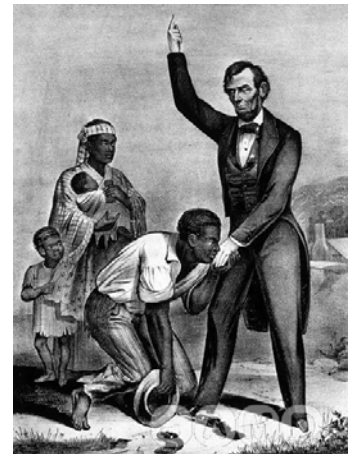


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True Christians who are “of the faith, the same are the children of Abraham” (Galatians 3:7). They are Abraham’s seed (Galatians 3:29). Abraham Lincoln was ordained to be named *Abraham* for the purpose of being (and acting as, and fulfilling) a counterfeit of “our father Abraham” (Romans 4:12). The key issue or theme surrounding the person of Abraham Lincoln being a counterfeit of Abraham, the biblical father of faith, is freedom.



Key Understanding #1: *The bondage of sin vs. the bondage of men.* The true meaning of the passage of John 8:31-47 (*below*) can be explained this way: the spirit and focus of ‘Ye shall be made free from *the bondage of sin*’ is counted *spiritually* as if Abraham’s seed (children) are through Isaac, while the spirit and focus of ‘Ye shall be made free from *the bondage of men*’ is counted *spiritually* as if Abraham’s seed (children) – even though they may *naturally* be through Isaac – are through Ishmael.



Abraham’s seed through Isaac represents **freedom from the bondage of sin**

Abraham’s seed through Ishmael represents **freedom from the bondage of men**

John 8:31-47 (KJV) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

*32 And ye shall know the truth, and **THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.***

*33 They answered him, **WE BE ABRAHAM’S SEED, AND WERE NEVER IN BONDAGE TO ANY MAN:** how sayest thou, **YE SHALL BE MADE FREE?***

*34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **WHOSOEVER COMMITTETH SIN IS THE SERVANT OF SIN.***

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

37 **I KNOW THAT YE ARE ABRAHAM'S SEED** [through *Isaac*]; **but ye seek to kill me**, because my word hath no place in you. [Therefore, though you are still Abraham's seed, it is ***spiritually as if you are Abraham's seed through Ishmael.***]

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, **IF YE WERE ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN** [through *Isaac*, and with the true faith of Abraham], **YE WOULD DO THE WORKS OF ABRAHAM.**

40 **But now ye seek to kill me**, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. [Therefore, though you are still Abraham's seed in the natural through *Isaac*, it is ***spiritually as if you are Abraham's seed through Ishmael.***]

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

44 **Ye are of your father the devil** [and ***spiritually as if you are Abraham's seed through Ishmael***], and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

47 He that is of God heareth God's words: **ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.**



Hagar and Ishmael

Key Understanding #2: Stated in a slightly different manner from Key Understanding #1 above, but still reflective of the same basic conclusions, it can be said that the true meaning of the passage of John 8:31-47 (above) can also be explained this way: just as Abraham had natural seed through *Isaac*, and natural seed through *Ishmael*, the point is ultimately being made that Abraham has *spiritual* seed (children) through *Isaac* by faith, reflected through the spirit and focus of 'Ye shall be made free from *the bondage of sin*,' while Abraham (*Abram*) also has *spiritual* seed (children) through *Ishmael*, reflected through the spirit and focus of 'Ye shall be made free from *the bondage of men*.'

Don't Miss This: In John 8:31-47 (above), Jesus Christ is counting the Jews, though they are of the natural seed of *Isaac*, as if they were of the natural seed of *Ishmael*, for they *spiritually* were "not of God." Likewise, the 'new birth of freedom' seed (children) of

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Abraham Lincoln are counted *spiritually as if* they are Abraham's (Abram's) seed through *Ishmael*.

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