

## First Words

To be set free from \_\_\_\_\_ I need to choose the liberating truth of Jesus Christ over the enslaving lies of this world.

**John 8:31–32** - So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

1. As I live in this world I am affected by many deceptive voices.

**John 8:44** - You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

2. What I believe effects how I live.

**Proverbs 23:7a** - For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.... (NKJV)

**John 17:16–17** - They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

3. When I come to know Jesus Christ (who is the truth) and understand His Word I am set free from the lies of the world

**John 14:6** - Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**Colossians 2:8** - See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

**John 7:46–47** - The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!” <sup>47</sup> The Pharisees answered them, “Have you also been deceived?”

To be set free from \_\_\_\_\_ I need to choose the liberating life from Jesus Christ over the enslaving bondage of sin and Satan.

**John 8:33–34** - They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

1. My physical birth gives me no guarantee of real freedom

**John 3:1 & 3** - Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews....Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

2. When I give in to sin I become its slave and lose my freedom

**2 Peter 2:19** - They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

3. A new birth in Jesus Christ sets me free from the bondage of sin.

**Romans 6:17–18** - 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, <sup>18</sup> and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

**John 10:10** - *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

To be set free from \_\_\_\_\_ I need to choose the liberating assurance in Jesus Christ over the enslaving bondage of doubt and fear.

**John 8:35–36** - *The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*

1. When I accept Jesus Christ as Savior I become a child of God.

**John 1:12–13** - *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

2. As a child of God I have the promise of eternal life in heaven.

**John 6:40** - *For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” – **John 17:3***

3. I need no longer be in bondage through the fear death.

**Hebrews 2:14–15** - *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.*

**John 5:24** - *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

