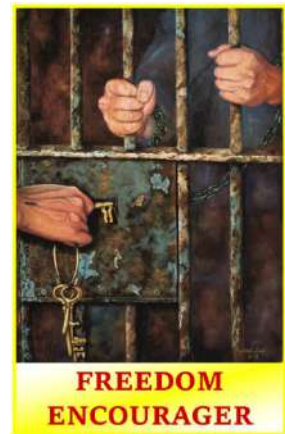


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## **FREEDOM ENCOURAGER 17 & 24 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW CELEBRATING 33 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 35 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION**



# **GOD CAN FREE YOU OF SCHIZOPHRENIA AND RESTORE ALL YOUR LOST YEARS**

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If you have struggled with schizophrenia long enough and during that time have kept faith in Jesus Christ, you deserve the greatest encouragement of all.

Consider this – you are among the people referred to by a well-known counsellor and deliverance minister who said: "I greatly admire schizophrenics who fight through to victory. I admire these victories above all other deliverances."

The perseverance you are now showing has got to be anchored in the hope which Jesus himself provides. It is unique and living hope springing from the precious relationship you have found in the Saviour of the world.

May I offer you something extra from God's word concerning His ability not only to free you of schizophrenia but then to restore the years "the locusts have eaten" during your bondage in a mental prison. (See John 4: 13-14; Joel 2 25-27; 2 Corinthians 5: 17).

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is such a wonder-working God that all the years lost through mental imprisonment CAN BE RESTORED! I myself have proved that. In 1990, Jesus set me free. Since then, He has been restoring my life totally.

Right now your concern is to break free of the bondage through the delivering and healing power of Jesus Christ, but a spur to fight on is also to believe that Jesus can impart restoration once freedom has been achieved.

You find it hard to envisage right now just what real freedom in Jesus will mean once He has set you free and what full restoration of life will be like. It's hard to know that while struggling in a mental prison – but YOU CAN fight manfully on in the strength of Jesus Christ to obtain all He has prepared for you knowing that His freedom coming to your life will be glorious.

Your road to freedom in Jesus involves a daily slog of battling through in faith and prayer, and, because life is so hard, discouragement can appear. At such times, you must not give in on any count. If you have people praying for you – even ministering to you – then always keep hold of that wonderful support. Enlist all the prayer help you can from Christians who have a heart to see you free.

Shortly after coming out of 26 years of schizophrenia, a Christian friend prophesied over me that God was going to restore the long years suffered in mental incarceration. My first thought, I must admit, contained some unbelief. I reasoned: "Twenty-six years is a lot out of a person's life, how are you going to do that LORD?"

Then I found myself answering my own question: "Jim", I reasoned, "you are thinking as a human. God's ways are higher than your ways and He can do whatever He says. With Him a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day, and He can so fill your remaining days and years by just doing what He says. Without a doubt, I shall know He has restored the years of suffering." (see Schizophrenia Defeated, Chapter 15: "Why Did It Take So Long?").

Today, there is a full song in my heart praising God for His power to restore life. Joy sings from the top most bough of faith at what the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ CAN ACHIEVE. You, too, must remember what Jesus is capable of achieving. His power through the victory on the Cross of Calvary can turn your life around and change it dramatically for your permanent good, have no doubt about that.

Because you have found Jesus to be real, keep on seeking His grace day by day. Memorise the Scriptures so that the Word of God RESIDES in your heart. If intruding voices from the kingdom of darkness seek to be heard, RESIST them with the powerful Word of God. Plead the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ over your life and declare that you no longer belong to Satan and his kingdom. Remind him he lost the fight for ownership of your life at Calvary where Jesus defeated him. Be bold in declaring that you have no truck with evil voices – STRONGLY RESIST AND EXPEL THEM FROM YOUR LIFE. Become your own deliverance minister!

I have purposed in my heart never to lose sight of the wonderful rescue and restoration which Jesus has performed for me. I endeavour to remind myself continually of His never-failing love. May I encourage you to battle on to gain your freedom and restoration in Jesus too. Never ever give in!

Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Ephesians 6: 13

The LORD will reply to them: (verse 19 part) ... I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten – the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm – my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed. (verses 25-27 Joel 2).

**FOR FURTHER READING: See Weekly Encourager / Freedom Encourager Archive File:**

**2022** 28 August – How To Survive When Schizophrenia Threatens To Steal Your Mind

**2021** 20 June – The Indwelling Spirit Of Jesus Christ Will Not Allow You To Quit

**2020** 30 August – Anchor Your Faith In The Lord Jesus Christ And You Will Never Lose Hope

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**The purpose of bringing out a Freedom Encourager each fortnight is to highlight the promised hope there is in the Lord Jesus Christ defeating schizophrenia. Our Weekly Encourager files between 2010 and 2023 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)*

And every virtue we possess,  
And every conquest won,  
And every thought of holiness,  
ARE HIS ALONE.

*Harriet Auber (1773-1862)*

***Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,  
because of your love and faithfulness.***

***Psalm 115, verse 1***

***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.***

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# PROCLAMATION TO OVERCOME THE DEVIL

I testify to Satan personally as to what the **word** says the **blood** does for me: <sup>1</sup>

Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. <sup>2</sup>

Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven. <sup>2a</sup>

The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, continually cleanses me from all sin. <sup>3</sup>

Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous, *just-as-if-I'd* never sinned. <sup>4</sup>

Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God. <sup>5</sup>

My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed, by the blood of Jesus. <sup>6</sup>

**Satan has no place in me, no power over me, through the blood of Jesus.**

—by Derek Prince

## <sup>1</sup> 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.

## <sup>4</sup> 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.

## <sup>6</sup> 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

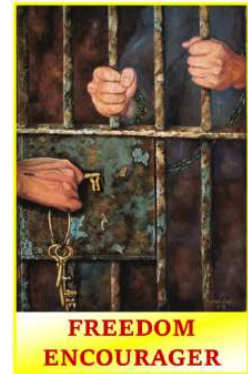
Or do you not know that your **body** is the **temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.



# FREEDOM ENCOURAGER

1 & 8 OCTOBER 2023

## WHY DOES THE CHURCH TRUST THE PSYCHIATRIST MORE THAN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IN HELPING MENTAL CAPTIVES?



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There's something totally inspiring and God-glorifying when an individual believer or a group of Christians rise up in faith to prove the power of God in a given situation.

The Spirit of God within them stirs the abiding conviction that there is an answer to a devastating bondage, sickness or problem calling for the intervention of God.

Let's suppose that a Christian teenager from a godly family, who has known the Lord for some years, is suddenly diagnosed with schizophrenia and a bewildering change has come over his/her life causing great concern. What should the church do?

Generally speaking, entire trust is placed in the medical and psychiatric world who are summoned to respond to the crisis. But no-one is saying: “Surely, we ought to be seeking God for an answer.”

The trend of conversation at such a time is: “The psychiatrist is the expert – let's leave everything to him. He's had the training to handle the problem. We are out of our depth with something like this”.

We need to ask one question. What is the truth about mental illness and of schizophrenia in particular? Our Lord Jesus has the answer. Speaking about the time when the Holy Spirit would be given, Jesus said: *“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.”* John 16:13-14.

The Holy Spirit is able to guide us into all truth. What a precious revelation! As the spirit of truth, he will guide us into every matter requiring truth. He will expose lies, deceptions and on the issue of schizophrenia will guide concerning the truth about the real nature of the condition.

Christian schizophrenics the world over are missing the help of willing hands and hearts all because fellow Christians lack “the knowledge imparted by the Spirit of truth” concerning the evil darkness of schizophrenia. That’s why, basically, the Church trusts the psychiatrist more than Jesus Christ to set the captives free from mental bondages.

Many Christians are unable to come to the aid of fellow believers contending with the monster of schizophrenia simply because they themselves are not “seeing” the truth about the condition. If the Holy Spirit granted a revelation to them, they would then be able to offer real spiritual help to schizophrenics crying out “to know the truth which would set them free” (John 8: 31-32).

The prophet Hosea states in Chapter 4:6 – “my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.” If the body of Christ does not possess the knowledge of the truth on schizophrenia – which it should have – then how in the world is it going to minister deliverance and healing to its fellow believers who find it extremely difficult to grasp the truth about the condition themselves because of being held in its spiritual darkness.

The ranks of faith-filled believers who live and walk in the truth of the Spirit of Jesus need revelation from the same Spirit concerning schizophrenia. While it needs to be said to Christian schizophrenics that they ought to seek God as much as they can on their own in order to receive freedom, the soldiers ready and waiting to be drawn into battle with them to offer urgent support often take some finding. In some quarters, Christians still live in indecision about whether “a born-again Christian can be demonised”. Some live totally unrelated to the fact that Jesus described Satan as “the prince of this world” whose dark activity still needs defeating through the death and resurrection procured by the Saviour of the world.

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**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.

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**GLOBALISM**

**FAKE AND BIASED NEWS**

**POLITICALLY CORRECT NEWS**

**UNREPORTED NEWS**



## **GOOD NEWS!**

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS GOING TO RETURN TO EARTH TO SET UP HIS OWN KINGDOM AND WILL REIGN WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE!

GOD WANTS US TO BE READY FOR HIS COMING AND YOU CAN BE PART OF THAT KINGDOM WHEN YOU ASK JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ETERNAL SON, TO FORGIVE YOU OF YOUR SIN, WHICH IS PRIDE AND REBELLION AGAINST GOD.

ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS YOUR SAVIOUR AND LORD. THE DAY YOU ACCEPT HIM INTO YOUR LIFE HE GIVES THE FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE AND HIS EVERLASTING PEACE!

WHAT NEXT? BUY A BIBLE FROM ANY BOOKSTORE AND SEARCH THE TRUTH FOR YOURSELF. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD FOR US!

**DON'T DELAY!  
GO FOR IT!**

## **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', manoeuvring across the world stage. Leaders in some secret societies dictate to country leaders who to put in power. Globalism is being promoted - through the irradiation 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.
8. 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:-

1. False Christs and false prophets will appear.
2. Wars and rumours of wars.
3. 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.

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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 ON 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 1990.



### **BEFORE DELIVERANCE AND HEALING**

showing the strong "gates of brass and bars of iron" behind my eyes and around my mind requiring the power of JESUS CHRIST to defeat.



### **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 Station 5 days after Jesus set me free - on my way to show Tina "her new man."

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## **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

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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.

Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." John 12: 35-36

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his might power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6: 10-12

(Jesus said): "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you." John 16: 13-15.

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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](http://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*