

John 8:30-36

Free Indeed

A. HAVING BELIEVED... ABIDE – v. 30-31

1. NOT...
 - a. Dealing with Sanctification
 - b. Lowering Entry Standards
2. BUT... Distinguishing True Faith

B. ABIDING FAITH – v. 31-34

1. Meaning
 - a. Persevere
 - b. Not an Additional Requirement for Salvation
James 2:14-26, 1 Peter 1:3-5
2. Results

C. IMPLICATIONS

1. Romans 6:5-7, 16; 8:2, 9, 13
2. John 8:35
3. John 8:36

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John 2:23-25 Sermon Outline

1) UnSafe Faith

- a) Uniformed Faith – Seeing, but not Hearing – John 2:23-25
 - Believe because they see
 - Believe while they see
- b) Unwilling Faith – Hearing, but not Following – John 6:14-15
 - Believe + Gain Power for self – Acts 8:19, 3 John 9, Mark 10:35
 - Believe + Retain Freedom for Self – Mark 10:17, Acts 5:1-10, Heb 12:15-17, Matt 7:23-27
- c) Untrue Faith – Following, but not Loving – Matt 19:16-22
 - Seeking Approval from Others – Matt 6:1-18, Luke 11:37-44
 - Cloaking Your Sin – John 12:6
 - False Teaching / False Brothers – Gal 2:4, 2 Peter 2, Jude

2) Safe Faith

- a) Hear (Knowledge) – Rom 10:17 – *Faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ.*
 - God – Eternal Ruler, Legislator, Judge, Creator, Sustainer, Owner, Holy, Righteous, Merciful, Gracious
 - Man – Created, Commanded, Accountable, Sinful, Enslaved, Hopeless
 - Christ – Son of God, Lamb of God, Ultimate Prophet, Priest, King, Virgin Born, Sinless Life, Sacrificial Death, Resurrected, Ascended, Returning to Reign, Only Way, Truth, Life from God
- b) Respond (Believe) – a sincere decision to do whatever God demands
 - Accept – Gospel testimony as true and actual (about God, you, Christ) – 1 Thess 2:13
 - Lament – Heartfelt sorrow over your sin against God – 2 Cor 7:10-11
 - Repent – Turn from sin – 1 Thess 1:9, Ezek 18:21, Acts 17:30, 26:20
 - Rely – Trust in Jesus alone for forgiveness of sins – Rom 4:5, 1 Thess 1:10, Luke 24:46-47
 - Receive – Follow Jesus in obedience and faith as Savior and Lord – John 3:36, Luke 9:23
- c) Remain (Perseverance)
 - Walk in the Faith – “Col 2:6-7
 - Keep the Faith – Col 1:21-23

Praxis

1. Review 1 John 2:23-25 outline of Safe/Unsafe Faith on back of sermon handout and consider how these truths should impact the way you speak of the Gospel with others.
2. How would you explain the reality of John 8:34 + 1 John 3:8-10 to someone for the first time?
3. Thought Question: How do we distinguish this truth from “works-salvation” and from “progressive sanctification”??