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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 32 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 34 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

# THE FAITH STRATEGY GOD GAVE ME TO DEFEAT THE VOICES OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

# THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS LUKE CHAPTER 11

Verses 14-28 <u>Jesus and Beelzebub</u>: Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. But some of them said, "By Beelzebub, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons." Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven.



Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebub. Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.

"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armour in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.

"He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters.

"When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first."

As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you."

He replied: "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

The Holy Spirit, who is the living Presence of Jesus Christ, revealed to me the full truth about schizophrenia. He said it was a spiritual stronghold of Satanic darkness needing to be driven out in order to restore freedom and joy to my life.

I knew for many years that I had been fighting a spiritually dark foe and only survived because of God's power, grace and truth – but the inspired guidance urging me to exorcise the demons lit up my spirit with fresh faith.

When Jesus is "guiding you into all truth", as stated in John's Gospel 16:13, you know it's time to obey what He reveals in your heart and mind. The personal ministry of the Holy Spirit is so vital to every Christian suffering with schizophrenia both in setting you free and keeping you free.

I believed the Scriptures and the words of Jesus – and armed with this revelation proceeded to obey the Holy Spirit. This resulted in a glorious victory over Satan by Jesus Christ in my life over 32 years ago.

It didn't matter to me in the slightest that my psychiatrist, or the medical world, would agree with what God was saying about the condition they were treating me for. It was high time for the living power of Jesus to come to my aid, fight for me and bring much-needed freedom.

The specific revelation about schizophrenia was a long time in coming – about 26 years in fact. Throughout that period I was a survivor leaning hard on the words of Jesus Christ and other scriptures while praying at every opportunity. Often I was too tired to pray effectively and can testify how God kept me, held me and protected me over so many years.

I stand amazed just thinking about how long it took for the full revelation of schizophrenia to dawn on my life. My mind was held in such a strong vice with delusions and voices playing a constant part that nothing penetrated to the depth I needed — UNTIL through the power of prayer from many friends, God revealed the magnitude of the demonic bondage, stirred my spirit and began to help me stage a valiant fight to be free.

Between the months of February and May in 1990, after attending "The Battle Belongs To The Lord" conference in Brighton held by Ellel Ministries, a mighty change began to take place in my life. I resolved at all costs to drive out the intruding forces from my life for good, saying to God one day in the toilets at work: "I am going to come here to pray and fast until you break the power of this bondage over my life." It became a daily assignment involving rising at 5 a.m. to have two hours of waiting on God before going to work. I used my tea breaks and dinner breaks at the office to pray and fast hiding myself away in the toilets on three floors. The demons in my life were beginning to fear as Satan's hold over my life was coming to an end.

The prayers of committed friends resulted in more light and truth coming from the Holy Spirit. I knew that in order for the demons to be ousted, I must know a faith within that conquers through the power of the Holy Spirit. Above all, I needed to possess the authority given by Jesus Christ which He is always wanting to bestow on His followers. The life of prayer I sort to live even during my normal working day released the fresh power of the Holy Spirit and a growing confidence of heading for a freedom within the grasp of believing faith.

THE SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST IS STRONGER THAN A SCHIZOPHRENIC DEMONIC SPIRIT: Although you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and know that He is "stronger than Satan and sin", this truth may not be "powerfully alive" in your spirit. Being on medication can so numb the truth you know about God as feelings can make your mind passive. But truth about the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ NEVER changes. He is eternally the One and Only True God. Whether you or I feel in a dejected mood does not alter the truth about God. As stated above, it took me many years before the Holy Spirit began to quicken my faith in Him to a degree that I was in a position to fight for my freedom and win it. You may feel that you are always facing an uphill battle and missing out on knowing the power of the Holy Spirit but never give in. Keep reading the Bible in faith and praying as much as you can; remember you need the help of Christians to support you in prayer, so don't be slow in asking for their help. Christians with any compassion and insight into your condition should be drawing near to you to give their help; ask the Lord to lead you to those who can assist you in prayer. Where living faith is quickening believers in Jesus, you are more likely to get the support you need. Do hold on to the Lord Jesus Christ no matter how little faith you have - as your persistence in seeing that faith grow will astound you! Jesus can so bring a mighty change in your life that you

will be amazed at the power of God fighting with you. When faith is increased by Jesus you are no longer in a position to tolerate a demonic presence in your life. You are ready and equipped to burst the prison gates around your mind with the help of Jesus. Keep conquering faith in Him intact at all costs.

JESUS STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF BINDING THE STRONGMAN BEFORE CASTING HIM OUT: The presence of a schizophrenic demon in your life falls under the category described by Jesus as a strongman. There are often other demons present as part of a "nest" of spirits with the ruling spirit being the schizophrenic one. My fight was so long and hard because a religious spirit and a spirit of suicide were part of the "nest". All three worked together to bring about my downfall and destruction, but praise God the power of Jesus Christ was well able to prevent their combined power succeeding. He gave such a mighty deliverance to me on May Day 1990 that all three demons received their marching orders and fled at once. But we need to heed the words and instruction of Jesus. I was only in a position to bind the strongmen in my life after finding fresh power in God and knowing my authority in Jesus to go ahead and do it, knowing that the subsequent action was to cast them out. When your faith is active in Jesus Christ and the confidence of the Holy Spirit is upon you, power is present to resist Satan, bind up and evict any evil presence in your life. Invite the light and truth of the Holy Spirit into every area of your life to reveal and expose spiritual darkness. It will not be able to hide because the searchlight of God will put His finger on everything. Casting demons out in self-deliverance is encouraged when you know there is a dark presence that has made a surreptitious intrusion into your life. Rely on the Holy Spirit to guide you and remain faith-filled and confident in Jesus as you proceed to welcome His authority and power into your life, confirmed by the Scriptures. God wants us free and living in his victory purchased at Calvary and has made every provision for us to conquer the powers of darkness – so seek the power of the Holy Spirit to see that wonderful change brought about in your life.

KEEP YOUR FREEDOM ONCE THE DEMON OF SCHIZOPHRENIA HAS BEEN CAST OUT! From His words contained in verses 24-26, Jesus highlights the importance of keeping free once a demonic intruder has been cast out. The warning He gives is for all who have struggled to get free of demonic strongholds. If you have been exercising faith and prayer in Jesus to set you free then when it happens, continue living in the power of the Holy Spirit. He will remind you of the need to walk in the light of God and to value His precious gift of freedom. I remember that after the Lord brought healing and deliverance in a matter of minutes, I was gloriously free. All the striving and internal fighting to get there was now over and I enjoyed a precious new rest in Christ. But I knew too that I had to abide in Jesus and continue walking in His light through the Scriptures. This is doubly important if you start on the road to help others who are in the position you were once in. Early on after deliverance, a friend asked me this question: "How can you be so confident that having been set free by Jesus, you will remain free". I replied: "The power of the Holy Spirit can perform both. I am not going to let go of the power of Jesus every day now that He has set me free." Praise God for such a mighty victory Jesus Christ obtained for all who are battling mental harassment and demonic oppression. I trust you will know His triumph in your life in all its fullness.

The purpose of bringing out a Weekly Encourager is to highlight the promised hope there is in the Lord Jesus Christ defeating schizophrenia. Our Archive file copies contain scriptural advice, insight and help designed to give encouragement to those like yourself struggling for long sought-after freedom – so do make use of the facility provided, asking God to reveal His truth to you from the various messages. May He richly provide all you need to bring you out of the prison house of schizophrenia into His most glorious freedom! HE IS ABLE!

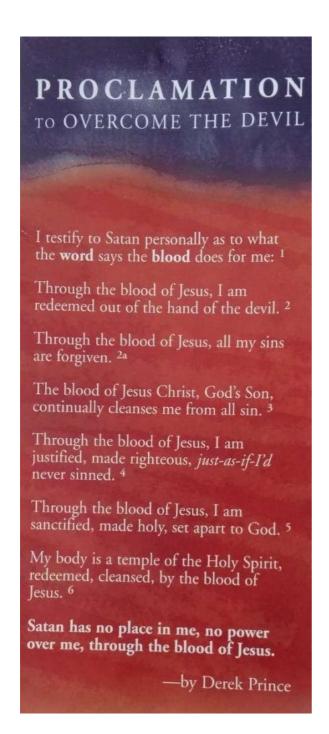
Let me no more my comfort draw, From my frail hold of Thee. In this alone rejoice with awe, THY MIGHTY GRASP OF ME! John Campbell Sharp (1819-1885) IF YOU HAVE NEVER INVITED JESUS CHRIST INTO YOUR LIFE, AND WISH TO, DO PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER WITH ALL YOUR HEART: "Lord God Almighty, I approach you 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.

## FOR FURTHER READING: SEE WEEKLY ENCOURAGER ARCHIVE FILE

**2021** 12 September – Praising God Is A Mighty Weapon In Driving Out Schizophrenia

2020 11 October – Meeting God Early Will Keep Advancing Your Fight To Become Free

2019 16 June – How God Can Use The Affliction Of Schizophrenia To Bring Hope To Others



## 1 Revelation 12:11

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb [Jesus Christ], and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." [That is, they testified to what the Word of God says about the blood of Jesus.]

#### <sup>2</sup> Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace . . .

#### <sup>2a</sup> Psalm 107:2

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy . . .

#### <sup>3</sup> 1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

#### 4 Romans 5:9

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

#### <sup>5</sup> Hebrews 13:12

Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

# 6 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

#### **WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 3 & 10 JULY 2022**

TRUSTING IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL YOUR HEART WILL KEEP YOUR SANITY AND WIN FREEDOM OVER SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MATTHEW CHAPTER 9 Verses 18-33

<u>A Dead Girl and a Sick Woman</u> While he was saying this, a ruler came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment.

When Jesus entered the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

<u>Jesus Heals the Blind and Mute</u> As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

"Yes, Lord," they replied.

Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you", and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no-one knows about this". But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

There are many precious lessons taught by the Holy Spirit I seek to pass on to Christian schizophrenics – among the most important of which is learning how to trust in Jesus Christ.

It would help and assist you in your battle against the evil invading the mind, if you ask God to deposit faith into your heart that will make you strong to both survive and triumph.

I am so grateful that God instructed me in the importance of having faith in Jesus Christ. Learning that FAITH COMES BY HEARING THE WORD OF GOD, FAITH RESTS IN THE POWER OF GOD & FAITH TRIUMPHS IN THE VICTORY OF GOD provided a strong resistance against the demonic spirit of schizophrenia.

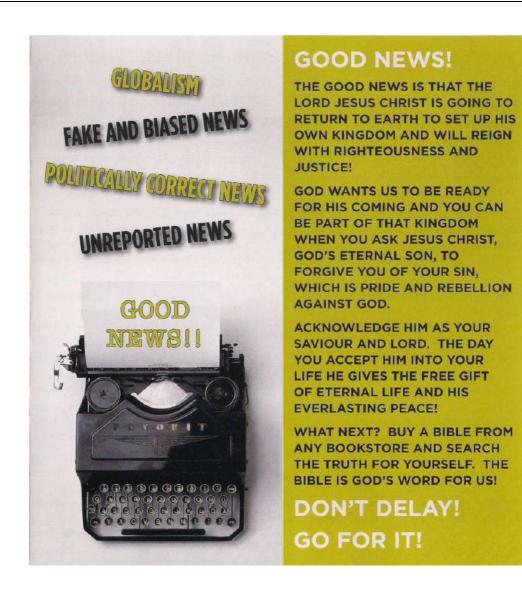
Graduate in Christ's school of faith by learning these vital truths and you will survive the onslaughts of schizophrenia, as well as triumph over the bondage in the power of God!

Jesus Himself set such great store on having faith. In Matthew 21:21 it says: Jesus replied: "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig-tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Jesus expects to see us living our lives with a vital, conscious faith in Him. He is often restricted and prevented from moving in the area of deliverance and healing through lack of faith. Can you see the importance of having active faith in Jesus? He commended those having faith who came to be healed when He was on earth. He still looks for the presence of precious faith in OUR lives.

Remember that your life as a Christian is meant to be a life of faith, even though you suffer with schizophrenia. You are saved or born-again through having faith in Christ when through the operation of the grace of God you know your sins forgiven. More grace is received through faith. Be keen for the Holy Spirit to teach you that your life will greatly benefit in your quest to be free of schizophrenia as it is marked out by living, active, conscious faith in a Wonderful God who responds to precious faith!

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.



#### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD AT PRESENT?

- 1. Violence and knife crime is on the increase, particularly in the west.
- 2. Family breakdown. Civil, ethnic and political unrest.
- 3. Deception growing confusion, regarding beliefs and gender identity.
- 4. Growing belief in Universalism all religions lead to God and no-one has the monopoly of TRUTH. A move to a one world religion.
- 5. People are sold into the lie of not giving offence to others, rather than upholding what they believe as truth, hence the rise of Political Correctness.
- 6. A move towards a One World government. The emergence of 'Deep State' with powerful secret societies, such as 'The Illuminati', manoevering across the world stage. Leaders in some secret societies dictate to country leaders who to put in power. Globalism is being promoted through the irradication of country borders and nationhood.



- 7. Federal Reserve. This is a private bank and is not monitored. These bankers want to help control the world and the finance system. They originally took gold from the Americas into the Federal Reserve for safe keeping but never returned it.
- Famines and unprecedented migration.
   Earthquakes more in the 20th century than in the previous 19 centuries. Many wars across every continent with thousands of innocent people and children killed.
- 9. Climate change involvement is becoming completely dominant in people's hearts and minds. Some theological students in New York are confessing their sins to plants! A generation is emerging that is worshipping creation rather than God the creator!

# WHAT DOES JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS? QUITE A LOT!

Jesus Christ's first coming was prophesied around 137 times in the Old Testament of the Bible hundreds of years before He was born in Bethlehem. There are over 200 prophecies regarding His Second Coming in both the Old and New Testaments.

Jesus lived for around 33 years, was then falsely accused and suffered by dying on the Cross outside Jerusalem around 2,000 years ago. There He died for you and me and God's anger for our sin was placed on Him. After Jesus died, He was placed in a tomb and three days later came back to life. He went back to heaven but promised to return to earth to take those who love Him to be with Him forever.

Jesus said in Matthew's gospel, Chapter 24, that the following would take place before He returns to the earth:-

- False Christs and false prophets will appear.
- 2. Wars and rumours of wars.
- Famines and earthquakes which will be like the beginning of labour pains.
- 4. Those who are followers of Jesus Christ will be hated and even put to death.

- 5. An increase in wickedness across the earth.
- 6. Many will turn away from the truth and betray each other.
- 7. Great distress unequalled from the beginning of the world until now - will occur. Jesus, speaking of Himself, said, " 'the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn because of Him. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other." (Matthew's gospel, Chapter 24:29-30). Why did they mourn? Because they were not prepared for His Coming!
- 8. Jesus warned His disciples to "keep watch" and to be aware of the times in which we live. He said: "No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." What was characteristic of those days? Violence and wickedness was rife and present in everyone's mind was only evil all the time.

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"

## 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.

(Jesus said): "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14:12-14

"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known

among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you." Isaiah 12:2-6

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

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 <a href="https://www.schizophreniadefeated.com">www.schizophreniadefeated.com</a> 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