Sermon Notes for 1st Sunday, July 2, 2023

"Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." John 8:36 (NKJV)

"True Discipleship"

What is a disciple?

A disciple is one who believes and accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and follows His teachings.

Jesus mentions three facts about True Discipleship:

1. A True Disciple: _____

"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, John 8:31a

- A) Messiah: Hebrew word "Mashiach" the anointed One.
- B) The name "Jesus Christ" is the same as "Jesus the Messiah.

2. A True Disciple: _____

``If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed."

John 8:31b

- A) Abide comes from the Greek word "meno" which means to continue, to dwell, to remain, to stand
- B) True Discipleship has the <u>quality of permanence</u>

3. A True Disciple: _____

34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. John 8:34-36 (NKJV)

A) How do I know I'm in bondage to sin?

"Whoever commits sin is a slave of sin." John 8:35 (NKJV)

B) When a person accepts Jesus Christ as Lord, he/she is freed from the slavery of sin

6 We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.
7 For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. Romans 6:6-7 (NKJV)