

# Recap



- Last day of Festival of Tabernacles
- Whoever believes in me rivers of living water will flow from within them.
- I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life.
- Some 'believe in' Jesus

# Jesus challenges core convictions of the Jews

## Jews believe

- They are free
- Basis of their freedom is their connection to Abraham
- They are children of Abraham
- They are children of God

## Jesus counters

- They are slaves to sin
- Only He can set them free
- They are descendants of Abraham, but not children- no family resemblance
- They are children of the devil- they are believing lies not truth



# Admit we are in bondage and that only Jesus can set us free

- Sin- to act contrary to the will of God
- If everyone one sins is a slave to sin and all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God then all are slaves to sin.
- Knowing the truth sets us free
  - Know – relational not intellectual
  - Truth- personal (Jesus) not informational



## Walk in the freedom Jesus purchased for you

- We are set free from the penalty of sin— spiritual death
- For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Immediate upon placing faith in Jesus
- Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.



## Walk in the freedom Jesus purchased for you

- We are set free from the power of sin-compulsion to act contrary to will of God
- But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin...you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.
- Progressive- grow in holiness as we cooperate with work of the Spirit in our lives



## Process of sanctification

- Before Jesus – sin is inevitable; no one/nothing in us to resist the pull of sin; also we each have a ‘sin streak’
- After Jesus – sin is possible, but not inevitable; Greater is the one who is in you than the one who is in the world