

Freedom in Christ

I wish to encourage you today in living the freedom we have in Christ. Freedom to choose Christ as Lord in place of sin, freedom to choose the truth of God's Words in place of personal opinion or worldly thinking, freedom to persevere in your growing relationship with Christ in place of living for self.

John 8:31-32, 34-37

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ...Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. 37 I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you.

Notice that the Jews who had so-called belief in Jesus spoken of in verse 31, are the same people who were ready to kill Jesus in verse 37. This exposes a possible "**false belief**" that our lying human hearts can deceive us with.

- True belief surrenders all to the control of Jesus as Lord, and does not change it's mind when life gets difficult, or when Jesus doesn't do what you want Him to.
- True belief surrenders it's way of thinking and values to the controlling truth of God's Word with no intention of taking back control of our values.
- True belief surrenders in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ
- True belief surrenders to persevering in faith in Christ, and does not give up

I pray that God will be honoured in each of our lives today as

we live out the freedom we have in Christ through our
surrendered belief in Christ as Lord.

Together for Jesus as Lord: Lincoln Forlong