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"Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on Him, '**If you abide in My word, then you are My disciples indeed**; and you shall know the truth, and **the truth shall make you free.**' But they answered Him, 'We are Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man; how come You say, 'You shall be made free?' Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I say unto you: whoever commits sin is the slave of sin. And the slave does not abide in the house forever; but the Son abides forever. Therefore, **if the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.**'" (John 8:31-36)

Abide in: from the Greek words *meinete en* which mean: abide in continually, continue in, remain in, stay in; equivalent to: not to depart, not to leave, to continue to be present in; to maintain an unbroken adherence to something, in context: the Word of Christ Jesus.

My Word: from the Greek words *to logo to emo* which mean: the word of mine; or in context: My Word: as encompassing the Divine words, thoughts, commands, the will, etc. of the Father as expressed through Jesus, and to His disciples that they should abide in them.

My Disciples: from the Greek words *mathetai mou* which mean: disciples of mine; or in context: My disciples; speaking of the followers, learners, disciples, and students, of Christ Jesus - particularly, in context, of those who steadfastly are obedient to His Word.

the Truth: from the Greek words *he aletheia* which mean: the truth, true to fact; "but not merely truth as spoken; but of truth of idea, reality, sincerity, truth in the moral sphere, Divine truth revealed to man." ("reality" as being the opposite of illusion and delusion).

the Son: from the Greek words *ho huios* which mean: the Son; (a son: properly, a son by birth or adoption; or anyone sharing the same nature as their Father). In context: it speaks specifically of the Son of God - Jesus the Christ-Messiah.

Shall Make Free: from the Greek word *eleutherose* which means: shall-set-free; shall make free; to liberate; properly: to set free or release from bondage, especially, in context: people from the darkness of sin. Also, to remove the restrictions of sin after being delivered by God, through Christ Jesus, into true spiritual liberty, and growth in Christ Jesus.

Free Indeed: from the Greek words *ontos eleutheroi* which mean: indeed free; '*ontos*' - (the adverbial form of *eimi*, - 'to be) – properly: to really exist; as reality. It is usually translated "indeed" and refers to what is genuinely real and true within our daily walk in liberty and freedom in and with Jesus. (*eleutheroi* - see *eleutherose* above.)

Contextual concepts to understand:

1. If we continually abide in the Word of Christ Jesus, then we are indeed disciples of Jesus!
2. If we do this we will know the 'Truth' that shall set us free.
3. This freedom, is freedom from bondage (slavery) to sin.
4. Those who are in bondage to sin cannot abide in the House of God.
5. Jesus Himself abides continually in the House of God, interceding for us at the Fathers Right Hand forever.
6. Therefore, if the Son shall make us free, we shall be free indeed from sin's bondage forever.

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This Good News: that Jesus shall make us free indeed from sin's bondage forever, was first foretold by the prophet Isaiah, and then quoted, as being fulfilled, by Jesus Himself before His own hometown synagogue in Nazareth:

“And **He (Jesus)** came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read. And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written, '***The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He (the Father) has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, (i.e. to preach freedom to people who are in bondage to sin), and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.***' (from Isaiah 61:1-2) And He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say unto them, '**This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**' " (Luke 4:16-21) (fulfilled in the person of Jesus Himself)

The means by which we were delivered from the captivity of our sins, and set at Liberty in Christ Jesus, was accomplished **Once**, and for all time, and for all true disciples, when Jesus offered up Himself upon the Cross as a holy, innocent, and undefiled sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins eternally. Please consider the following:

“But this Man (Jesus), because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. He is able, therefore, also to save those to the uttermost who come unto God through Him, seeing He lives forever to make intercession for them; and became such a High Priest for us, who is holy, innocent, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's; for **this He (Jesus) did once, when He offered up Himself (for our sins)**. For the law makes men high priests who have weakness; but the Word of the Oath, which came since the law, makes the Son, who is perfected for evermore.” (Hebrews 7:24-28)

“But Christ having come as a High Priest of good things to come, through a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; nor by the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood **He entered in Once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.**” (Hebrews 9:11-12)

“By this will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ Once for all, (for all people for all time). And every priest stands daily ministering and offering often the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But **this Man (Jesus), after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down on **the Right Hand of God**; from henceforth waiting until His enemies are made His footstool. For by **one offering He has perfected forever those (us) who are sanctified.**” (Hebrews 10:10-13)

In the apostle Paul's letter, to the disciples in Rome, He expounded with profoundly encouraging words. Please consider the following:

"... **The (free) gift** comes-out-of (and for) many offenses unto justification. For if by one man's offense death reigned through one; much more they who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life through One: Jesus Christ. Therefore, as through the offense of one, there came upon all men condemnation; even so through the righteousness of One (Jesus) there came unto all men justification of life. For as through one man's disobedience many (people) were made sinners, so also through the obedience of One (Jesus) shall many (people) be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound; so that as sin has reigned unto death, even so **grace might-reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**" (see Romans 5:15-21)

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"Know you not, that to whom you yield yourselves as slaves to obey, to whom you obey - his slaves you are; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But thanks be to God, though you were the slaves of sin, but now you have obeyed from the heart that form of teaching to which you were delivered. And **being then made free from sin, you became the slaves of righteousness.**" ... "But now being made free from sin, and having become servants to God, you have your fruit unto holiness, and in the end Everlasting Life. For the wages of sin is death; but the (free) gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (see Romans 6:8-18, 22-23)

"For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, there dwells no good thing; for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would do, I do not; but the evil which I would not do, that I do. Now if I do what I would not do, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then a law, that when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man; but I see another law in my body-members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity (bondage) to the law of sin which is in my body-members. O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me (i.e. who shall set me free) from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." (see Romans 7:18-25)

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; so that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (Romans 8:1-4)

Finally consider these words from Paul the servant of Jesus Christ:

"Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, **who gave Himself for our sins, so that He might deliver us (set us free)** from this present evil world, according to the will of the God and Father of us; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." (Galatians 1:3-4)

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty in which Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage (the yoke of sin)." (Galatians 5:1)

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Free from the captivity, bondage, and slavery to sin!
Liberty in Christ Jesus for His disciples who know the Truth!
And freedom for us from Eternal Condemnation, Forever!
And Justification of Life through the Righteousness of Christ Jesus!

Lord Jesus – whom You set free – they are free Indeed !!
Thank You for the Liberty that I have as I continue to abide in Your Word !
Thank You Father for the free-gift that You offered to us in and through Your Son !
Thank You for setting us free from the bondage and captivity of our sin !

All Praise and Honor and Glory is Yours - forevermore !
Come soon Lord Jesus – Truly and Truly !!