



## Class 14 - Chapter 8 – Part 2

- The Truth Will Set You Free
- Your Father is the Devil
- Before Abraham Was, I AM

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Foreshadow of  
the Cross

## John 8:22-30 **Dying in Sin**

“I AM” Ex. 3:14 –  
YHWH or Yahweh, the  
name for God Himself

- V.23 Sums up in one statement the most important truth of His message.
- **“...if you do not believe that I AM He, you will die in your sins.”**
  - In light of the overwhelming evidence, **unbelief** in Jesus **is unforgivable**.
  - The only hope of escape from God’s wrath and judgement which will result in eternity in hell, is “BELIEF” in Jesus as God.
- V.23 – **“You are from beneath; I am from above...I am not of this world”**
  - Jesus is speaking of completely different realm – the **ETERNAL REALM**
- V.28 – **“When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He”**
  - Reference to the Cross and the resurrection – many did come to believe as Jesus predicts - on Pentecost 3,000 were saved. The Church is indestructible.

## John 8:31-36

# The Truth Will Make You Free

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<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “**If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.** <sup>32</sup> **And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**”

<sup>33</sup> They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.** <sup>35</sup> And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. <sup>36</sup> **Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.**

**TRUTH = The fact that Jesus is the Son of God and that you must put your FAITH in Him and OBEY His teachings in order to be delivered from the bondage of sin & receive eternal life.**

# The Truth

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- The Bible teaches that there is only one God and He is the creator of all things, including the universe. Jesus Christ, while being the Son of God, is God, and He came to this earth as a man, out of love for us, to provide the only way for humanity to receive the salvation of their soul. The Bible is God's Word and it tells that all have sinned and are separated from God (evil and death are the result). While God's justice requires spiritual death for sin (Hell), Jesus' sacrificial death on the Cross satisfied the demands of God's justice and His burial and resurrection on the third day conquered death for all who believe.
- The Bible also tells us that no soul will ever enter Heaven without Eternal Life (death is not a funeral, but a present spiritual condition caused by sin). **Eternal Life is found only through faith (trust) in Jesus Christ**, not in anything you do. When you humbly put your trust in Jesus (like a marriage relationship), believing that He is God, who died and rose again, and decide to follow Him and the teachings of the Bible, you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and be "born again", receiving eternal life. These are the most important truths of the Bible, and these truths are a free gift from God to all those who acknowledge their sinfulness, and make a decision to change their mind about who Jesus is, and decide to follow Him in obedience.
- How to be Set Free = **TRUST & OBEY**, Jesus as your Lord and Obey His commands.

# How Do we Know this is The Truth ?

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- **Jesus promised** that He would give His life on the Cross and be resurrected from the grave as evidence that what He says is from God. He also said that believing these truths is the **ONLY WAY TO GOD!**
- The Promise came true. **He Arose from the Dead!**
- Is that enough evidence for you?
- **What do others have to back up their claims of alternative truth...nothing, except vain philosophy and the doctrines of Satan. Any teaching about God that is not the “Truth”, is a LIE from Satan (Buddhism, Hinduism, Occult, New age).**

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- Jesus is implying that the Jews who “believed” are still “slaves to sin” and represent only intellectual or fickle/spurious faith (recurring theme 2:23; 6:60; Mark 2:17) rather than True Saving Faith.
- 8:31 - A true disciple “**ABIDES in the WORD**” – theme of Chapter 15
- In short, **OBEDIENCE & PERSEVERANCE** is the mark of a true disciple
- This person follows the teachings, seeks to better understand it, and finds it more precious and powerful the more they read the Word, even when others oppose it.
- Not simply intellectual belief, but moral commitment. “**Count the cost**”
- **Disobedience to Jesus’ teachings makes you a slave to sin.**
- Abraham’s seed alone doesn’t set them free. Repentance & Faith required. Abraham had faith and obeyed, the Pharisees did not.

## John 8:31-36

# The Truth Will Make You Free

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- **People** have always sought truth to discover the meaning & purpose in life
- We now live in a “**Postmodern/Post-Truth**” society, which is a worldview that **rejects the idea that timeless truth is knowable or even exists**, but rather is just societal norms created by culture. Whatever works for people is true.
- **Postmodern views the noblest virtue as the tolerance of others, especially in the area of morals. This makes the Bible and Christianity intolerable to them.**
- Postmodern views Christians as unloving and do not believe the Gospel
- 85% of US Christians now believe there is more than one way to heaven.
- 74% of Millennials agree with the statement, “Whatever is right for your life or works best for you is the only truth you can know,” (Barna survey 2016)
- Two-thirds of American adults either believe moral truth is relative to circumstances (44%) or have not given it much thought (21%).

# Barna Study Conclusion

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- “The highest good, according to our society, is ‘finding yourself’ and then living by ‘what’s right for you,’” ...
- “There is a tremendous amount of individualism in today’s society, and that’s reflected in the church too.”
- Millions of Christians have grafted New Age dogma onto their spiritual person.
- When we peel back the layers, we find that many Christians are using the way of Jesus to pursue the way of self. . . .
- While we wring our hands about secularism spreading through culture, a majority of churchgoing Christians have embraced corrupt, me-centered theology.



# What about Freedom from Sin?

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- Postmodernism and New Age beliefs **don't believe anything is sin, or even the concept of sin.**
- **Therefore the concept of repentance is irrelevant!**
- Therefore the only true path to salvation is rejected at this foundational level of humanity, before you even mention Jesus and the Cross.
- V.36 – **True freedom** is not the liberty to do anything we please, but **the liberty to do God's will because it pleases us to do so.** Those who are set free from sin are free indeed and have new affections for God and a hatred for sin – Rom. 8:2; Gal. 5:1

# New Age vs. Christianity

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- A collection of beliefs (Buddhism, Hinduism, Occult, Yoga, Spiritual Psychology – law of attraction) aimed at raising one’s consciousness to a level of self-divinity.
  - It teaches that you don’t become divine, **you already are divine**, but you just need to realize it - we are all one with each other and the universe. **“Oneness”** – We are god!
  - Universal Consciousness – goal at a global level is to initiate world peace by uniting the religions of the world under an impersonal, universal god. **They do not believe in a Personal God.** They believe that all is god and god is all – there is no heaven or hell or judgement, but an afterlife generally based on reincarnation.
  - New Agers believe it must be experienced through meditation, drugs, yoga, martial arts, or cosmic experiences, the goal is to **become one with the universe.**
  - In the New Age movement **morals are subjective – There is no moral truth.**
  - New Agers believe that there is an army of **spirit guides, extraterrestrials, and entities who are seeking to communicate to humans through mediums or channelers.**
  - They have no common doctrine, rules or faith, just a loose, generally agreed on set of beliefs. (As Pilot asked Jesus “what is Truth?” Jesus explains truth in John 14:6)
  - They believe every perspective of spiritual thinking is truth for each individual, and want unity at any cost, except when it comes to **Christianity – they reject it completely.**
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- They don’t believe people are sinners, but are basically all good and morality is personal.
  - **This is the opposite of the teachings of the Bible.** We are made in God’s image and our purpose is to glorify Him; we are not even close to being **God, the Creator** but are eternally separated from Him as sinners apart from Faith in Jesus – The first lie of humanity that Satan told Eve Genesis 3: 4-5 **“You will not surely die... and you will be like God.”** Rom 1:25 **“exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator...”**

## John 8:37-47

# Only Two Families – Jesus & Satan

- <sup>37</sup> “I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. <sup>38</sup> I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.”
- <sup>39</sup> **They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.”**
- Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. <sup>40</sup> But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. <sup>41</sup> You do the deeds of your father.”
- Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God.”
- <sup>42</sup> **Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me,** for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. <sup>43</sup> **Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.** <sup>44</sup> **You are of your father the devil,** and the desires of your father you want to do. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.** <sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. <sup>46</sup> Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? <sup>47</sup> He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

## John 8:37-44

# Jesus Confronts Sin

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- Jesus speaks the harshest words of warning to the Pharisees. Not a time to give a loving message of joy and salvation.
- They thought that because of their heritage, being from Abraham, they were saved and had no need to worry about sin. They thought being Jewish was a free pass.
- By being harsh, Jesus is showing mercy. He just said in v.24 that “you will die in your sin”.
- Jesus condemns sin because their eternal souls are at stake. **This is about going to heaven & the need for forgiveness of sin.**
- **Sin must always be confronted to reveal the need for salvation. This is part of evangelism.** Romans 1-3.

## John 8:33; 39

# Descendants of Abraham

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- V.33 - Jesus agrees with them that they are descendants of Abraham, **Physically**
- V.39 – Jesus disagrees with them that they are descendants of Abraham, **Spiritually**
- Why? – Because they want to kill Jesus and cannot hear what He is saying – they are spiritually blind because they did not believe what Jesus was saying.
- V.39 “Do the works of Abraham...v.56 **Your Father Abraham rejoiced to see my day**”
- **Abraham was looking ahead to the final substitutionary sacrificial atonement that would eventually come and fulfil the Abrahamic covenant. Abraham accepted Jesus.**

## John 8: **Abrahamic Covenant**

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- **Genesis 12:1-3**

- “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To **a land** that I will show you.  
<sup>2</sup> I will make you a **great nation**; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be **a blessing**.  
<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

- **Genesis 22:17-18**

- <sup>17</sup> blessing I will bless you, and multiplying **I will multiply your descendants** as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. <sup>18</sup> **In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed**, because you have obeyed My voice.”

# Abrahamic Covenant – Jesus Fulfils!

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## Three Unconditional Promises of God

1. **Land** – Promised Land, Canaan, Israel – eventually the Eternal Kingdom built by God – The New Jerusalem
2. **People (Seed)** – Jews, Kings, eventually all those who by faith accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Jesus is the ultimate seed of promise, who, like Isaac, was miraculously born to fulfil the covenant God made (1 Peter 2:9, Rom. 2:29 – Holy Nation, Jew inwardly)
3. **Blessing – Redemption** – promise made again to Isaac who was the first sacrifice who was substituted by a ram provided by God.

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**Galations 3:29 – “And if you *are* Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”**

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**Galations 3:16** – “Now to **Abraham and his Seed were the promises made**. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, **but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ.**”

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## John 8:42

# Test of Someone Truly Knowing God

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- V. 42 - Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me,...”
- V.37 – “...you seek to kill Me, because My Word has no place in you.”
- Therefore to know God as your father, you must
  - **Love The Son (Jesus Christ)**
  - **Love His Word/Bible (Truth)**
- Use this test to determine if someone is truly a child of God.
- 1 Corinthians 16:22 - <sup>22</sup> **If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed.”**

## John 8:44

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- **Profound truth – before someone is Born Again and receives Spiritual Life, they are children of the devil!**
- The Devil is a MURDERER & a LIAR
- **Murderer** – because he robbed Adam (and the human race) of spiritual life
- **Liar & Father of Lies** – like his murder, the devil's lies began in the Garden of Eden –
  - When God said, “**You will surely die**” (Gen 2:17)
  - The devil said, “**You will not surely die**” (Gen 3:4)
- **Satan's Big Lie today is that Everyone is a Child of God!**
- **There are Two Kingdoms – God & Satan – only faith in Jesus makes one a child of God.**

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- **Matt. 13:37-48 – Parable of Wheat & Tares**

- Wheat & Tares grow together in the church age and in Christianity. Tares are not only the world, but false teachers and those they lead astray. It says:

- **“the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil...the tares are gathered and burned in the fire...and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will wailing and gnashing of teeth.”**

- **1 John 3:1-10**

- **V.10** “ In this the **children of God** and the **children of the devil** are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor *is* he who does not love his brother.”

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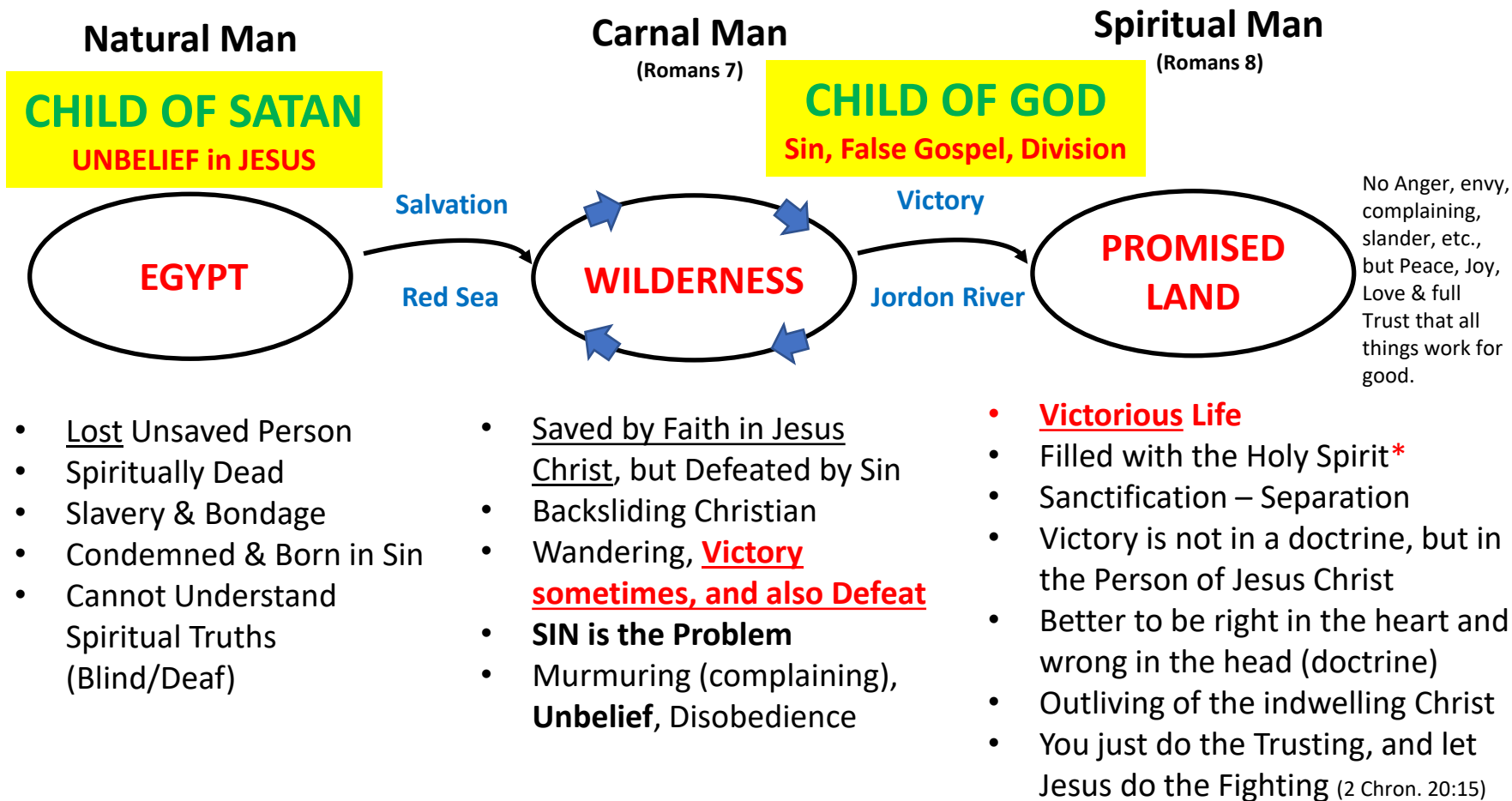
- **Anyone who does not believe** that Jesus Christ is God and that the Bible is God's Word, is spiritually blind and therefore **of their father the Devil!**
- This is one of the foundational truths that Jesus taught.
  - Only Two Kingdoms and two families: the Kingdom of God (those who trust in Jesus) and the Kingdom of Satan.
- John 8:47 – **“He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”**
- The ultimate spiritual questions is:
  - **What family are you in?**

# The Spiritual Journey

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- **The moment you choose to believe** that Jesus Christ is God who died on the Cross so your sins can be forgiven, and rose again after the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, defeating death and Satan, you will immediately enter the Kingdom of God in the Spiritual realm, and begin the spiritual journey.
- This is what the Bible calls Salvation. **You now become a Child of God.**
- At the moment of Salvation (trusting Jesus), you become spiritually alive and is when the spiritual battle really begins.
- Satan will become very real once you are saved and he will stop at nothing to defeat you along this journey.
- **Accept Jesus now & Let the Battle Begin!**

# The Spiritual Journey



## \* Requirements to be Filled with the Holy Spirit – to receive **POWER** over **SIN** & in **SERVICE**

1. Confession & Renunciation of Sin (daily)
2. Obedience & Dedication (Bible, Prayer, Forgiveness, etc.)
3. Surrender (time, \$, self – “Deny Yourself”)
4. **FAITH – TRUST IN JESUS like a child**, Don’t Fear, just Believe

# Biblical Facts

If you Reject Jesus  
(natural man in Egypt)  
**DEATH**



If you accept Jesus as  
God and your Savior  
**LIFE**

- You are permanently living in the **Kingdom of Satan** or utter spiritual darkness.
- This is where we all are naturally born into.
- You are **Child of Satan & your Father is the Devil**
- You are **spiritually dead**
- You are **spiritually blind** with no ability to discern spiritual truths of the Bible.
- You are **condemned** already and under the **wrath of God**.
- **You are destined to hell** which is eternal separation from God upon physical death.

- You are “**born again**” spiritually
- You pass from **death to life**
- You pass from the kingdom of Satan to the **Kingdom of God** in the Spiritual Realm
- You are adopted into the Kingdom of God as a **Child of God**.
- You receive the gift of **ETERNAL LIFE** and will spend eternity in Heaven with God.

# Before Abraham was, “I AM”

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- **Jesus declares Himself to be Yahweh, the God of the Old Testament** (Ex. 3:14; Deut 32:39; Is. 41:4, 43:10)
- Before Abraham *was* (past tense), Jesus *is* (present tense). **Jesus was claiming pre-existence.**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wM05WY-guo> - Which Name of God Did Jesus Use? - Yahweh / Jehovah / Adonai (2 min)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-kxwCDrOg> - What did Jesus mean when He said 'I AM'? (2 min)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkQ0pzQ5THo> - Different names of God (5 min)



# Summary

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- **If you don't believe in Jesus, you will die in your sin (hell).**
- **The World is under the control of Satan and are children of the devil.**
- **Unless you reject and separate yourself from the World, you will be a slave to sin.**
- **Jesus does not teach "tolerance" of the world, he utterly rejects it. What the world values, Christ despises, and the world despises Christ. (John 15:18-19)**
- **Jesus teaches "Truth" and He is the Truth.** The world teaches that truth is however an individual or culture defines it and that there is no independent standard of truth and error or right and wrong.
- **The greatest offense to the world is intolerance and offensiveness, yet the Cross is offensive because it confronts sin. Will you have the courage to share the Truth?**