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**31** 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. John 8:31-32 (KJV)

 These beautiful words fell from the lips of our Lord “the truth shall make you free.” There were stipulations to the words he said. One must continue in his word. In order to continue one must begin. Our beginning starts when Christ calls us out from the bondage of sin. What liberation! The joy that accompanies that release is beyond words. The Word of God convicts us of our sin. In other words, he lets us know that we are a servant to our own sins. We are as connected to them as if we were chained to them. The sinner tries gimmicks and therapies and everything else under the sun and nothing is able to deliver. He turns to Jesus and finds one that can rescue him from his sin. That, my friend, is freedom.

 We are called to continue in God’s word. There is a glorious liberty found in a consistent walk with Jesus. “Hand In hand we walk each day, hand in hand along the way. Walking thus I cannot stray, hand in hand with Jesus.” This continual walk with Jesus is the manifestation of our discipleship with Jesus. “Then are ye my disciples indeed.” Our actions, our deeds are proof that we are truly a follower of Jesus. We are completely on Jesus side. No more straddling the fence always worried about whose side we are on. This freedom is most wonderful!

 Walking with Jesus, the truth becomes very evident. We are no longer confused over right and wrong. The truth becomes very clear because we are walking with Jesus. Our courts are confused. Our professors are confused. The universities they represent no longer know what the truth is. Many want to believe in a relevant truth, one truth for you and a different truth for me. If we will set our eyes and hearts on the One who is The Way, The Truth, and The Life, we will realize the truth. Jesus is The Truth. He is the Absolute Truth. That is the Truth that will set you free. Have a happy 4th of July.

Yours in Christ,

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