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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey now in his 22nd year of freedom from the bondage - thanks to Jesus Christ



LET THE POWER OF PENTECOST FILL YOU IN YOUR DESIRE TO BE SET FREE

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS ACTS CHAPTER 2 The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost: Key Verses 1-6 – When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 13-21 - Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter, stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It is only nine in the morning. No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel. "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."



It is most appropriate this week-end as you celebrate Pentecost Sunday to focus on the power God released so that believers in Jesus Christ could witness for Him throughout the world.

This season is FULL OF HOPE inspiring you to know that the power of the Holy Spirit can first DEFEAT the bondage of schizophrenia, and then empower you to testify to the world the mightiness of God.

I revelled in all that Pentecost meant as a young Christian in my teens. As a 21-years-old student at Cliff College in Derbyshire, England, I yearned with deep longing to know more of God's power in my powerless life.

Jesus became real to me at the age of 14 and though I grew in the grace and knowledge of God in my teens, there was always present a hunger within which was not being fully satisfied.

The privilege and discipline of college community life allowing regular daily times of meeting God began to satisfy my inner yearnings to “know Christ and the power of his resurrection...” (Philippians 3: 10).

It was during my college year that the spirit of rejection resident in my soul life, and not dealt with at conversion to Christ, began to stir as I sought to allow Christ mastery of my life.

Within a short time, this dark spiritual power was soon to erupt and devastate my life. It even dared to contest the Spirit of God within me for ownership of my life.

I was aware of a power struggle against dark spiritual forces for the long period of 26 years, but let me encourage you by saying - Jesus finally defeated the kingdom of darkness in me for good. And He will do the same for you, too!! I am so glad He gave me a fiery, hot boldness to oppose and defy Satan's forces that sought to “rob, steal and destroy.”

What has the power of God you celebrate this week-end got to accomplish in your life? Your longing for real freedom, I know, occupies your mind and heart every hour of every single day. Take hold of this – there is an abundance of power available to you in Jesus to secure your freedom. It was poured out at Pentecost 2,000 years ago... and the gift of God is still being poured today. All you need, can be yours. There stands in your midst TODAY an all-conquering Saviour who has defeated every evil force. You have a great need to obtain more power to cope with your life at the moment.. well, know this – there is more power for the whole of life itself from Jesus. You will do well to fly in faith to Him and receive his love and power to saturate your life. Each of us need His strength to face the day.

JUST CONSIDER FOR A MOMENT WHO IT IS THAT IS LIVING WITHIN YOU. NONE OTHER THAN THE SON OF GOD HIMSELF. HE SAYS AGAIN TO YOU: “BECAUSE I LIVE YOU SHALL LIVE ALSO.”

The great Chinese Christian, Watchman Nee, used to say that Christians need to discover and realise Who is living on the inside of their lives. Ask God today to reveal afresh that He lives within you, and wants to live within you in greater power. Yes, to do exploits for Him – firstly, by rising up in faith and setting yourself free and then bringing that same freedom to others.

Your freedom from schizophrenia is well within the reach of believing faith. Nothing is impossible with God. Pentecost made sure of that for all of us.

Yes, there's victory over sin in our lives, the establishing of a daily walk of holiness with God for His glory, but remember, too, there is the fulfilling of exploits against Satan and his kingdom in the precious Name of Jesus. Amen and Amen!!

A PRAYER OF HOPE: “Dear Loving Heavenly Father, as I continue to remember the celebration of the death and resurrection of your dear Son, my Saviour, Jesus Christ will you come to me and make His sacrifice so 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. Thank you, Jesus, for taking my sins and my sorrows and for making them your very own. By the power of your shed blood, I am set free and I am now opened up to all the resources of your grace and power which enables me to live for you. I am looking forward to the day – why not today, O Lord? – when the bondage of schizophrenia surrounding my mind is totally defeated. Yes, all the darkness driven away by the light of your Resurrection Presence. In the Mighty Name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.



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, too, can also be completely set free and my whole life enjoy the total freedom of Jesus. Amen.

PROCLAMATION FOR GOD'S PROTECTION

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 learn and commit to memory for USE in your prayer battle to drive out the demon of schizophrenia. By so doing your confidence in the Lord 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.

Jesus said: "If you (really) love Me you will keep (obey) My commands. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counsellor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener and Standby) that He may remain with you forever. The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see him, nor know and recognize Him. But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you (constantly) and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans – comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless, I will come (back) to you." John 14: 15-18

The Weekly Encourager

19 June: Esteem Proven Medical Therapy But Look To Jesus For Your Freedom
26 June: Following Jesus Imparts Divine Light to Conquer Schizophrenia

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-trying 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