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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia, from James Stacey now in his 24th year of freedom and 26 years off all medication - thanks to Jesus.

## **SPEAKING IN TONGUES IS A POWERFUL WEAPON IN DRIVING OUT THE SCHIZOPHRENIA DEMON**

### **THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS TAKEN FROM ACTS CHAPTERS 1 & 2**

Acts 1 Verses 1-10 *Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven:* In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."



So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Acts 2 Verses 1-4 *The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost:* When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came down from heaven and filled all the 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.

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The Lord Jesus Christ makes it clear in John's Gospel that a disciple who holds on to His teaching "will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (Chapter 8:31-32).

Every Christian suffering with schizophrenia needs to know the importance of these words – for when revealed by the Holy Spirit in the heart it can propel your deliverance and healing over the evil bondage.

Our focus today is discovering the truth of speaking in other tongues as a means of unseating the demonic bondage of schizophrenia in His name. If you really know Jesus Christ as Lord, be alert to the benefits this weapon can be in the spiritual warfare you face.

The gift of speaking in other tongues was visible on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out in power to the waiting disciples in Jerusalem. He is the living presence of God abiding in believing hearts – and He truly inspires worship and equips in prayer battle. If you were to persevere in faith and speak in tongues every day, your confidence in Jesus Christ would grow.

DRAW NEAR TO GOD AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU AND IMPART THE GIFT OF SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES: Simply ask God to fill you with His Spirit! Speaking in tongues is not some appendage or extra the Lord imparts. As He imparts His life to you, He imparts the gift, too. I must confess to being a little mystified when I attended a “receiving meeting” at the Assembly of God conference in the late 1960s. I wanted more of God and was exhorted to begin speaking in other tongues. “This is not a waiting meeting but a receiving meeting” the waiting company was told. I began to proceed by saying “Hallelujah” but John Carter, the Bible College principal, told me: “Never mind Hallelujah right now – begin to speak in other tongues. Let the Spirit come out of your innermost being.” I tried again and very quickly, it happened!! A new language began to be birthed from within. I knew it was the Lord who had come. It was a joyful experience. I continued speaking in tongues as I left the meeting and walked back to the chalet. Knocking on the door, I greeted my late wife Pam with a torrent of words springing from a heart overflowing and joy written all over my face.

So draw near with faith and receive the gift of speaking in other tongues. Believe the gift is for you as you make it a priority to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. Widen your prayer life to believe that as you pour out your requests to God for all that He has for you, He will come and enable you to speak in a new language. You may not understand the language you speak, but that does not matter. What you do know is that it glorifies God in your life. In a prayer meeting, a man sat next to me told me that I had been speaking in Italian. How amazing! The utterance within you is of the Holy Spirit – that is what is important. If you are determined to receive the gift of speaking in tongues and approach the Lord in faith, He will draw near and fulfil His promise of pouring out His Spirit upon you!

BEING ABLE TO SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES IS PART OF “PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT ON ALL OCCASIONS WITH ALL KINDS OF PRAYERS AND REQUESTS (Ephesians 6:18) How hard it is when you are on regular medication to maintain an active prayer life. What an uphill battle! Few people will really understand what a difficulty you face to keep up any kind of prayer activity to God because of the numbness and lethargy created by being on drugs. True, they help in stabilising you but at what a cost. Who wants to be walking around in a complete haze of indolence and passivity all the time. Let it be an encouragement to know that when your mind is “not part of yourself” you can begin to pray to God from your spirit by speaking in other tongues. In fact, using this prayer activity is absolutely necessary when you face any demonic attack in your life. With your mind not working as it should because of schizophrenia, you still need to be able to keep control of your life – and it is strengthened as you speak in tongues. Know this, that speaking in prayer in this way does affect your mind. You can move a spirit of depression off your mind through speaking out from your heart in the power of the Holy Spirit. I have actually felt attacks by Satan lose their power as the greater power of the Holy Spirit has moved in to give the victory.

It would be helpful to acquaint yourself with the following Scriptures to gain understanding of how the Holy Spirit works: *“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches out hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.” Romans 8:26-27*. There is such a wealth of revelation in these verses. This aspect will cause rejoicing to your heart – there is “a mind of the Spirit” and Satan cannot reach it for you are protected by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. In all the turbulence and demonic trauma over 26 years of schizophrenia, Satan could not defeat the “mind of the Spirit” in me because God was sovereignly shielding it. So with you, too. Your mind may be all at sea and in turmoil but as a blood-washed believer in the Lord Jesus Christ you are fully under His amazing, faithful protection.

Whenever you speak in tongues, it confuses Satan. The powers of darkness do not have a clue just what you are praying. It's equivalent to having in your possession a mysterious, destructive weapon that the enemy fears. When you add to your prayers the mention of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and how that you are an overcomer in His Name, all the powers of Satan begin to tremble. Then it's like having a destructive thunderbolt that strips the enemy of His power to work.

As a Christian committed to overcoming schizophrenia, keep before you the fact that you know the truth of belonging to Jesus Christ who through the power of His shed blood has redeemed you for eternity. That fact never changes.

Being able to speak in other tongues ought to be a daily activity to strengthen your faith as you focus on getting free and reclaiming your life through Christ. Ask God TODAY to impart this wonderful gift to you. It will surprise you with joy and greatly enlarge your freedom in Jesus!!

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**FOR FURTHER READING – See Archive File**

**2013:** 9 June – How To Survive When Schizophrenia Threatens To Steal Your Mind

**2012:** 9 September – Falling Madly In Love With Jesus Defeats The Madness Of Schizophrenia

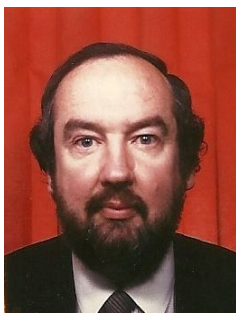
**2011:** 6 November – Jesus Imparts His Divine Light and Truth To Conquer Schizophrenia

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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.*

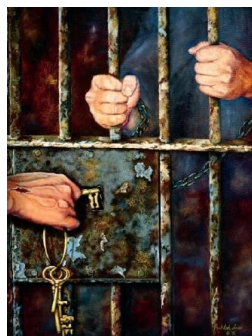
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**See below in the pictures BEFORE AND AFTER deliverance and healing, the visible difference made by the power of the Holy Spirit on my great day of freedom in May 1990.**



**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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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.

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things. Isaiah 45:5-7

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Saviour, who daily bears our burdens. Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death. Psalm 68:19-20

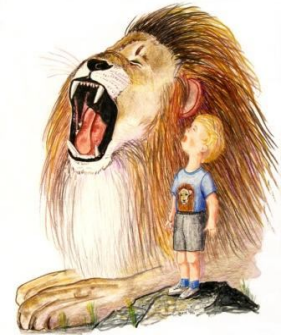
## WEEKLY ENCOURAGER:

**2 FEBRUARY: Assert The Ownership Of Jesus Christ Over Your Life And Every Demonic Voice**

**9 FEBRUARY: Wake Up Church And Use The Power Of Jesus Christ To Set Mental Captives Free!**

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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*