

Vision Puzzle: Sound Teaching (Part 1)

Abiding in Christ's Word

Building the Church Series

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- Sound doctrine vs. false teaching
 - Twisting the truth [that will set you free] (Jn. 8:31-32)
 - Popular twists
 - Is there truth?
 - Satan is the father of lies
 - Understanding the truth of Christ's word

- Abiding in Christ's word
 - Starts with belief in Christ (Jn. 8:24-31a)
 - What Jesus said about Himself that must be believed
 - He was (is) the Son of God
 - He was sent by God the Father
 - Belief in Him is the only salvation from death in sin
 - He would be "lifted up" (on the cross)
 - Abiding in Christ's word follows belief in Him (Jn. 8:31b)
 - "Abide" = closeness / intimacy
 - "Word" = doctrine / teaching (throughout the Bible)
 - Intimate closeness motivated by and causing a deeper love for Jesus through His word.
 - If the above two things are true, then you are "truly [Christ's] disciples." (Jn. 8:31c)

- Then you will know the truth (Jn. 8:32a)
 - Desiring and seeking the truth in Scriptures
 - “Know” = *coming* to know. It is an ongoing process more than a completed task.

- Then “the truth will set you free” (Jn. 8:32b)
 - Free from what (Jn. 8:33)
 - Jesus’ answer: sin (Jn. 8:34-36)
 - Paul’s answer: sin (Rm. 6:16-18)
 - Paul also emphasizes sound teaching here
 - You must be:
 - “obedient from the heart”
 - “committed” to “standard of teaching”
 - The church (those gifted for “equipping saints”) must:
 - Provide a high “standard of teaching”
 - Follow and train others in a “pattern of sound words” (2 Tim. 3:13, 2:2)