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SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW IN HIS 29th YEAR OF FREEDOM FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA AND OVER 31 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

AFTER DELIVERANCE FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA, WHAT NEXT?

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MARK CHAPTER 5: Key verses 14-20

The healing of a demon-possessed man: Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man – and told about the pigs as well. Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.



The question raised by our subject this week does not cross your mind if you are a Christian schizophrenic. Until you have been delivered by Jesus Christ, the preoccupation with the insanity of schizophrenia does not allow you the luxury of making right life choices. But once the freedom of Jesus has burst wide the prison gates and freed your captive mind, you can think as soundly as anyone else!

The Gadarene demoniac was so possessed and controlled by hordes of evil spirits that he never once thought of what he would do with his life. After Jesus drove out the entrenched intruders and restored him to “his rightful mind”, he was totally transformed and returned to full control of his mental powers. He knew immediately what he now wanted to do – to join the close ranks and be a follower of Jesus. Transformation indeed!

The power of Jesus to deliver and heal is seen at its best in this incident recorded in the gospels. How grateful we are to the Lord Jesus for stepping onto the shore of the land of the Gadarenes. For if ever there was a man in need of being healed, it was this man. No need to look any further for evidence that demons can inhabit and control a person – here it is. Made in the image of God, but deprived of a freedom to live life, he was in the grip of Satan himself.

He got his life back that day. He no longer had to keep on living in the caves ostracised from his community. Those who always feared what he might do no longer needed to bind him up in chains, though that only worked for a time. I hope the people who had banished him from their presence were now pleased to see him as a free man! You can't imagine the joy of such freedom unless it has happened to you. The words “transformation” and “restored” fall short to describe what the wonder-working power of Jesus achieves.

Can I take you back to what happened in my life just over 30 years ago when Jesus delivered and healed me in a matter of minutes, and to the days, months and years that followed? First, I no longer needed to keep up the constant battle of prayer warfare that had been necessary to get me free. Instead of intercessory prayer in the toilets during my lunch breaks, I was now out in the sunshine sitting on a rare piece of lawn in the centre of the city of Sheffield, praising and enjoying God. Still standing fast in faith and holding onto God each and every day, I was determined not to lose my new-found freedom, but there was an abiding rest in my heart at the same time.

For far too long I cared to remembered – 26 years in fact – I had been prevented from enjoying my whole life as emotionally and mentally whole. The personalities of demons had “sown” parts of their own into mine. As I to cut myself off from these and began to live life through my own personality, I found there was a long process of restoration involved. To make out that the only issue is to become free without regaining all the ground you lost in the time of suffering the mental bondage of schizophrenia, falls far short. You must – once having been set free by Jesus – go on to keep hold of his presence which imparts continuing full and restorative healing in future days.

My wife, Tina closely observed my life from the time of deliverance in 1990. She saw me going through years of recovery and restoration. In 1995, I was getting itching feet to want to go and preach and tell what God had done. “You’re not quite ready. God is restoring you but there is more to follow,” she rightfully said. Because I too believe that “the schizophrenia deliverance is the deepest, most involved and most determined deliverance” of all, I was prepared to fight through to “restoration” victory for as long as it took.

It was in 2002 when I believed that “full restoration” had been achieved – though growth in grace and renewal in the love of Jesus have always been daily ministries to seek and enjoy. I often wonder if the Gadarene demoniac had to go through a process of getting his life back in the same way I did – or did Jesus restore everything to him at once when he set him free. We are left with the thankfulness of a change and freed man who was totally liberated by the only One who could have brought him freedom – Jesus himself.

At present you are focused on how to enter into the freedom of Jesus and defeat schizophrenia. Keep leaning hard on God and his Word, have faith to believe that what God has promised you in his Word, he is well able to perform. No matter how long it takes, you are committed to see the dawning of your day of freedom brought about by the faithfulness of your powerful Saviour, Jesus Christ. It will come, make no mistake! God will fulfil His Word IN YOU!

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File

2018 19 August - God's Victory Over Schizophrenia Was Purchased On Calvary's Cross For You

2017 16 July - Trusting In Jesus Christ With All Your Heart Will Keep Your Sanity And Win Freedom

2016 17 April - What A Transformation When A Schizophrenic Knows God Is Reviving His Heart

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 7 APRIL 2019:

AS EASTER APPROACHES - WE TELL IT OUT TO THE WORLD "JESUS CHRIST HAS SECURED ETERNAL LIFE FOR EVERYONE AND HAS DEFEATED SCHIZOPHRENIA".

Never expect an announcement to come over the media that the medical experts have found an answer to defeat schizophrenia!! It will never happen - because only Jesus Christ has the solution.

A Christian friend has told me that on our popular TODAY radio programme in the U.K., representatives of psychiatry admitted they were baffled over the cause of the psychotic illness and were unable to offer a cure.

But here is the good news which only followers of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, can declare - Jesus has triumphed over schizophrenia and opens up deliverance and healing for everyone struggling to end what they experience as a deep, entrenched mental bondage.

The medical field the world over would do well to acknowledge their impotence to set free millions of mental captives with schizophrenia - and discover faith to point to Jesus Christ, Saviour and Healer, as the means whereby life can be restored to those crying out for release.

We are now in the Christian season of LENT celebrating the victory over death and hell obtained for everyone by the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world who died on a cruel cross outside Jerusalem more than 2000 years ago. He laid down his life for you and me, bore our sins "in his body on the tree", then three days later showed "himself alive by many infallible proofs", offering the gift of eternal life to everyone who believes in Him.

There is no greater news our troubled world needs to hear today! Receiving Jesus Christ into one's life has power to transform every person on our planet, even whole nations, and to dispel the spiritual darkness in human life rampant the world over. How fitting that the prophet Isaiah announcing the good news of the birth of Jesus 700 years before it happened, spoke of "people walking in darkness seeing a great light" – none other than Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

Each one of us needs to know Jesus personally as Saviour and Lord to be able to live "in the light of his life". When He becomes real to you through an act of faith, it is His love and light that invades your life and brings total transformation. You make the greatest discovery in the whole of life itself – finding God who is both your Creator and Redeemer.

Because our world contains forces of spiritual darkness under the rule of Satan, described by Jesus as the "prince of this world" (John 14:30), you receive as a follower of Jesus His own presence through the Person of the Holy Spirit to overcome temptation, conflict and all that life can throw at you.

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

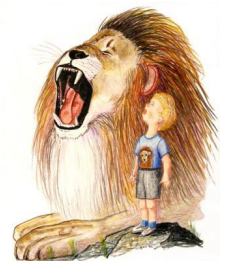
We are continuing to insert in the Weekly Encourager some powerful Scriptures to read, memorise and meditate on for USE in your prayer battle to drive out the demon of schizophrenia. By so doing your confidence in the LORD JESUS CHRIST will grow because the words will impart "spirit and life" into your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

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2: 9-10

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. Galatians 5: 16-18

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