

Truly My Disciples

TEXT: John 8:31-32

INTRODUCTION:

- A. WHAT IS TRUE OF DISCIPLES TRUE OF CHRISTIANS
(**Acts 11:26**).
- B. WHAT IS A DISCIPLE? "A scholar or learner; especially one who believes in the doctrine of his teacher **and follows him.**"
1. John the B.(**John 3:25**).
 2. Moses(**John 9:28**).
 3. Pharisees(**Mark 2:18**)
 4. The 12 apostles.
 5. Mostly followers of Jesus in general.
- C. OUR DESIRE IS TO BE **REAL** GENUINE DISCIPLES.
1. **Many think they are but aren't. More than claiming to be.**
 2. **What does the Bible say?**

I. AGAIN, WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

- A. "IF YE **ABIDE** IN MY WORD" - **CONTINUE**, **KJV**, **meno**, remain, continue.
- B. DISCIPLESHIP INVOLVES **FOLLOWING HIM**(**John 8:12**).
1. His example(**1 Pet. 2:21**).
"What would Jesus do?"
 2. His teachings(**John 14:15, 23**).
"What would Jesus want me to do?"
 3. **2 John 9**. Precludes taking the lead. **We are limited.**
 4. Involves a way of life(**Eph. 4:20-24**).
 5. Involves a cost(**Luke 14:25-33**).
- C. HOW IS ONE INITIATED?(**Matt. 28:19-20**)
WHERE HE JOINS CHRIST(**Gal. 3:26-27**).
- D. WON'T ACCEPT MERELY WEARING THE NAME
(**Matt. 7:21-23; 15:7-9**).

II. THE RESULT OF DISCIPLESHIP.

- A. "YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH..."
1. Jesus is God's spokesman(**John 12:49**).
 2. His word is our standard of truth(**John 17:17**).
 3. Anything else is false(**Col. 2:8**).
 4. Truth is passed on thru the apostles(**John 16:13; Luke 10:16**).
- B. "AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."
1. Free from what?(**John 8:33-36**).
 2. God's power to save in teachings of Jesus(**John 8:31-32, 36**).
 3. Grace appears from God teaching us(**Titus 2:11-12**).

4. It can fully equip us(**2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3**).
4. But we must obey it(**1 Pet. 1:22; Rom. 6:17-18**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. MANY HONEST AND GOOD PEOPLE ARE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT THEY ARE NOT CHRISTIANS (disciples) AND THEY ARE LOST!
- B. HOW ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU A DISCIPLE OR IN BONDAGE TO SIN?
 1. Have you been initiated?
 2. Are you abiding in his word?