

# DELIVERANCE

I think it is important to understand what deliverance means and why every single person needs it. A person who comes to Christ and surrenders their life to Him receives deliverance right then and there on the spot, the very moment that faith is present. The greatest deliverance in a person's life takes place upon salvation. There is a change in lordship and The Holy Spirit comes in and because He is holy, evil spirits begin to go out. The Holy Spirit needs a sacred place to dwell and so He begins to work in your life and deliver you from all the things that don't please God. This process is known as sanctification.

When Adam and Eve decided to listen to satan and disobey God by eating fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, at that moment the whole world fell into a state of death and decay. **(Romans 8:19-23)** It became a fallen world and from that point all the way until Jesus sets up His millennial reign on this earth, it will remain in a fallen state.

**2 Corinthians 4:4** - In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

We learn here that this world has another god, that god is satan. Adam and Eve chose to listen to him rather than to obey God and so satan became the god of this world. And still today you will find that predominately the majority of the people follow satan and not God. But God always has a remnant. He watches over us while we are here, helping us to fulfill His will in our lives and to shine our lights brightly to help win souls for The Kingdom of God.

**Psalms 51:5** - Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

This was written by King David and the meaning is that even as a baby coming into the world, he was already in a sinful state and that is because the world is in a sinful state, a fallen state, fallen away from God. We are not born with The Holy Spirit in us, we are born under the lordship of satan.

When we hear the gospel and we are old enough to understand it, to understand what it meant for Jesus to shed His blood and lay His life down for us, then we

have a choice to make and that is to keep living away from Jesus or come to Him and turn our lives over to Him. For those that get saved, they may not be completely delivered at that point, but salvation will be the greatest point of deliverance in their life. Everyone receives deliverance upon salvation because there is new ownership, a change has taken place. As we read God's Word and grow in the faith The Holy Spirit will reveal certain things that we need further deliverance from. Some things you may need further deliverance on are: sin, evil acts, wrong people you have associated with, immorality, unforgiveness, wrong churches you have attended, abuse, rape, molestation, owning dedicated demonic items etc. Those that have gone deep into the occult usually need administered deliverance.

### **GENERATIONAL CURSES**

We all need deliverance from generational curses. The Old Testament has a lot to say about the sins of the father being visited on the generations following.

**Deut.5:9-10** – Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments.

I used to think that once you were saved, those generational curses were automatically broken off but that isn't true. They remain on your life until you get knowledge of God, are truly saved and you take the steps to break them off. The only way a person would not need to break off generational curses is if their mother was saved, their father was saved and they each had broken off the generational curses on their lives and were living righteous lives before they ever conceived. Then and only then, that child would not have those curses on their lives.

I did have a couple come and sit with me to break off generational curses but the man was not serious about it, not serious about his walk with Jesus. In that case, nothing took place. The evil spirits, familial spirits will not leave your life until you are truly living a righteous life, really saved and seeking Jesus and are serious about getting your freedom from the curses and from the evil and unclean spirits.

I did a teaching and a prayer on breaking generational curses and I encourage you to go and listen to them. The links will be in the info box wherever you are watching this and on my sermon notes on the church website.



This is Pastor Erustus and Pastor Sarah of our outreach ministry in Africa. I'm going to be sharing some things that Pastor shared on this subject.

The keys to the kingdom **(Matt.16:19)** stands for authority we have been given in Christ Jesus. All believers in Christ Jesus have the authority to exercise in God's kingdom and over this dark world. **(Matt.16:19, Luke 10:19)** All Christians, by faith, should cast out demons and satan. The authority and power is in Christ Jesus' name and not in ourselves.

Remember Jesus said when demons go out of a person, they go to waterless places and keep coming back to check the house (person) where they dwelt, to see if there are opened doors so they can come back with more wicked demons and a person's life becomes worse.

**Matt.12:43-45** - When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he (the demon) walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Many people go to AA and manage to quit drinking but then they fall off the bandwagon and go right back to it. That's an example of this scripture. If you do not fill your vessel with The Holy Spirit, then there is nothing stopping those demons from coming right in.

Pastor continued: It is each believer's responsibility to pay the cost of forsaking all to follow Christ. We are to be committed in seeking God in prayer & fasting, studying the word, fellowship of the saints, praising and worshiping God, giving, ministering or serving in the church/ God's kingdom, living holy, etc. These keep Satan and his demons off our life. Developing a strong relationship with God is very significant. Many take long or are so reluctant in growing in the things of God. They put little effort in growing to maturity in the things of God. This makes it hard for them to deal with demons and Satan.

For total deliverance to happen and come faster those bound in sinful habits must diligently learn to seek God in all things. They must love God with all their hearts, soul and strength, **(Mark 12:29-31)** completely turn away from their old life and company (friendships) and start to obey God in all things. And have a spiritual father/mother to help them grow and for spiritual protection against demonic attacks and as a channel for their blessings. Where they can tithe and give their offerings which is also a powerful weapon in deliverance.

Me: \*It is ok to give tithes and offerings to your spiritual parents to be a blessing in their lives, as well as sowing them into the church. An example of a spiritual parent is Apostle Paul to Timothy. He taught him, and encouraged him in the faith and prayed for him. Pastor Erustus is my spiritual father in the faith.\*

## **DELIVERANCE from ADDICTIONS**

Anyone with addictions in their life will need deliverance. Demons are behind addictions of any sort.

Addiction is a stronghold. Strongholds are satanic evil spiritual grips that hold up your soul ie mind (thinking), emotions (feeling) and will (choosing) that causes or influences your soul to act against God's will.

Addiction is dependence on a substance or habit, either physically or psychologically (alcohol, sex, gambling, pornography, masturbation, smoking, drugs etc.) which satan uses as an opening for demons to use to spiritually grip (a spiritually strong hold) on someone's soul which the devil use to control the person to do his will and not God's will.

Young or baby christians can struggle with alcoholism, pornography, smoking etc. at the beginning of their walk with God but with commitment to God's word, prayer and the infilling of the Holy Spirit one must overcome all those evils. As the Apostle Paul says, those who struggle with sin and please the flesh then the law of sin is still at work in them. **(Romans ch.7 & 8)** But those who make up their mind to walk in the Spirit such evil desires will be quenched by the Holy Spirit.

There are many who teach incorrectly about the struggle Paul described with the flesh in Romans chapter 7. They leave it as oh well, we are in these flesh bodies so we are just going to keep on sinning. They are not continuing to Romans chapter 8 to see that we don't live like that any longer, as Christians we go on to walk after the Spirit. We are not carnally minded, we don't live to please the flesh any more, we are made free by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. If we sin, we are quick to repent, confess it and forsake it. We don't continue in sin. **(1 John 3:9)**

**1 John 5:3-5** – For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

We are to be overcomers. **(Rev. chapters 2 & 3)** Our faith is what makes us overcomers.

**Eph.2:8-10** – For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

In God's grace to us, He gave Jesus as the final sacrifice for the whole world. Only those that come and truly believe in Jesus will be saved. We cannot do enough good or be good enough to earn salvation, nothing we could ever do would be good enough, it is a gift of God and it is received when we have faith in Jesus.

I did a teaching on what it means to believe in Jesus, your salvation and eternity rests on belief in Jesus. It is more than head knowledge, it must come from the heart and move you to live an obedient life, one of total surrender and loyalty to Jesus. I encourage you to watch that teaching, the links will be in the info boxes where you are watching and in my sermon notes on the church website. Once we are saved, then The Holy Spirit in us begins to move us to do the good works that God created for us to do. We don't get saved by good works, but because we are saved, then we begin to do good works. Works and faith go hand in hand, you cannot have one without the other. **(James 2:14-26)**

Many seek deliverance and are not even saved, they just want God to break the addiction for them but they don't want Jesus and are not even devoted and dedicated to seeking God. They want the suffering to stop but do not desire to humble themselves and surrender to Jesus. We have all heard of God instantly breaking something off of someone's life and many people hope He will do that for them, they just want a fast easy answer. Make it stop. A quick fix. They want to use Jesus but not serve Jesus. They will not see any change. Weak Christians will not be able to fight satan and his demons. They cannot do self deliverance and will not see any change in their situation until they begin to grow and mature in their Christian life.

## **CLOSING**

There are examples of deliverance all through the New Testament. Many times after Jesus delivered a person from unclean, evil spirits – then their healing manifested. **(Matt.8:28-24, Mark 1:21-27, Luke 9:37-42, Luke 11:14)**

Deliverance isn't just sitting down with a minister of God and going through the process of casting out demons. That is one form of deliverance. God can work in your life to bring deliverance about in many ways. Salvation is the most powerful deliverance, if you are saved, then you have experienced deliverance already.

Prayer is another way that God works to deliver His children, prayer coupled with fasting is a very powerful way to break strongholds off, self deliverance works too.

Deliverance is not just for someone who is possessed; it is for all of us. On that note let me also say that a real Christian can never be possessed because his Master is Jesus and The Holy Spirit lives inside of him. We can be oppressed from the outside and if we give in to sin long enough to have a stronghold set up against us we can have demons on the inside of us but we can never be possessed. We are to deal with the demons and strongholds quickly because if you don't you are flirting with disaster. Their goal is to pull you away from Jesus and you don't want that. You don't want to choose sin so much and so long that The Holy Spirit is so grieved that He leaves you.

**John 8:36** - If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Jesus gave His life to set us free from the yoke of bondage/slavery that satan had on our lives. Jesus came to deliver us completely from satan and the fallen angels, to deliver us from sin, from death, hell and the grave. The more you grow and mature in the faith, the more Jesus is continuously setting you free from the things that don't please Him. The demons go out and off your life as you stop practicing the sinful things that are against God.

When you recognize sin in your life, you should be quick to repent, which is to stop the sin. Ask God to forgive you for it and to completely cleanse you from it and all demonic interaction that came because of it.

## **PRAYER**

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<http://www.threeheartchurch.org/index.php/sermons/sermon/264-prayer-to-break-off-generational-curses>

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