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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 nearly 26 years off all medication - thanks to Jesus.

## IT'S REAL HOPE JESUS GIVES IN DEFEATING SCHIZOPHRENIA

### THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS ROMANS CHAPTER 15 Verses 1-13:

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbour for his good, to build him up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.



May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name."

Again it says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples."

And again, Isaiah, says,

"The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

There's great encouragement and hope to be found in hearing of God's mighty acts in setting people free from various bondages or intervening in situations with His miraculous power.

We all love to hear how “when no-one else could help”, Jesus came to the rescue and did the impossible. It certainly reminds us how active He is in our world today among those found trusting in Him.

Because He is Almighty, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus can do anything - even defeat schizophrenia and completely restore your life that may have been in bondage for numerous years.

Next year marks the 24th anniversary of freedom from schizophrenia and 26 years off all medication. It will also be my 72nd birthday – a milestone I could never have envisaged reaching. But God promised to restore the years the locusts have eaten – or more precisely, the years Satan stole from me – and He is still doing just that!!

I know that the news of my being set free by Jesus Christ brings hope to many other sufferers around the world. You may be among the large number of people who regularly visit this website to receive hope. It's my privilege to encourage you to keep fighting for your freedom in the strength of Jesus!!

We used to sing a hymn in the Pentecostal church which included the phrase: “What He's done for others, He can do for you.” He came to set us totally free from sin and triumph over each and every bondage imposed by Satan's heinous rule. Jesus Christ gives power and authority to drive out the evil of schizophrenia from your life and other Christians held by its stronghold.

May I encourage you to receive a big deposit of HOPE into your life today from the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the One in whom all your faith must be found if you are to possess hope that is real and effectual. There's no other source like our God who can fittingly be described as the God of hope.

There must be active, conscious living faith in a living God revealed in Jesus if hope is to be possessed. In Hebrews Chapter 11 it says: “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” With a promise like that in your heart, you CAN BELIEVE for the defeat of schizophrenia even though a multitude of unpleasant feelings grip you each day. Hang on to the Word of God and you will see your deliverance and healing take place.

1. *Remember, fix faith's eye on Jesus and you will be full of hope.* Learning to live by the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus (see Romans 8:2) is a powerful discovery which every Christian schizophrenic must make. It was through searching the Scriptures in the early years of contending against schizophrenia that God led me to the treasure of His Word. I needed some spiritual resource to combat the dark forces that were actively seeking to control my mind. That was just part of the onslaught. These forces wanted to destroy my life – so you can see just how needful it is to literally take hold of the word of God in your heart and feed it into your mind while in battle-mode.

Working at a full-time mentally-active job as a counter clerk in a post office demanded a full trust in Jesus and His grace. When feelings were in danger of taking over and the thought of relinquishing trust in Jesus might cross my mind, it was then a time for endurance. I just praise God for His keeping power!! His grace was sufficient – and His sustaining grace will also be sufficient for you, too. Each day place your complete trust in Jesus and His words which are spirit and life and you will be kept standing fast in the liberty wherein Christ has set you free – as well as equipping yourself all the time for expelling the demon of schizophrenia against whom you are militantly opposed.

2. *Faith in Jesus means you are not walking in darkness but in His light – a fact releasing hope.* Jesus is the Light of the World and He promises that whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life (John 8:12). The light in you as a follower or disciple of Jesus means that it is stronger than the spiritual darkness of schizophrenia which harasses your life at the moment. It is the power of the blood of Jesus who is light and truth that can help you drive out the intruder of darkness who seeks to take over your life. The darkness in your mind may be as strong as “gates of iron and bars of brass” but the power of the risen Lord Jesus Christ can laser His way through such a formidable stronghold. In days of weariness and battle, I often used to sing as an encouragement the words of the hymn which says: “And were this world all devils o'er, All watching to devour us, We lay it not to heart so

sore, Not they can overpower us. And let the prince of ill, Look grim as e'er he will, He harms us not a whit : For why ? His doom is writ; A word shall quickly slay him.

3. *Faith in Jesus and His Word enable you to pray with power and authority.* You may well rise up with such indignation against Satan and demonic forces seeking to usurp the place that God should have in your life. Such a militant stance is necessary. Once you have realised all that Jesus went through on the Cross in order that life “might by yours to live for His glory” you are in no mood to mess around. With the fire of the Holy Spirit in your bones, you set your face as a flint to drive the demonic force out of your life for good. A fight usually ensues, so expect that it will not be plain sailing. But every assault you make against the schizophrenic demon, it is yielding ground in your life. It will resist your attempts to drive it out but keep on pleading the power of the blood of Jesus and the hold will become less and less. Once a demonic spirit, or a nest of spirits, senses that it is all-out war coming from a believer in Jesus, they know what the end result will be. You, however, must press in to victory until the intruder and the thought patterns they have created in your life are exorcised for good. No half-hearted fight will win the day – it must be a total reliance on Jesus who owns your life and in whose power you are relying completely.

*JESUS SAID: “In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.” (John 16:23-24).*

**Find strength and inspiration from this hymn by Charles Wesley (1707-88):**

*JESUS, my strength, my hope  
On Thee I cast my care,  
With humble confidence look up,  
And know Thou hear'st my prayer  
Give me on Thee to wait,  
Till I can all things do  
On Thee, almighty to create,  
Almighty to renew.*

*I want a true regard,  
A single, steady aim,  
Unmoved by threatening or reward  
To Thee and Thy great Name.  
A jealous, just concern  
For Thine immortal praise;  
A pure desire that all may learn  
And glorify Thy grace.*

*I want a godly fear,  
A quick-discerning eye  
That looks to Thee when sin is near  
And sees the tempter fly;  
A spirit still prepared  
And armed with jealous care,  
Forever standing on its guard  
And watching unto prayer.*

*I rest upon Thy Word;  
The promise is for me;  
My comfort and salvation, Lord,  
Shall surely come from Thee:  
But let me still abide,  
Nor from my hope remove,  
Till Thou my patient spirit guide  
Into Thy perfect love.*

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:

**2012** 28 January - Praying In The Name Of Jesus And According To The Will Of God

**2011** 24 & 31 July - When Enough People Pray Enough Time Your Deliverance is Near

**2010** 12 January - Jesus is Waiting To Hear Your Cry For Help, His Response Will Be To Deliver

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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.

(Jesus said): "For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me." John 6:55-57

For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. Proverbs 2:6-8

This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 1 John 5: 3-5

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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-versed 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*

