

Sermon Notes

Standing for Truth in a Post-Truth Culture “Freedom and Autonomy Are Not the Same”

Genesis 3:1-13; John 8:31-36

Intro

Big Idea: We must be able to discern and articulate the difference between wholesome freedom and destructive autonomy.

- I. Understanding destructive autonomy and its source.
 1. Autonomy – Gr. *autos* = self + *nomos* = law
i.e. A law unto yourself.
 2. The source = The Fall Gen. 3:1-13
 3. Our sinful nature naturally pursues autonomy.
- II. The pursuit of autonomy leads to destructive consequences.
 1. We lose the ability to solve problems through reason.
 2. It denies the importance of moral accountability.
 3. It degrades human value.
 4. The pursuit of autonomy enslaves us.
- III. Wholesome freedom has truth as its boundary.
 1. Definitions:
 - 1) Negative freedom = lack of interference or restraint.
 - 2) Positive freedom = ability to pursue excellence according to your vision & ideals.
 2. God provides boundaries so we can enjoy him. Jn. 8:31-32
 3. The truth that sets us free is a person. Jn. 8:36