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OUTLINE:**

**FREE OR SLAVE OF SIN?
WHO’S YOUR DADDY?
JESUS ANSWERED
KNOWING GOD**

 **Free or Slave of Sin?
John 8:31-37** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. 35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: *but* the Son abideth ever. 36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. 37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; **but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.**
***Vs. 31 is a conditional statement which logically leads the reader to understand that If you DON’T continue in His word they you are not His disciples. If you are not a disciple when you die, will you be saved in the Kingdom to come?

Vs. 32-37 the truth shall make you free from what? Clearly, this is what Jesus is desiring people to know that He came to set the captive free from sin.

When Jesus says, “…my word hath no place in you.” What do you think He means by that? I believe He means that the things that Jesus says or teaches mean nothing to those particular hearers. How often in your faith as you have shared with others has it been apparent that the person you are talking to, does not agree with the simple, plain, and public understandings of what Christ taught? Something as simple as, “Go and sin no more…”, would be twisted to the conclusion we are all sinners and no one can live holy.***

**Who’s Your Father?
John 8:38-47**
38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. 39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. 41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God. 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not. 46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

***What was Abraham’s work?
Heb 11:8-10 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Abraham’s work was faith, which obeyed as God directed him.

Are we children of God or children of the devil? What determines that? According to Jesus’ direct teaching in this passage, what you do, shows who’s slave you are. If you were a love slave of God you would obey Jesus. Most times sinners will make a category error of themselves and claim that we are ALL children of God and He loves us. But, God calls them children of the devil because they live in sin. These Jews had the gall to plot to kill Jesus for His teachings/words yet claim they were of God.***

***We see in the following passage that God sent His prophets, then sends His Son. What do they do but mistreat and kill them and Him as well.***

*Mat 21:33-40 Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: 34 And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. 35 And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. 37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. 38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. 39 And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. 40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?*

***Stephen in rebuking the Jewish religious leaders, got stoned and killed just like the prophets before him. He gave a concise Jewish history and they hated him for telling the truth. This was the result:***

*Act 7:51-60 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. 52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: 53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. 54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. 55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. 57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, 58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

*1Jn 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*

**The Jews Answered
John 8:48-54**
48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? 49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. 50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. 52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. 53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? 54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:

***Incredible that the Jews would think that they answered Jesus well by accusing him falsely of being a Samaritan and demon possessed! He was from Bethlehem smack dab in the middle of Judea. He truthfully asserted he had no devil and that He honored God whereas they did not because they honored not Him the bread from heaven. He finally calls out their hypocrisy by saying, “…whom ye say, that He is your God.”***

*Mar 15:2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest it.*

 ***Vs 51 Jesus teaches the hope that we can have in Him, that we taste not death. How is that possible? When we have life in Christ, physical death means the new life that will have eternally. At the moment of death of the physical we have life in Jesus, Hallelujah!***

**Knowing God
John 8:55-59**
55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it,* and was glad. 57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. 59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

***Jesus confirms again His first hand knowledge of God the Father. He also confirms His deity by proclaiming He knew Abraham. Before Abraham was, I am…This I am statement is another indication of Jesus’ deity. The, “I AM” statement is defined as the, Pre-Existent One. There could not be a better definition of God than the one who existed before the Universe as we know it.***

***Exo 3:14*** *And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.*

*Isa 43:10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.*

*Isa 43:1-15 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. 12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God. 13 Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it? 14 Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships. 15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.*

*Joh 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.*

*Joh 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.*

*Col 1:12-19 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;*

***Conclusions:
As we see over and again throughout the Scriptures, Jesus clearly taught who He was and where He was from and whose doctrine He taught. Their unbelief, jealousy, and fears led them to plot to kill Him and ultimately did so at the cross.***