

## **Truly Disciples of Mine** **John 8:28-32**

Jesus had a conversation with a group of Jews, some of whom were hostile, while others were believers in him. Statement : "*you are truly disciples of mine*" suggests there may be some who in spite of their claims are not "truly" disciples of Christ.

This means that there are, counterfeit disciples, those who claim to be but are not, in fact or in reality his disciples

### **Disciple**

comes from a Latin verb which means "to learn"

"a learner, a follower of some particular teacher; an adherent of the principles of some leader or school of thought."

### **Truly**

Sincerely; genuinely; Truthfully; accurately; Indeed; Properly

### **There May Be Disciples In "Claim"**

The Jews claimed favor of God by fleshly ties with Abraham - **John 8:39-40; Matthew 15:8; Luke 3:8**

Men claim discipleship today, but the test of "truly" must be applied. Just as one would test money to see if it is counterfeit, disciples must be tested to see if they are real disciples or not.

How can one be a disciple "truly" when they teach such things as:

Salvation by faith only when the scripture says - **James 2:24**

Impossible to fall from grace while the scripture plainly says - **Galatians 5:4**

A denial of the inspiration and authority of God's word in the face of such passages as - **John 12:48; 2Timothy 3:16-17**  
*"If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;"*

### **There May Be Disciples In Name**

These are closely connected to those in "claim": Jews were disciples in "name". They wore his name and theoretically taught his doctrine

However, they did not continue in his word. The word continue suggest a stable residence - Being steadfast - **1Corinthians 15:58; James 1:25**

These may fall into two categories:

Those who fall by the wayside and quit trying

Those who continue to pretend (attend services) but whose lives are immoral and therefore obviously not following the Lord's will

### **Then There Are Those Who Are Truly Disciples**

There are those who show by their lives (performance) that they are followers of Christ - **Philippians 1:9-11; Romans 12:1-2**

These individuals search for, learn, obey and abide in the truth

They search for, that is, they recognize a personal responsibility in the matter of determining what the truth is - **Acts 17:11**

They learn the truth which means they do their best to understand what God's will is for them - **Ephesians 3:4**

They obey the truth after having searched and understood, they are willing to comply with its terms, that is, do what it says - **Hebrews 5:8-9**

Then after obeying what they have searched out and learned they continue to practice it in their lives, they remain steadfast in the teaching of God - **John 8:31; 1Corinthians 15:58; James 1:25**

## **True Disciples Are Free**

The results of being a disciple indeed is that one is free from their sins and are in a right relationship with God, because the truth has made them free. - **John 8:32**

They have been freed from the guilt of sin - **Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16**

They have been freed from the dominion of sin - **Romans 6:14; Romans 8:2**

They have been freed from the sting of death - **1Corinthians 15:56-57**

**Are you a disciple indeed?**

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