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To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.”³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31-32

THERE ARE NO ABSOLUTES! Everything is subject to change or should be challenged.

We have been told this lie throughout our cultural experience. Even in some church teachings we’ve changed our minds about what constitutes sin, how we can actually gain access to heaven and that, everyone has a right to determine their own values – and God will be okay with that. In the world view of morality all **values** are subject to the time and place in which you are raised, your social class, your status in the community, etc. **Truth** is defined in the world view out of our personal conditions and **character** is what we settle for in view of our misfortunate or fortunate circumstances of life.

In the world view, there are no values inherent to all humanity. There is a sense in which we are left on our own to figure things out. Life has the probability of leading us to real emptiness, anger, resentment and blame. It is no wonder that we have a growing sense of disregard for human life and respect for other’s property.

How can we heal this increasingly degraded social problem? We can discover the absolute truth for ourselves and teach it to our families; making the truth available to our neighborhoods and so on – with a passionate concern for our country and the world – showing the way that the world can be free from the prevailing perspective of sin and its power over us.

LET’S EXAMINE THE TEXT ABOVE AND CONTINUE THE PASSAGE THROUGH VERSE 47 (JOHN 8:31-47).

1. What point is Jesus making as He is speaking to the Jews?
2. What relevance does this point have with our world today?
3. What did Jesus say that made the Jews react to Him?
4. Why did they react so strongly?

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5. The Jews were so strongly attached to their traditions and their “rightful” place under God’s anointing as Abraham’s descendants that they stood in opposition to the very truth from God – as Jesus said, “*you have no room for My world*” (vs. **37**). Can you think of any correlation to today’s challenges of the message of Christ?

JESUS TURN THEIR OWN CLAIM AS ABRAHAM’S DESCENDANTS BACK TO THEM AS A WAY OF SHOWING THEM THAT THEY WERE WRONG. READ VERSES 37 THROUGH 47.

6. Are they descendants of Abraham?
7. What did Jesus mean, then, when he said “*You are doing the works of your own father*”?
8. How does this teaching relate to our current understanding of how we belong to God?
9. If God were really the Jews’ “Father”, how would they respond to Jesus? (Ref. verses **42 and 43; John 10:1-5**)
10. What stunning truth did the Jews receive from Jesus that separated them from God?
11. Is there any correlating truth to our current state of morality to this very truth?