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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey NOW IN HIS 26TH YEAR OF FREEDOM AND OVER 28 YEARS OFF ALL PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION - THANKS TO JESUS CHRIST.

## AS EASTER APPROACHES – WE TELL IT OUT TO THE WORLD “JESUS CHRIST HAS DEFEATED SCHIZOPHRENIA”

*Jesus Christ says: “So If The Son Sets You Free,  
You Will Be Free Indeed.” John 8: verse 36*

### THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING IS JOHN CHAPTER 6: Selected verses 41-49:

*Jesus the Bread of Life* At this the Jews began to grumble about him because, he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven’?”

“Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered. “No-one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. No-one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”



Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves. “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you can eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 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. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.” He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

Never expect an announcement to come over the media that the medical experts have found an answer to defeat schizophrenia!! It will never happen - because only Jesus Christ has the solution. A Christian friend has told me that on our popular TODAY radio programme in the U.K., representatives of psychiatry admitted they were baffled over the cause of the psychotic illness and were unable to offer a cure.

But here is the good news which only followers of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, can declare - Jesus has triumphed over schizophrenia and opens up deliverance and healing for everyone struggling to end what they experience as a deep, entrenched mental bondage.

The medical field the world over would do well to acknowledge their impotence to set free millions of mental captives with schizophrenia - and discover faith to point to Jesus Christ, Saviour and Healer, as the means whereby life can be restored to those crying out for release.

We are now in the Christian season of LENT celebrating the victory over death and hell obtained for everyone by the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world who died on a cruel cross outside Jerusalem more than 2000 years ago. He laid down his life for you and me, bore our sins "in his body on the tree", then three days later showed "himself alive by many infallible proofs", offering the gift of eternal life to everyone who believes in Him.

There is no greater news our troubled world needs to hear today! Receiving Jesus Christ into one's life has power to transform every person on our planet, even whole nations, and to dispel the spiritual darkness in human life rampant the world over. How fitting that the prophet Isaiah announcing the good news of the birth of Jesus 700 years before it happened, spoke of "people walking in darkness seeing a great light" – none other than Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

Each one of us needs to know Jesus personally as Saviour and Lord to be able to live "in the light of his life". When He becomes real to you through an act of faith, it is His love and light that invades your life and brings total transformation. You make the greatest discovery in the whole of life itself – finding God who is both your Creator and Redeemer.

Because our world contains forces of spiritual darkness under the rule of Satan, described by Jesus as the "prince of this world" (John 14:30), you receive as a follower of Jesus His own presence through the Person of the Holy Spirit to overcome temptation, conflict and all that life can throw at you.

But what action do you adopt when having dispelled the darkness through receiving forgiveness of sins by Jesus, you then face "the dawning" of the spiritual darkness of schizophrenia? In a word, you can only keep turning to Jesus to deal with this strange invasion into your life. Through knowing Jesus and having His own life within, you are better able to deal with this confused existence present in your mind.

Many people – even some Christians – would not label schizophrenia as some form of spiritual darkness caused by the invasion of evil spirits. Earnest for the truth, the question must be asked to whom do the voices belong that are heard by so many sufferers? The Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth about their nature and how to oppose them.

Suffering with schizophrenia, you know only too well that something has gone wrong with your life and it has totally changed from that which you were used to. Now, it is possible to be living such a different way of life that you find it hard to recall the details of the better life you had – and it is because of the great shift that has taken place all due to the presence of spiritual darkness harassing your life.

Having battled for my own freedom for over 26 years, let me make it very plain to those who find it hard to imagine what having schizophrenia feels like; it is as though a war is going on inside one's life where you are literally screaming to break free of a strong bondage gripping your mind.

Do not get discouraged even when you feel you are struggling on your own because no-one seems to understand both the seriousness and depth of bondage now existing in your life. Turning to Jesus and His Word, praying as though life itself depended on it, pleading the power of the blood of Jesus offered for you – must become the regular strategy you are now using to fight for your freedom. Also, begin to seek out fellow Christians who will pray for you and seek to understand you.

Take heart - the light of Jesus is stronger than all the darkness of Satan. When Jesus takes you as His own, He is committed to you in a far greater way than you will ever realise. He's watching over you at every turn and has a protective hand over your life. The Holy Spirit now living within spurs you on to hold fast to Jesus and claim His freedom which He so dearly purchased for you on the Cross on Calvary.

I believe through my own personal experience that to know the power of Jesus Christ provides such a strong confidence in battling the threat of losing of one's sanity. But it is by no means easy to oppose and defeat the mental bondage of schizophrenia, particularly when you are being prescribed medication that can make your condition so much worse and hinder the ability to fight spiritually. To summon up all spiritual strength from day to day as you quote the word of God in your heart and use it as a life-line is a tiring discipline to keep up. But Christ's spiritual resources are so abundant and adequate and anyone seeking to conquer schizophrenia must continue the fight until freedom comes. But enlisting the vitally necessary help of Christians to pray and love you is of paramount importance. I needed a strong prayer force to pour God's strength into my spirit so I could resist evil spirits.

A Christian suffering with schizophrenia faces the kingdom of darkness that has invaded his precious life given by God and also redeemed on the Cross by Jesus. The bondage you feel on your mind is one of spiritual darkness and can only be overcome by the greater power of the light of the Presence of Jesus. You can begin to resist, bind and then drive out the darkness in the Name of Jesus!!

It is needful to fight off the invading spirits on your mind by declaring that your life is now owned by Jesus Christ and they have no legal right to be present. To make that declaration is powerful and informs the evil spirit(s) that you are taking authority of your life. Pleading the blood that Jesus shed for you on the Cross is mighty in beginning to loosen spirits with a hold on your life. Even begin to expel through breathing out any dark presence.

If you have never progressed on the pathway of prayer before, it is needful to do so now. If you have never regarded the Bible as a spiritual book containing words that are "spirit and life", it is needful to make that discovery now. Ask God to help you memorise the words of Jesus and hide them in your heart! A dark spiritual foe must be opposed and faced with strong spiritual forces God has provided. Jesus can develop you into a strong soldier – fighting in the power of the Holy Spirit, equipped with strong weaponry (see Ephesians 6 10-18).

Every soldier battling to win a fight faces times of weariness, exhaustion and sometimes discouragement. The Spirit of Jesus within must "take you" through these periods, and you must pray with all your might as you allow the Holy Spirit to pray in you. When the normal thinking processes of your mind are dormant, call to mind the Word of God and faith in those promises found within its pages will revive you. May precious promises found in the Scriptures become "living, active and conscious" in your heart and life.

Determine that you are going to live WITH FAITH OVERCOMING FEELINGS. Having schizophrenia reduces you to a life of feelings!! Medication enlarges the bondage you already have. It is only a sheer triumph of the will fortified and strengthened by the Holy Spirit that you can win the victory when every feeling in your body just wants to give in. Never ever, no never, give in. See the battle through – resolve in your heart and life that trusting Christ, armed with His strength you are determined to possess the victory He achieved for you on the Cross of Calvary however long and arduous the fight may be.

**THEN, WHEN THE GREAT DAY OF FREEDOM COMES AND THE EVIL SPIRITS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN OUT BY THE MIGHTY POWER OF THE NAME OF JESUS... THE JOY OF BEING FREE AND KNOWING RESTORED FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUR SAVIOUR WILL HAVE BEEN WORTH ALL THE SACRIFICE AND EFFORT!**

YOU WILL THEN BE ABLE TO ... TELL IT OUT TO THE WORLD – THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS DEFEATED SCHIZOPHRENIA.

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

**2011** 10 April – How To Resist Satan In The Name Of The Lord

**2010** 18 July – The Mind Of The Spirit Overcoming The Schizophrenic Mind

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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.*

## **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.

At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me.” Luke 7: 21-23

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?” “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11: 33-36

You are my portion, O LORD; I have promised to obey your words. I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to be according to your promise. I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes. I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands. Psalm 119: 57-60

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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*

