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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.**

## **“THIS ONE THING I KNOW - JESU’S LOVE NEVER FAILED ME YET!!”**

### **THIS WEEK’S SELECTED BIBLE READING: JOHN CHAPTER 15**

*The Vine and the Branches:* (Jesus said) “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.



“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever your wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit –fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command. Love each other.

*The World Hates the Disciples:* If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates me hates my Father as well. If I had not done among them what no-one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. But this is to fulfil what is written in their Law: ‘They hated me without reason.’

“When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”

There's a widespread failure to cope in life because of trusting in your own strength and ability to get you through instead of relying on the resources provided by God through His amazing love.

Every genuine born-again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ should know "the light yoke and the easy burden" received from God's Son as they face the challenges of life armed with such supernatural love.

Give fresh thought to the one thing that really matters in life – "for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Out of sheer devotion to Jesus, pour out an offering of worship and praise and you will soon be "lost" in His precious love. It's a great way in which to start the day – sitting at the feet of the One who is worthy to receive our heart's affection.

Caught up with this theme of Christ's love, I found myself this week thinking of an 'old' favourite hymn whose first verse says: "O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast unmeasured boundless free! Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love; Leading onward, leading homeward, to my glorious rest above."

The final verse continues: "O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Love of every love the best: 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me; And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee."

The words are so true and will remain forever true!! We all need the love of Jesus reigning in our hearts to take us through life. Restlessness only steals in if we fail to abide in the Lord and obey His commands.

Those of you who love the Lord Jesus and are battling with schizophrenia are doing well in your daily life in keeping close to Him. It's far more difficult for you to go on trusting in Christ and His love than other Christians who don't have a mental bondage.

Sometimes, the emergence of schizophrenia sweeps over the sea of life and the risk of being completely engulfed in its evil presence creates a real fear. It is such "an unknown quantity" with the power to completely disrupt life.

The only way through and out is to hold on to the Jesus you have so far trusted. But it's much harder to come out if that mental bondage hits your life and finds you not surrendered to Jesus.

If ever the Church of Jesus Christ needed to express His genuine love to fellow believers it should be targetting the lives of Christian schizophrenics with compassionate support and prayer. But sadly, too many do not have the heart to be stirred to help.

REMINDE YOURSELF OF THE FOLLOWING:

**1. THE LOVE OF GOD IS ETERNAL:** We do well to keep before us always that the love which has come to us in Jesus Christ is the love of the One and Only True, Everlasting God, who is our Heavenly Father. "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father," Jesus told Philip in John 14:9. It is the eternal God who both created you and redeemed you who longs to have a place in your heart in which to pour His gracious love. We are all poverty stricken without the knowledge of His abiding Presence at the centre of our lives. It remains true what Saint Augustine declared so many centuries ago: "God has made us for Himself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Him."

**2. THE LOVE OF GOD IS POWERFUL:** In Ephesians Chapter 1, it says: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One

he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding (verses 3-8). The love of God you experience in your life is so powerful as to be able to conquer and defeat schizophrenia. The evil behind the condition was defeated when Jesus Christ died on the Cross and was then resurrected. Never lose sight of the love of God for you – but remember too that He is the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity in whose hand is all majesty, dominion and power. Before returning to heaven, Jesus told his disciples: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Matthew 28:18

**3. THE LOVE OF GOD IS FAITHFUL:** God will never forsake you or leave you. “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age,” said Jesus in his final words on earth also found in Matthew 28. It's the most wonderful truth to know for a Christian seeking to obtain full freedom from schizophrenia that the love of the Lord Jesus will ALWAYS be there to empower his quest. There will never be an occasion when Jesus is not there to help you. You can rely on His Presence through the indwelling Holy Spirit in your heart. However tough the opposition you face from Satan and evil spirits, know this: you have a faithful God inside you who is mighty both to save and deliver!! HE WILL NEVER, NO NEVER, EVER DESERT YOU IN YOUR HOUR OF NEED. HE WILL REMAIN A STRONGHOLD INTO WHICH YOU CAN ALWAYS RUN TO DRAW ON HIS CONQUERING LOVE AND POWER!!

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

**2012:** 15 January - The Mind Of The Spirit Overcoming The Schizophrenia Mind

**2011:** 3 July - Boldly Pleading The Blood Of Jesus Hastens Your Schizophrenia Deliverance (2)

**2010:** 17 & 24 October - The Power Of God Will Help Keep Your Sanity And Break Free Of 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

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.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen. (Revelation 1:5).

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31).

(Jesus said): “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” (John 15:9-12).

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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-tried 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*