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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 26 YEARS OFF ALL MEDICATION - thanks to Jesus.

ANCHOR YOUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AND YOU WILL NEVER LOSE HOPE

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS 1 PETER CHAPTER 1

Verses 3-13: *Praise to God for a Living Hope*: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.



In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look in these things.

While it is commonly known that every Christian must do his own believing, the Church needs to know that a schizophrenic needs support to keep faith in Jesus Christ.

Freedom from the mental bondage for many begins when they receive unflinching compassion from fellow believers who understand just how great a battle it is to break free of the demonic stronghold.

A Christian schizophrenic needs a Christian friend. If someone cares enough to get you your life back then that is a precious provision. If you are fortunate in securing the help of a group interested in seeing Jesus break into your life, believe me, it is a most hopeful situation.

Christian schizophrenics the world over “have not” because of the absence of powerful and effective support from others loving them and petitioning God on their behalf. The work of seeing a schizophrenic set free would move forward when the powerhouse of prayer is set in motion by the body of Christ.

Though it is hard for you as a Christian schizophrenic to keep faith in Jesus, the uphill fight must be maintained and, to this end, you must do your own believing. It is important to have faith in Jesus.

"But how," you ask, "do I keep holding even a grain of faith in Jesus Christ when such tremendous odds are against me?"

1. THE SECRET IS ANCHORING YOUR FAITH IN JESUS, THE LIVING GOD OF ALL HOPE.

When your mind is bombarded by dark spiritual voices, anchor your faith deeply in Jesus. Take hold of the word of God. Read it, memorise it, use it!! When your mind is weak through taking medications that sap your will, endeavour with all the strength you have to hold on to Jesus through the comfort of His word. If ever a group of people needed a picture of Jesus to keep before them in their seeming hopelessness, it is those suffering with schizophrenia. Your faith is not in vain. God will reward you. You believe in a God of hope who has the answer for your hopeless situation. Say to God: "Lord I continue to trust you although I can't feel your presence. I am trusting your word that says you are with me and I am believing you will see me through. Give me your word in my heart to keep hold of you. Jesus you are stronger than Satan and I am holding on to your strength in this and every moment."

2. THE GOD OF HOPE YOU BELIEVE IN IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA.

Let this thought sink deeply in!! You have placed your hope in the living God of heaven and earth. Jesus said in Mark 9 to a father who had brought his son to Him for healing: "All things are possible to him that can believe." Jesus is well-used to dealing with the small amount of faith we have. What He says in effect is: 'There is enough there for me to use.' Never minimise the amount of faith you have. Satan may try to ridicule its power and speak endless negative lies into your mind, but every grain of faith in Jesus is a foundation for Him to work on. Receive the instruction that Jesus is wanting to see faith exhibited in your life. Once you have graduated in the school of faith, you know the value of such an important lesson for life.

3. THROUGH FAITH YOU ARE SHIELDED BY GOD'S POWER (see verse 5).

The knowledge that you are shielded by God's power and can use the faith you place in Jesus Christ as a shield to deal with attacks from Satan makes you strong. To possess faith is to possess spiritual power and strength. Do you know that you can so grow in faith in Christ as to be strong enough to begin delivering yourself? As you grow in faith and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ your authority in Him will also grow. This means that you begin to really know who you are in Christ and appreciate more of the vast freedom He purchased for you when He died on the Cross at Calvary. Your spiritual eyes begin to be opened revealing you were never meant to put up with an evil spirit of schizophrenia having a lodging place in your life. The holy resistance which can grow inside you through faith can so increase in boldness that you "wax strong" in faith to drive from your life every intruder opposed to Jesus Christ. I am so grateful to God for increasing faith and confidence in Him and making me determined to get back my life by exorcising all the evil that had held sway in my life for 26 years. I pray that your faith in Jesus will so grow enabling you to do "exploits" even in your own life leading to securing the total defeat of schizophrenia.

[Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11: 1](#)

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:

2012: 22 April – It's Real Hope Jesus Gives In Defeating Schizophrenia

2012: 4 Nov – Keeping Hope Alive To Defeat Schizophrenia

2011: 28 August – The Bible Inspires Faith To Keep Hold Alive To Defeat Schizophrenia

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.

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"

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.

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

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.

" 'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." Mark 9:23-25

But we have his treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. Psalm 103:7

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 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

