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**Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey NOW IN HIS 28TH YEAR OF FREEDOM FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA AND ALMOST THIRTY YEARS OFF ALL PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION - THANKS TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

## **GOD'S FAITHFULNESS BECOMING YOUR SHIELD AND RAMPART**

***Becoming Strong In The Life of God Through Knowing The Lord Jesus Christ***

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS PSALM 16:**

Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight. The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. I will praise THE LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life, you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.



In developing a vital relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ there are many benefits for the Christian believer that become precious, living truths enriching life itself. Among them is the wonderful knowledge that in addition to the immense love God has poured out for the world, it is strengthened and made more bounteous by a faithfulness so uniquely personal and amazingly real.

If you speak with anyone who has followed Jesus Christ for many years - and I myself am privileged to be among them with over 60 years of knowing Him as a personal Saviour and Lord - the testimony which always comes shining through is to the constant and dependable faithfulness coming from our loving Redeemer and Lord communicated in His promised presence being with us at all times.

His parting words uttered to the eleven disciples in Galilee on the occasion before ascending to His heavenly Father's right hand - "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" - contain an eternal promise that has ministered life and hope to countless followers of Jesus Christ ever since it was first uttered. Unique words indeed from a unique Saviour!

For anyone battling the evil spirit which is behind schizophrenia, it is perfectly clear that one's own human resources are totally inadequate to see you through. That's why it is so important to turn to the Lord Jesus Christ to "put on" his powerful resources. Armed with the unfailing,

spiritual supply flowing from the Saviour of the world, you can keep your life intact and discover the mighty freedom available to you through His death and resurrection.

It may be true for you right now that although you are following Jesus Christ, there is a mental bondage upon your life that you don't seem to be able to break. Let me infuse hope into your life today by encouraging you to keep hold of your lifeline of faith to Jesus Christ who holds sufficient power to impart total freedom to your life. I know, because He did it for me!

Anyone beginning a new life with Jesus Christ soon becomes aware of needing the strength and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, the living presence of God, to meet the challenges of life. What a privilege it is to know that "the LORD will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you and watch over you." Psalm 32 verse 8. How grateful so many of us are when looking back over our lives and recalling the countless times in our new-found faith with Christ that he carried us through various trials.

But what about the dawning of schizophrenia in one's life? That is certainly such a devastating event in which a believer in Jesus Christ needs to know the faithfulness of God at work for it can be of such a great magnitude as to completely disrupt life and cast a huge bondage on the mind itself. Few Christians have knowledge of what happens to another Christian suffering the onslaught of demonic powers. It is like being suddenly transported into another world in which a dark spiritual force has entered your life turning everything upside down as well as holding you in a mental prison.

What I want to emphasise is that the faithfulness of God is at work at such a time. When the deluge of darkness suddenly descended on my life at the age of 23 while going about my work as a journalist, my immediate thought was to run in prayer to my Saviour, the Lord Jesus. Though I felt no release or comfort in the maze of emotions now surrounding my life, I now know that during all of that time the LORD was faithfully protecting me and only allowing the Satanic powers to go so far.

There's so much that could be related from the 26 years of mental bondage I endured concerning a permanent feeling of human weakness increased by the receiving of electric shock treatment and regular dosages of psychotic medication. It was a wonder of wonders that I was able to keep a job down over such a long time. I was certainly not the same man I was before schizophrenia disabled me. In spite of everything, the Lord Jesus Christ was sustaining me. He rewarded my seeking Him though in weakness. He held onto me as I endeavoured to hold onto Him through the memorising of His word. And He will do the same for you! The following hymn, How Firm A Foundation, expresses the enduring nature of God's love and faithfulness and the amazing foundation of God's Word!

*1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?*

*2. Fear not, I am with Thee, O be not dismayed!  
I, I am thy God and will still give Thee aid :  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*3. When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of grief shall not Thee overflow :  
For I will be with thee in trouble to bless :  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*4. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes !  
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no never forsake !*

**FOR FURTHER READING – See Archive File**

**2016** 21 February: Anchor Your Faith In Jesus Christ And You Will Never Lose Hope

**2016** 5 June: The Faith By Which You See Jesus Christ Inspires Hope To Conquer And Love to Endure

**2014** 25 May: Learning How To Pray In The Power Of The Holy Spirit

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**Weekly Encourager 17 September:**

**Delivered and Healed Of Schizophrenia in Minutes**

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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.*

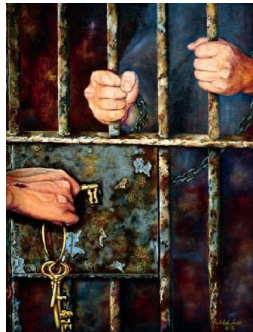
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**See below in the pictures BEFORE AND AFTER deliverance and healing, the visible difference made by the power of the Holy Spirit on my great day of freedom in May 1990.**



**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"

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*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 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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**JESUS said:** "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15:5-8

"When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning." John 15:26-27

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 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. In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." John 16:12-16

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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*

