

**God's gift in Jesus: the liberating power of walking in the light
(John 8.12-38; 05-16-21am)**

Central thought: Following Jesus brings freedom over sin's power in this life.

I. More truth about Jesus: the evidence of His claim is overwhelming (12-20)

1. Jesus is light that overcomes all darkness (12)
2. Jesus is the true judge – in partnership with God (15-16)
3. Jesus is the Son of God, and the exact image of God (17-19)
4. Jesus is the revelation of God (19-20)

II. The difference between followers of Jesus and those who oppose Jesus (21-30)

A. A difference between life or death (21-24)

1. Where Jesus goes, opposers cannot go (21)
2. Jesus is from above (heaven), opposers from below (the world) (23)
3. Believing in Jesus brings life; rejecting or opposing Jesus brings death (24)

B. A difference between pleasing God or displeasing God (25-29)

1. Jesus came to judge sinners (25-26)
2. Jesus came to die on the cross (27-28)
3. His death accomplishes the will of God (29)

III. Jesus offers freedom, but faith must be genuine (31-37)

A. Three characteristics of true disciples

1. Abide in Jesus word (31) Abide: remain or reside; be near & stay near
2. Recognize truth (32) Jesus is truth (Jn 14.6)
3. Experience freedom from control of sin (32 & 36)

B. One reality about those whose faith is not genuine

The word of Jesus has no place in their life