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SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 32 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

I GAINED A FULLER APPRECIATION OF THE LOVE OF GOD WHEN JESUS CHRIST RESCUED ME A SECOND TIME!

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MATTHEW CHAPTER 28: Selected verses – The Resurrection 1-10: After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.



The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples; 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Great Commission verses 16-20: Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Have you ever been swept off your feet in wonderful amazement at the magnitude of the love of God shown to you over such a long period of your life? This wonderful blessing is gripping my life right now spanning over 64 years as I have contemplated the mighty acts of God starting way back in 1956 when the Lord Jesus Christ became my personal Saviour through accepting His forgiveness of sin. That FIRST RESCUE by Him was the best day of my life as I responded to the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

Add to that life-changing encounter an amazing SECOND RESCUE from the depths of hell of 26 years of schizophrenia – occurring 30 years ago on the 2nd May this year – and you have an impressive testimony of the unfailing faithfulness of God who has indeed promised "I am with you always, to the very end of the age".

You may be having doubts about how powerful is the love of God and ask if the Lord Jesus Christ can indeed hold on to you no matter how distressed in mind and battered in life you may become!

I stress with all the emphasis I can muster that His victorious love is MORE THAN YOU WILL EVER NEED.

For more than a third of a lifetime the power of God held me in His hand as I struggled to understand the onslaught that disrupted my mind and life.

There were deep waters to pass through and rivers of grief too devastating to describe, but now having achieved 30 years of restored freedom by my Lord Jesus Christ, I can say He was with me in it all.

In this message, I want to emphasise as much as I can the worthwhileness of surrendering your whole life to the LORD JESUS CHRIST. He is the only God! There is no other! If your life is in a mess, lacking direction and purpose and deep down within your spirit you cry out to know the peace that passes all human understanding, then why not turn to Christ? You have so much to obtain in discovering and knowing JESUS, starting with receiving His wonderful free gift of eternal life.

Let's seek to focus on some excellent truths bringing life, strength and blessing to us found in the last phrase in our Lord's Great Commission to his disciples before He ascended back to heaven – "...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

BECAUSE JESUS CHRIST PROMISES TO BE WITH US, HIS LOVE HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING, INCLUDING THE REALITY OF THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, FORGOTTEN AND MARGINALISED. HE ALSO HAS THE POWER TO BREAK EVERY SATANIC STRONGHOLD FOUND IN THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS SINCE ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO HIM.

What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord! Words cannot adequately describe the indescribable beauty of Jesus! In Solomon's Song verse 16, it says: "Yea, He is altogether lovely" – and indeed He is. Commenting on this, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, says: "The superlative beauty of Jesus is all-attracting; it is not so much to be admired as to be loved. He is more than pleasant and fair, He is LOVELY. Surely the people of God can fully justify the use of this golden word, for He is the object of their warmest love, a love founded on the intrinsic excellence of His Person, the complete perfection of His charms.

"Look, O disciples of Jesus, to your Master's lips, and say, "Are they not most sweet? Do not His words cause your hearts to burn within you as He talks with you by the way? Ye worshippers of Immanuel, look up to His head of much fine gold, and tell me, are not His thoughts precious unto you?"

WE NEED TO BE FILLED WITH THE WONDERFUL LOVE OF GOD TO EXPERIENCE ITS GLORIOUS DEPTHS AND THE AWESOME CHANGE JESUS CHRIST BRINGS INTO EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES. HAVING FAITH IN OUR SAVIOUR – AND KNOWING WE POSSESS FAITH – WILL BRING ABOUT DEEP DOWN SATISFACTION OF A LIFE SURRENDERED TO OUR LORD AND MASTER!

I loved the LORD JESUS CHRIST ever since He became real as a teenager of 14. For eight years, I grew in His love and possessed a desire to serve Him. That desire was both hindered and frustrated with the first stirrings of schizophrenia in my life, though I had no idea what was going on.

When full-blown schizophrenia descended one day – nothing less than the unleashing of a dark Satanic spirit over my life – I was thrown on my LORD seeking how to cope and understand what was happening.

For the whole length of 26 years of schizophrenia bondage, the lack of love for the LORD in my heart was deficient because of being pre-occupied with struggling to live because of a mental

bondage present every day. You'll find details of my life in the book, Schizophrenia Defeated, elsewhere on this website but I want to point out that JESUS CHRIST was with me and aware of everything I was going through. It's the same with your life. If you are committed to JESUS take heart that HE will hold on to you and you will never be forsaken. HE HAS A PLAN FOR EVERY LIFE SURRENDERED TO HIM.

On 2nd MAY, 1990 when the LORD JESUS CHRIST enabled me to take authority over the strong powers of Satanic darkness which had harassed me for more than a third of a lifetime my mind was freed, completely freed and I was so grateful to my Lord. I knew I had returned to life as it was meant to be. My heart was overflowing with so much gratitude to Christ. There was now no hindrance in the way of loving and knowing Jesus Christ each and every day. That's just what I want to keep on enjoying.

Let's make it our business to allow JESUS CHRIST to have every part of our lives in total, full surrender and live in the blessing of His most wonderful gift of eternal love all our days....and share His amazing love with all wherever we go. Amen

Celebrating the publishing of the Weekly Encourager over the past 10 years on our website, www.schizophreniadefeated.com I wish to record my grateful appreciation to website director, Stewart Hills (right) who has faithfully employed his skills and work over that period in promoting the good news about our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Stewart, who is self-employed in web site, computer work and project management, has also given tremendous support in carrying out the design of the website in all respects and fulfils his business motto of offering "Precise solutions creatively delivered."



"We have enjoyed good Christian fellowship over the years ever since we first got to know each other when Stewart worked in the office at the World Prayer Centre in Birmingham. It has been such a great encouragement over the years to have his expertise and support on hand in the ministry of reaching schizophrenics with the message that the Lord Jesus Christ is the way out of this mental stronghold," says James.

FOR FURTHER READING: See Archive Files

2019 28 April – It Is Ignorance And Fear About The Demonic That Delays Your Freedom From Schizophrenia

2018 10 June – The Wedding Day Spills Over With Rejoicing

2017 9 July – Only The Power Of The Holy Spirit Is Strong Enough To Drive Out And Defeat The Voices Of Schizophrenia

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DECLARING WITHOUT A SHADOW OF DOUBT WHY A CHRISTIAN IS MORE EQUIPPED THAN A NON-CHRISTIAN IN BEING ABLE TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA.

John's Gospel Chapter 8: verses 30-38. As He was saying these things, many believed in Him. So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you continue in My word, you really are My disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." "We are descendants of Abraham," they answered Him, and we have never been enslaved to anyone. How can You say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus responded, "I assure you: Everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. A slave does not remain in the household forever, but a son does remain forever. Therefore if

the Son sets you free, you really will be free. I know you are descendants of Abraham, but you are trying to kill Me because My word is not welcome among you. I speak what I have seen in the presence of the Father, and therefore you do what you have heard from your father."

Way back in 1971 in a sermon I was preaching on the real freedom that the Lord Jesus Christ brings – at a time I was fighting the formative years of a 26-year-long bondage of schizophrenia – I opened up with this interesting question. "Is the non-Christian as free as the Christian? Is the man with the happy-go-lucky approach to life less free than the man who follows hard after Christ? Does receiving Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord really make a man absolutely free indeed, as the Bible declares, or was the man right who when asked if he would like to become a Christian, replied: "I'm sorry, I have enough problems already."

No, I continued to declare, the non-Christian is not as free as the Christian! The reason I was so sure in my statement came from a personal acquaintance of receiving the Lord Jesus Christ by faith 16 years earlier as a boy of 14. Though I began to struggle with the dawning of schizophrenia eight years later, and battled more than a third of a lifetime to get free, this underlining truth never left me from the lips of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself:

"If you continue in My word, you really are My disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Let us look a little closer at the reason why the Lord Jesus Christ is the only certain hope of defeating schizophrenia through knowing Him in a truly life-transforming way.....

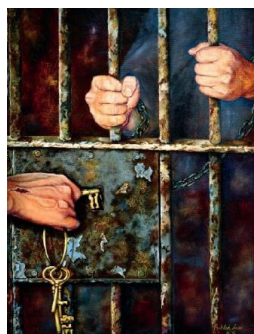
A PRAYER OF HOPE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA: "Lord God Almighty, will you hear my prayer and make the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ real to me. Wipe away my sins that were atoned for on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus in order that I might not have to die eternally. I believe that Jesus took all my sins and my sorrows and made them His very own and after three days He rose again from the dead and now makes intercession for me. By the power of His shed blood, I believe I am now set free and opened up to all the resources of His grace and power. I am looking forward to the day – why not today – when the evil bondage of schizophrenia surrounding my mind is totally defeated. I ask You, Heavenly Father, to help me drive out the dark, spiritual presence by the light and power of your conquering Holy Spirit's presence. I want to know the reality of the promise Jesus made that whoever follows him will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life. Make it happen for me, as I pray in the Mighty Name of Jesus, Amen.

See below in the pictures BEFORE AND AFTER deliverance and healing, the visible difference made by the power of the Holy Spirit on my great day of freedom in May 1990.



BEFORE DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

showing the "gates of brass and bars of iron" around my mind requiring the power of Jesus to shatter once and for all.



THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL

by Rebekah Laue of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, U.S.A.



AFTER DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

picture taken at 6.15 a.m. at Derby Railway Station five days after Jesus set me free, on my way to show Tina "her new man"

IF YOU HAVE NEVER INVITED JESUS CHRIST INTO YOUR LIFE, AND WISH TO, DO PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER WITH ALL YOUR HEART: "Lord God Almighty, I approach you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. I know I have sinned in my thoughts, words and actions. There are so many good things I have not done. There are so many sinful things I have done. I am truly sorry for the sinfulness in my life, but most of all I acknowledge the sin that separates me from you. I accept the death of Jesus on the Cross to redeem me and extend the gift of eternal life. Gratefully, I give my life back to you as I now ask you to come into my life. Come in as my Saviour and Lord and cleanse me. Come in as my Lord to control me. Come with the strength of your grace and the power of your Spirit to defeat the evil spirit of schizophrenia that troubles me. Now you have set my spirit free, pour your delivering and healing power into my life as I take authority in the name of Jesus through the power of his blood over the intruding force. I assert your ownership of my life and resist any legal right that the devil seeks to hold over my life and bind up and expel any evil presence. I believe that my mind can be completely set free and my whole life enjoy the total freedom of Jesus. Amen.

PROCLAMATION FOR GOD'S PROTECTION by Derek Prince

NO WEAPON that is formed against me shall prosper and every tongue which rises against me in judgement I do condemn. This is my heritage as a servant of the Lord and my righteousness is from You, O Lord of Hosts. If there are those who have been speaking or praying against me, or seeking harm or evil to me, or who have rejected me, I forgive them. Having forgiven them, I bless them in the name of the Lord." *

NOW I DECLARE, O Lord, that You and You alone are my God, and besides You there is no other – a just God and a Saviour, the Father, the Son and the Spirit – and I worship You!

I SUBMIT myself afresh to You in unreserved obedience. Having submitted to You, Lord, I do as Your Word directs. I resist the devil: all his pressures, his attacks, his deceptions, every instrument or agent he would seek to use against me. I do not submit! I resist him, drive him from me and exclude him from me in the Name of Jesus. Specifically I reject and repel: infirmity, pain, infection, inflammation, malignancies, allergies, viruses, and every form of witchcraft.

FINALLY, LORD, I thank You that through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, I have passed out from under the curse and entered into the blessing of Abraham whom You blessed in all things:** exaltation, health, reproductiveness, prosperity, victory and God's favour. AMEN

*see Matthew 5: 43-45; Romans 12:14

**see Galatians 3:13-14; Genesis 24:1

We are continuing to insert in the Weekly Encourager some powerful Scriptures to read, memorise and meditate on for USE in your prayer battle to drive out the demon of schizophrenia. By so doing your confidence in the LORD JESUS CHRIST will grow because the words will impart "spirit and life" into your spirit, and so equip you in your fight for freedom to know the deliverance and healing of JESUS CHRIST.

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name for ever. For great is your love towards me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave. Psalm 86:11 -13

You may be reading the Weekly Encourager for the first time and have stumbled across our website in a desperate search to break free of schizophrenia. Or every week you visit W.E. for encouragement and help to overcome this "monster" of mental illnesses and have been given

REAL HOPE that the Lord Jesus is the only One to open the prison door to freedom in your life once and for all time. We encourage you to keep logging into the site as often as you can for scriptural advice as we continue to point to Jesus who is well-tried and tested in the area of setting captives free from a bondage that no-one else can conquer. Our website www.schizophreniadefeated.com seeks to magnify the dear Son of God who left the courts of heaven to come to our world and die for you and me on the Cross at a place called Calvary just outside Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago. In that sacrifice, he paid the punishment and penalty of your sin and mine and on the third day rose again as "The Resurrection and the Life". He releases TODAY into your life and to anyone accepting his sacrifice, the same victorious life that brought him back from the dead, in the person of the Holy Spirit. Why not invite him into your life right now? It's a life-transforming experience that you CAN REALLY KNOW – which is well able to defeat and conquer the hell of schizophrenia you struggle with, for good!

"I will proclaim your mighty acts, O sovereign Lord" Psalm 71: 16

James Stacey, Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals

