
GOSPEL OF JOHN
THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE



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HYPOCRISY V. INCONSISTENCY

Biblical hypocrisy: is claiming we hold to biblical moral standards, but contradicting them with our actions.

Biblical inconsistency: is realizing we don't always maintain the biblical standards we believe, but when we fail, we confess our sin, and by grace, we turn toward Christ and away from our sin.

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THREE KEYS TO JOHN 8:36

1. This statement is made in the context of abiding in God's Word

2. Not a private application, but a universal one: the truth of the gospel revealed in Jesus Christ

3. The specific freedom promised is freedom from sin.

-Matt Carter/Josh Wredberg

WHAT IS TRUE FREEDOM?

"True freedom is not the liberty to do anything we please, but the liberty to do what we ought; and it is genuine liberty because doing what we ought, now pleases us."

-Don Carson (part 1)

THE TRUTH AND JESUS

"Truth here is close to the meaning of 'gospel', the truth that has been revealed in and by Jesus. Because of truth's intimate connection with Jesus, true disciples must not only hear his words: they must in some sort be united with him who is the truth." -Don Carson (p. 2)