

The Attackers: Continuing in the Sphere of the Word, John 8:31: the Divine Dynasphere: Life inside the Bubble: for Believers & for Jesus; the 4 Spiritual Mechanics; Knowledge of Truth Produces Spiritual Freedom, John 8:32; Cadets in the Divine Academy Who Advance to the Sophisticated Spiritual Life Are Freed from the Sin Nature's Power & Empowered to Serve God, Glorify Christ, & Magnify the Word

55. Back in John 8:31, the Lord told the new believers that “If you continue in the sphere of My Word.” That sphere is logical, not spatial. So to what is He actually referring?
56. Status quo spirituality in which doctrine is taught verbally by Him or at a later date by the apostles and disciples and later by evangelists and pastor-teachers.
57. This spiritual advance occurs in the Church Age inside the bubble of the divine dynasphere.
58. The word “dynasphere” indicates the power and the environment for spiritual growth. It is a compound of the two Greek words **δύναμις (dúnamis)**: “power,” and **σφαίρα (sphaira)**: “sphere.” Together they form the system in which the Church Age believer grows in grace.
59. It can be called the divine dynasphere, the divine power system, or life inside the bubble.
60. Regardless of what you call it, while within this sphere of power, the believer enjoys status quo perfection, the filling of the Holy Spirit, and fellowship with the Father.
61. Inside this bubble the believer has available the two power options, divine enablement to develop and then employ the ten problem-solving devices, and advance toward the sophisticated spiritual life.
62. All this made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit Who communicates doctrine through His filling, recall, and retention ministries.
63. Church Age believers who reside inside the bubble fulfill the protasis of the Lord’s conditional challenge to the new believers in:

John 8:31 - Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed in Him, “If [Protasis of a 3CC] you continue in the sphere of My Word [some will & some won’t], then [apodosis] you are truly My disciples [students];

64. A disciple is a believer who willingly “accepts the instruction given to him and makes it his rule of conduct.”¹
65. Those that make the transition from slavery to the sinful nature over to adherents of the Lord’s teachings are said to be set free by means of divine veracity:

John 8:32 - and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

1. The Lord’s remarks to these new believers continue with the plural future middle indicative of the verb **γινώσκω** (*ginōskō*): “and you all shall know.”
2. The future tense is predictive connoting an event which is expected to occur in future time.
3. The verb in the future tense indicates the possibility of gaining knowledge and therefore it emphasizes acquisition of information that at the beginning of the process is not known or understood.
4. This is the environment in which a student exists and it requires of him humility and teachability. Humility is based on confidence in the knowledge and integrity of the one teaching while teachability is based on the objectivity of the student.
5. If you think you know more than the teacher, then you are arrogant; if you have preconceived opinions about the subject matter, then you are unteachable.
6. This introduces a sequence of events that results from the fulfillment of the apodosis of verse 31. The protasis stated by the Lord is, “If you continue in the sphere of My Word.”

¹ Spiros Zodhiates, ed., *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*, rev. ed. (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 1993), 936.

7. This is followed by the apodosis, “then you are truly My disciples.”
8. A disciple is one who continuously makes himself available to the teaching of Christ.
9. The ones doing so enter into the Divine Academy of Grace Didactics and become students whose objective is to acquire the thinking of Jesus Christ.
10. The curriculum of the academy is said by Jesus to be truth; the singular noun **ἀλήθεια (alétheia)**: propositions whose accuracy is guaranteed by the veracity of God.
11. This statement and the one to follow actually provide what amounts to a purpose and result related to the fulfillment of verse 31’s apodosis: “you are truly My students.”
12. If you are truly a student that matriculates continuously inside the bubble of the divine dynasphere, then you will acquire knowledge of the truth. The more truth you acquire the freer you become.
13. The second phrase begins with the word **alétheia** which is followed by the future active indicative of the third-person-singular verb **ἐλευθερώ (eleutherōō)**: “free.”
14. The purpose for studying the instruction of the Lord is so that you will know the truth with the result that this truth will make you free.
15. The only way a believer can become free from the bondage of sin is to know what it is, acquire the power to restrain its influences, and advance to such a sophisticated level of knowledge that it no longer rules his life.
16. In such a condition, the believer automatically thinks like Christ a majority of the time and in so doing glorifies God, magnifies the Word, and reveals Christ in His life.
17. The corrected and expanded translation of the two verses read like this:

John 8:31 - Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed in Him, “if [**Protasis of a 3CC**] you continue in the sphere of My Word [**some will & some won't**], then [**apodosis**] you are truly My students;

v. 32 - and you all will come to know and understand the truth, and the truth acquired will set you free from sin, human good, and evil.”