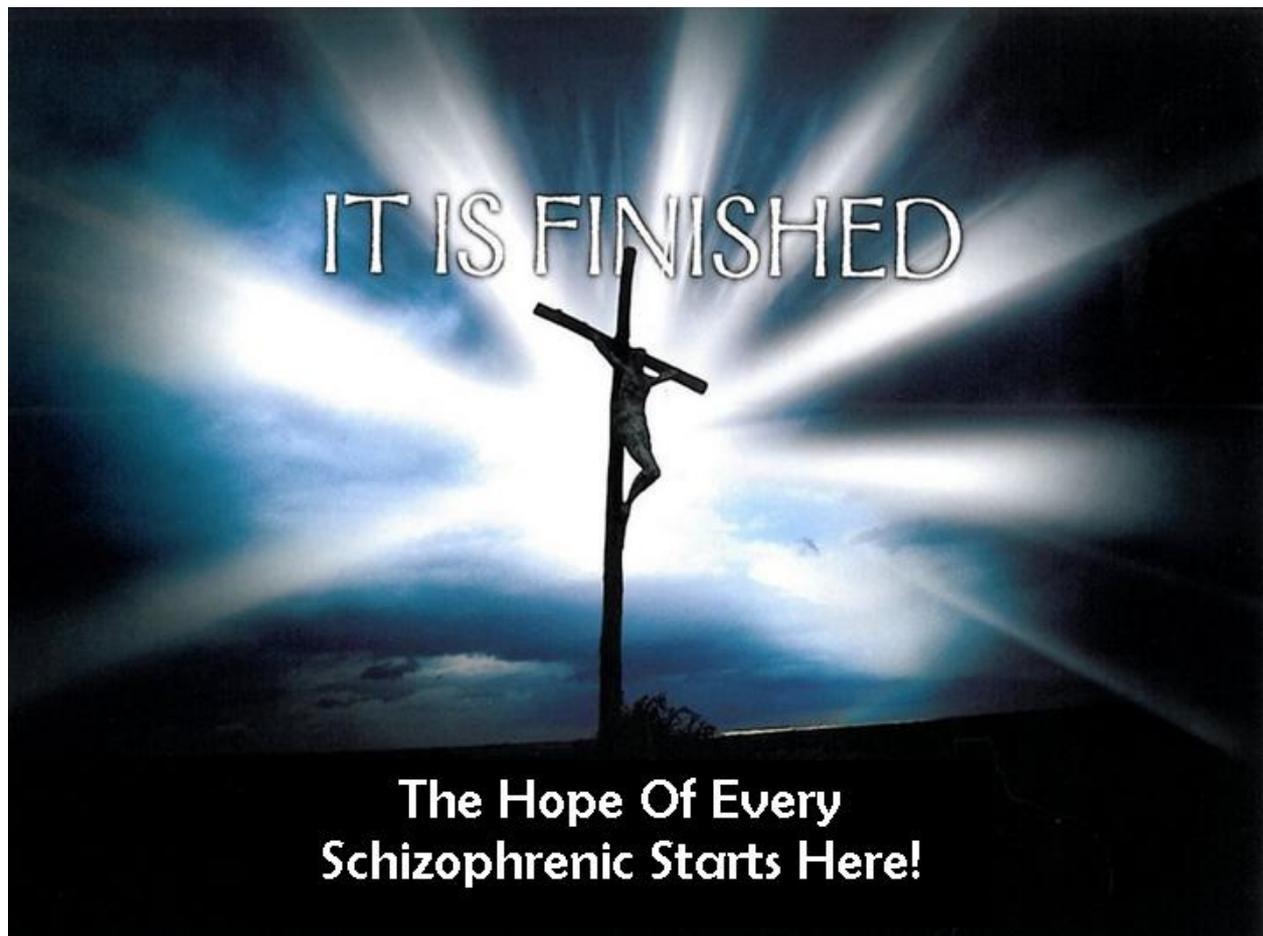




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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey NOW IN HIS 28TH YEAR OF FREEDOM FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA AND ALMOST THIRTY YEARS OFF ALL PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION - THANKS TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

BE AWARE WHEN THE POWERS OF DARKNESS ARE FALLING BACK



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

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS LUKE'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 11

(Verses 9-28 – Jesus said): “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts

to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Jesus and Beelzebub: Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. But some of them said, "By Beelzebub, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons." Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven.

Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebub. Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.

"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armour in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.

"He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters.

"When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives it finds the house swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first."

As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you."

He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

Not everyone agrees that there is a spiritual darkness behind the condition of schizophrenia – but born-again Christians contending for their freedom need no convincing!!

I am persuaded beyond any doubt that for 26 years it was a Satanic bondage that filled my life with spiritual darkness throttling the function of my mind and placing a heavy weight on my spirit.

This darkness needed evicting from my life – as it does from the life of every schizophrenic – but what a long wait I had to get free again!! Had there not been fear and ignorance in the church, I would have had more friends coming to my help but it seemed that no-one had the revelation and faith to know I was a case for the Lord Jesus.

When facing the question of how Christian schizophrenics are to become free, we must concentrate on disarming Satan's presence and power in the Name of Jesus. Such strategy will liberate countless Christian believers, including yourself.

If enslaved captives to this demonic bondage around the world had more support from fellow believers in the Christian church who say they believe that nothing is impossible with Jesus Christ, many would come into full liberty.

We are always celebrating the victory of Jesus Christ on the stage of human history over 2000 years ago when the dear Son of God showed to us that "all power in heaven and earth" belongs to Him. Conqueror of sin, death, and hell, Christ became the triumphant Deliverer over Satan and all his power has robbed us of in life itself.

It is downright hard even for a Christian who loves Jesus to battle and overcome schizophrenia. If people had any idea just how difficult is the fight, an increased spiritual understanding would result in making more powerful intercession for schizophrenics. Powers of darkness need “moving” out of lives by the greater power of God. When Christ began to help me push back the powers of darkness in my life, I was stirred to pray and believe that freedom was really in my grasp.

For over 23 years, I was held in the mental bondage with there being no evidence of the powers of darkness falling back. In early 1988 I made the prayerful decision to come off all medication at a time I believe God told me to make a clean break of every form.

After surviving “a cold turkey” existence arising from being without drugs, I began to have more inward strength and had seasons of enjoying life instead of the daily grind of surviving. Working in a full-time job, I had little energy to devote to prayer on reaching home.

Hope of being set free came my way through meeting Tina my future wife through a Christian dating agency in 1987. Someone was taking an interest in me for the first time in many years. I had enough resolve, a few months after meeting her, to prevent Tina from walking out of my life when she realised the complexity of the mental illness I was in bondage to. I had had a real vision of her in a bridal gown and this was enough to make me hold on to her!

I began to feel mentally stronger now that I had stopped the medication. Week by week, month by month and year by year I was gradually becoming more “spiritually alive”. The prayers from people that Tina contacted on my behalf were making a difference. I began to take ownership of my life as someone who had been purchased by the blood of the Lord Jesus. ‘New’ ministry on how a person becomes delivered and healed caught my attention. I was desirous of regaining the freedom dearly won for me by Jesus.

Something interesting happened at this time. While I was showing no opposition to the demonic forces that had come uninvited into my life, the powers of darkness did nothing. But when I began to resist them and exercise strong faith that I wanted them out, their stubbornness was all too apparent. Using the Name of Jesus, I began to expel periodically through my mouth any foreign presence. They began to be aware that I meant business and my goal was to be completely free of them all. I would put my hands over my head and claim freedom over it in the Name of Jesus. Little by little I was getting stronger.

1. KEEP PERSEVERING IN FAITH UNTIL YOU ARE FILLED WITH THE POWER OF GOD MORE AND MORE: You may wish to reach your day of freedom in a single moment. You may not be able to vocalise the innermost yearnings of your heart, but that could well be the language within. No-one who has been robbed of life through spiritual darkness invading their life would deny the truth of wanting to be free if they could just express how they feel. Faith in Jesus releases His power into your life. Read the precious Word of God for it will add fuel to your faith and make you strong. Keep pressing forward and determinedly to conquer in the Name of Jesus the powers of darkness that are contending for the ownership of your life. Jesus has not forgotten about you!! He is both watching over you and protecting you. You are written on the palms of His hands and He will not let you lose the fight.

2. REMEMBER ALWAYS, AND BE ENCOURAGED, THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS YOU IN YOUR PRAYING: Here are some powerful Scripture verses from Romans 8:22-27: We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. 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 our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.

3. IT IS THROUGH PRAYING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT HE WILL LEAD YOU INTO ALL TRUTH (John 16:13). How important it is to pray in the power of the Holy Spirit – a discipline so necessary to learn. Not only has Jesus Christ promised to live inside us but His life enables us to pray in the power He imparts. In getting rid of spiritual darkness from demonic sources, we take authority over them in the Name of Jesus Christ. It is important to know your authority in Jesus and know what you are doing here. But as the Scripture says: The Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth. Knowing Jesus as Lord you are filled with His Light of Life. Any form of spiritual darkness within your life can be exposed by the truth of the Holy Spirit. You can be led how to pray in respect of resisting the powers of darkness. As you keep declaring the ownership of your life more and more, and commanding the darkness to leave, the demons will sooner or later get the message. Expect a conflict as you proceed in this work. But remember that the victory in your life has been won by Jesus Christ and no power from Satan's kingdom of darkness can remain in your life as you remain united to Jesus through drawing on His resurrection power.

FOR FURTHER READING – See Archive File

2016 - 17 April: What A Transformation When A Schizophrenic Knows God Is Reviving His Heart

2015 - 19 April: Exercising Faith In God Writes His Laws In Both & Heart

2014 - 10 August: God's Victory Over Schizophrenia Was Purchased at Calvary's Cross For You

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.

After fasting for forty days and forty nights, Jesus was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:2-4

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:16-19

The LORD watches over you – the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore. Psalm 121:5-8

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 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