s **house** [οἰκία | *oikia*] has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? (Jn 14:2, NIV)



John 8:36 AT

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free,
indeed.