

- ↳ **Luke 4:31-34;** We used this passage last time as a jumping off place to consider the very important subject of deliverance. I don't recall a single Bible study or sermon on deliverance, but it is an extremely prominent topic in the Bible.
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1. We saw last time that there are realities in our salvation that are not experiential because they occur on a divine level.

- ✓ These affect the way God views us and we can't feel them or see them; they are God's verdicts, decisions, and choices about us.
 - Justification: where God declares us righteous because of sins being paid for on the cross. How does that manifest in the way I treat my kids?
 - Redemption: where God buys us back from sin and death.
 - Adoption: where God adopts us into His own family on the merits of Christ
 - Reconciliation: where God takes an enemy of His, us, and changes us into His beloved.
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- ✓ These are awesome blessings from God, but where is the change in my thinking, acting, speaking? These change my status with God, which is very important, but what about my status in day to day living? We don't just receive a change of status, but, in Christ, we receive a change in nature.
 - ✓ These are the things that make up the great truth of Deliverance. Terms like Regeneration, New Birth, New Way of Life, and Conversion. These represent the side of salvation that isn't just how God sees us, but also how the world sees us. They are experiential; they change our thinking, desires, wills, behavior.
 - ✓ **James 2:18; Colossians 1:12-13;** We saw last time that among other things this means that we understand and believe the truth. We aren't in the dark anymore; we're in the light because Jesus, who is the light, has delivered us! Again, what is a sign that someone has truly believed? Someone's attitude toward the Word of God.
 - ✓ **John 8:46-47;** It's not a hearing problem, it's a truth problem. Because you are not in the light, you can't take the light!
 - ✓ **1st Thessalonians 2:13;** When deliverance takes place, the life is changed, a person now hears and understands the Word of God.
 - ✓ **1st John 4:5-6** How do you know for sure when someone has been delivered? By the way they respond to the Word. How do we know the difference between the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error? By the way they treat the New Testament; they listen to it and follow it.
 - ✓ **John 8:31-32, verse 31,** Be careful here that you not turn this into some sort of works produce salvation. You aren't saved because you abide in His Word; you abide in His Word because you are saved. It's not your hold on Him that saves you, but His hold on you!
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2. You can tell a true believer by their attitude to the Word of God and by their attitude toward the Son of God.

- ✓ **1st Corinthians 16:22**; Wow! So, is it because they love Jesus that they are saved? NO! They love Jesus because they are saved; saved people do that! Delivered people do that!
- ✓ **1st John 4:2-3** You can't be wrong about the truth about Jesus and be saved, **2nd John 9**.
- ✓ **John 8:41**; They are claiming God as their father; that's a popular thing today, is that enough?
- ✓ **John 8:42**; This could not be more clear, if someone does not love Jesus as He reveals Himself in His Word, God is not their father! When a person is delivered, one of the indicators, the biggest one, is that they believe the truth about Jesus.
- ✓ **John 8:43-45, verse 43**, It's not a hearing problem; it's a deliverance problem, because they haven't been delivered from error, they can't hear truth. **Verse 44a**, to be in error about the person of Jesus, work of Jesus, and the salvation provided by Jesus , you don't have God as your father; in fact, you have the devil as your father!

We really need to stop calling Christian what Jesus called sons of the devil, don't you think?, John 16:13
