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John 8 - Part III

The Truth Shall Make You Free

Read John 8:31-36:

1. Verses 31, 32: What three things must happen in order for the truth to set you free?

{the Greek for “continue” is also rendered as “to abide, remain, stay.” Some English versions translate the Greek for “believed,” a verb, as “had faith.” This type usage is what has many Christians confused concerning faith: *all that is not from faith* (of Christ) *is sin*, Rom 14:23 NIV. *and the law* (Bible) *is not from faith*, Gal 3:12 LEB}

1a. What else is implied about the truth? Pr 4:18; (Isa 2:5; Eph 5:8; 1Jn 1:7)

1b. From what are we set free, and how does it happen? Verse 34; Rom 6:15-18 (Ps 15:1-5)

{Poieo ^(g4160) is the Greek word rendered “committeth” in the KJ. The basic meaning is *to make or do* in a very wide application & over three dozen different translations in 579 places. Determining the right translation here has to do with what the action refers to - the sin. Verses 15, 16 of Rom 6, are speaking of the “action” or carrying out of sin (no definite article); where in verses 17, 18 it is the exercise ^(g4160) of “the sin (nature).” Verse 18 essentially says the same thing as Rom 6:6, rewritten more accurately as to what Paul is saying: *this knowing, that our old man* (self’s way of thinking) *was crucified with him*, *that the body* (not literal) *of the sin may be made useless, for our no longer serving the sin*, YLT. Sin-nature is implied. The word “destroyed” is NOT the meaning of the Greek. The proper meaning is *inactivated*. The sin-nature is never destroyed in the righteous because it is you! But it must be made useless, or inactivated in order to stop sinning. Freedom of choice never goes away!}

Read John 8:37-59:

The unbelieving Jews first claimed Abraham as their father (33), and God as their Father (41).

2. Who did Jesus say was their father? Verse 44

{Here, devil is *diabolos* ^{g1228}: described as: lustful, murderer, father of lies, rejecter of truth. When he speaks lies, he speaks his own words. Even Jesus did not speak his own words (38), but the words of his heavenly Father. Jerusalem above is our mother, Gal 4:26; Spiritual birth is of the Holy Spirit, Jn 3:5, 6; Gal 4:29, so that makes New Jerusalem, Rv 21:2, a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Who then is our spiritual Father?}

Verse 43: KJV - *Why do ye not know my saying? because you are unable to understand my word.* Greek
3. What did Jesus mean, *ye cannot hear*^(g191) *my word?* (g191=literally *to hear*; *implies to perceive, understand*)
{Verse 43: *Why do you not know my saying.* The Jews were not listening with spiritual ears, & would not even consider the words of Jesus. Jesus went on to say (47) that because they would not hear, they were not of God.}

4. As a result of Jesus' statements, what did the Jews call Jesus? Verse 48
{a Samaritan, whom they hated. Devil here & in verse 49 is a different Greek word: *daimonion*^{g1140}, which is defined in Lk 9:42 as an *unclean spirit*. Some versions use *demon*, the BBE uses *evil spirit*. Defiled by words out of the mouth, Mt 15:11, 18}

5. In verses 49-51, what does Jesus imply as to some of the conditions of an unclean spirit?
{it dishonors the Son, which would mean dishonoring the Father, Jn 5:23; seeks its own glory - not God's; will see (spiritual) death, where those who keep (obey) Jesus' word will not see spiritual death.}

Again, the Jews took the words of Jesus in the most literal sense (52). Then they brought Abraham into the conversation again (53), to which Jesus answered (56): *Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad* (NIV). The Jews scoffed at him, and saying: *You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham* (MKJV)?

6. Why would they try to stone Jesus for saying (58): *Before Abraham came to be, I AM!*? LITV

{This appears to be a reference to the what was said to Moses at the burning bush (Ex 3:14). The objection of the Jews was that he was not 50 years old, and could not, therefore, have seen Abraham. Jesus replied to that, that he existed before Abraham. As in his human nature he was not yet 50 years old, and could not, as a man, have existed before Abraham. So this declaration must refer to another nature; and the passage proves that, while he was a man, he had a pre-existence in another nature existing before Abraham. He applied the term I AM, which was familiar to the Jews, and in their mind applied to God. To the Jew, this was blasphemy worthy of death, Mt 26:63-66.}