
The Freest Man In The Room

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Ephesians 5:15-17; John 8:31-36; Acts 26:24-29

What Does Truth Actually Do To A Person?

I. Everybody is looking for a Better life

- A. Mentally
 - 1. Self-help books
 - 2. Podcasts & videos
 - 3. Courses
 - 4. Productivity systems
- B. Emotionally
 - 1. Counseling
 - 2. Life coaching
 - 3. Retreats
 - 4. Influencers & gurus
- C. Physically
 - 1. Supplements
 - 2. Surgeries
 - 3. Gym memberships
 - 4. Diet trends
- D. Spiritually
 - 1. Events & experiences
 - 2. Mysticism
 - 3. Religious rituals
 - 4. Crystals & spirituality

- E. People are pursuing transformation because they know something is broken
- F. The question is, where are you looking for truth?

II. There is a biblical pattern of encountering truth

- A. Truth is revealed in many ways
 - 1. Covertly
 - 2. Overtly
 - 3. Universally
 - 4. Personally
- B. Truth always provokes a response
- C. Scripture is filled with different responses
 - 1. Israel
 - 2. Rich Young Ruler
 - 3. Prodigal
 - 4. Thief on the Cross

III. Paul stands boldly before Festus, Agrippa, & Bernice

- A. Everyone hears the same truth
- B. Everyone responds differently
- C. Outward freedom does not guarantee inward freedom

IV. Festus rejects the truth

- A. Truth challenged his worldview
- B. Truth sounded irrational
- C. Skepticism became bondage

V. Agrippa & Bernice resist the truth

- A. He understood
- B. He was almost persuaded
- C. He refused to surrender
- D. Close to truth is not the same as transformed by truth

VI. Paul's life reflects the truth

- A. Truth transformed his life
- B. Truth gave him courage
- C. Truth gave him purpose
- D. Truth gave him joy
- E. Truth made him the freest man in the room

VII. What is the truth that made Paul so free?

- A. Jesus Christ is the Truth Paul proclaimed
- B. Freedom has already been purchased by Christ
- C. Freedom must be received personally
- D. Freedom is to be stewarded well

VIII. Truth changes the way people live

- A. Gladly receive the truth
- B. Are fundamentally changed
- C. Embrace complete freedom
- D. Follow the path of truth
- E. Experience real transformation

IX. How to steward your freedom in Christ

- A. Stay in the truth
- B. Name the bondage
- C. Repent quickly
- D. Build wise boundaries

E. Surround yourself with the Saints of God

F. Walk by the Spirit

G. Use your freedom daily

X. What are the takeaways?

- A. Every person encounters truth
- B. Some deny it, some defer it, some are devoted & dispatched to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- C. The prison door is open, will you leave the cell?
- D. The question is not if Christ has made a way out
- E. The question is: What will you do with the truth?

You Already Know Something Is Broken

The World Offers Another Version Of A "Better You"
Jesus Offers You Something Entirely Different
- Truth That Can Transform You

The Question Is Whether You Will Let The Truth Set You Free, & How You Will Steward Your Freedom For The Glory Of God's Kingdom