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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia, from James Stacey NOW IN HIS 25TH YEAR OF FREEDOM AND OVER 27 YEARS OFF ALL PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION - THANKS TO JESUS!

**CELEBRATE THE RISEN LIFE OF JESUS  
EACH DAY - NOT JUST AT EASTER**  
*There Really Is Power In The Resurrection Of  
Jesus Christ To Defeat Schizophrenia*



**Jesus Christ took OUR SINS and OUR SORROWS  
and made them HIS VERY OWN!! (see Isaiah 53)**

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS ACTS OF THE APOSTLES CHAPTER 3:**

*Peter Heals the Crippled Beggar.* One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer –at three in the afternoon. Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s

feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognised him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

*Peter Speaks to the Onlookers:* While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob, the God our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

"Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you – even Jesus. He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from among his people.'

"Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days. And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed'. When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

The living hope which the Lord Jesus Christ brought into our world through His death and resurrection should be possessed by every person with schizophrenia desiring to know deliverance and healing.

In triumphing over Satan and the kingdom of spiritual darkness, Jesus made it possible to live life as He intended in communion with God as you realise His supreme freedom.

The devastation of schizophrenia in a human life can so disrupt the enjoyment of God that a deliverance through the power of the blood of Jesus is required to bring about restoration.

That was my experience of battling with schizophrenia for 26 long years. Knowing Jesus as my Lord and Saviour, I was thrown into a fight for survival itself when a dark evil presence erupted in my life.

I knew the living presence of Jesus ever since the time I received Christ into my life as a boy of 14, and it was to the resources of the Holy Spirit I constantly turned in order to maintain sanity because of the struggle I was oppressed with.

1. *It was the good news of knowing that my life had been redeemed by Jesus that inspired the perseverance of faith to go on.* The promises of Jesus found in the Bible were the shield to ward off spiritual attacks as He proved Himself constantly faithful and present each day.

You may be struggling at this moment with schizophrenia. Perhaps you don't have other Christians praying for you. No-one in your church seems to have a clue what you are going through. Help is not around. Nevertheless, be encouraged in God alone. Jesus is with you on the lonely path you tread – and He is able to fight for you and defeat schizophrenia permanently.

In John's Gospel Chapter 14, where Jesus talks about the promise of sending the Holy Spirit once He has returned to heaven after His death and resurrection, He says:

**“Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.” Verse 19.**

This is the real meaning behind Easter and it is as relevant today, and every day, as it was 2,000 years ago. Battling with schizophrenia you can celebrate that Jesus died and rose to new life so you can live in a loving relationship with God without fear. Hold onto the reality of the Easter message until you experience the freedom Jesus won for you in His death and resurrection.

It's the power of Jesus you need to drive out the demon of schizophrenia. Jesus was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father (see Romans 6:4). You are alive in Jesus today because He lives!!

*2. Let me encourage you by emphasising what happens when you come to know Jesus Christ. “And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.” Ephesians 1:13-14.* You are now the property of Jesus Christ who imparts His strength and power through the Holy Spirit's enabling, to the point of being able to drive out the evil spirit of schizophrenia.

I can think of innumerable occasions over the space of 26 years when I had to resist Satan and demons by declaring that the Lord Jesus Christ NOW owned my life. It is important as you do this to also declare that Satan has no legal right in your life because Jesus Christ paid the price to redeem you back to Himself. Such a declaration has a powerful impact against the kingdom of darkness.

Faith expressed in the death and resurrection of Jesus is like a thunderbolt powerful enough to dislodge Satanic powers. Remember as you declare the ownership of Jesus in your life, it is a truth which rocks the kingdom of darkness. Discover the power of the Word of God in your resistance. Jesus used it against Satan when He was in the wilderness. You and I need to wield its power when under attack.

*3. The attacks on the mind of someone suffering with schizophrenia are normally greater than the onslaughts experienced by other Christians.* Many schizophrenics, even Christians, hear demonic voices. The voices which make themselves known at the dawning of schizophrenia need to be recognised as demonic. They are not the voice of self or the voice of the blessed Holy Spirit, but they are harassing voices of evil spirits intent on destruction.

The voices of these spirits seek to sow despair and delusion aimed at getting a Christian to abandon the knowledge that Jesus Christ has died for them and is their own personal Saviour. You must not allow this to happen. Your mind and heart must find an anchor in the Word of God as you seek to maintain thought-life centred on Jesus. Never allow your thoughts to become a playground of Satan allowing the sowing of demonic activity to run riot in your mind.

Quoting the Word of God in faith will preserve your life. When life is reduced to feelings – and there are many times when unpleasant feelings are part and parcel of everyday life – still maintain a prayerful spirit as you surrender no ground to Satan.

**FINAL QUOTE: “We never should have known Christ's love in all its heights and depths if He had not died; nor could we guess the Father's deep affection if He had not given His Son to die. The common mercies we enjoy all sing of love, just as the sea-shell, when we put it to our ears, whispers of the deep sea whence it came; but if we desire to hear the ocean itself, we must not**

look at every-day blessings, but at the transactions of the crucifixion. He who would know love, let him retire to Calvary and see the Man of sorrows die." Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

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**FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:**

**2012:** 5 & 12 February - Praying Thoughts Of Freedom From Your Heart To Release Your Mind

**2011:** 23 October - Persevering In Faith, Prayer And God's Word Drives Out The Demon of Schizophrenia

**2010:** 29 August - Getting To Know The God Of The Bible Personally

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*A PRAYER OF HOPE: "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 that 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 of your conquering Resurrection Presence. I want to know the reality of your promise that whoever follows you shall not walk in darkness but shall have the Light of Life. Make it happen for me 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, too, can also 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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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 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.

(This is what the LORD says): “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity.” Jeremiah 29: 11-14 (part)

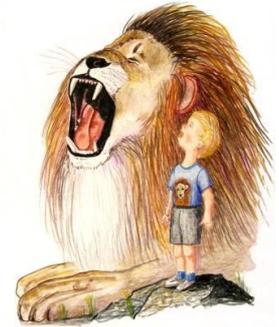
So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be, and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.” Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him. John 8:28-30

I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.” Psalm 18: 1-3

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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-trying 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*