

The Three Principles of Our Deliverance

1. The finished work of Jesus Christ.

(This is the divine provision whereby Jesus Christ conquered sin, death, the old nature, and Satan for us. See the sheet "The Christian and His Enemy" for the Scripture on this.)

2. Our union with Jesus Christ.

(This is the relationship which we have with Jesus Christ through our belief in Him and the New Birth. All the triumph of Jesus Christ over the Devil and his demons has been given to us. His victory over the enemy has become ours. Note how clear this is in Luke 10:17-20.)

3. The work of the Holy Spirit.

(The Holy Spirit dwells in us to enable us to lead a successful Christian life. He is within to bring to us and to apply to our lives all the victory purchased for us by Jesus Christ. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to cast out the demons from those Christians which are possessed. The only way, however, that the Holy Spirit can help us is to lead us to the Truth about our condition and the Truth about the provision God has made for us. When we learn this and then put it into practice by faith and love—then the Holy Spirit can deliver us. He teaches us all the way and will deliver us as fast as we allow Him to teach and help us. Sometimes the deliverance is painful in that we must confess our sin, be absolutely honest with God about ourselves and all the relationship of life. The Holy Spirit cannot deliver us when we are giving way to the Devil in some way or are sinning against God. It is not enough to want to be delivered. God can only deliver us through the Truth, John 8:32.)

There are some important decisions which must be constantly maintained every day.

1. Daily resolve by faith and love before God to aggressively fight for your deliverance. Do this no matter how discouraged you are and how much it hurts. One of our greatest enemies is passivity and hopelessness. This is so because passivity and hopelessness is the very opposite to the cardinal virtues of the Christian faith—faith, love, and hope.
2. Daily resolve before God to seek out all the ways the enemy has gotten hold of you and break that control. Break all relationships set up by the enemy. Learn to take back all ground you have given to the enemy through sinning. Pray for help and then go back in your thoughts and find the times you have given way to the Devil and given him some control of your mind, your emotions, your, body, etc. Confess the sin to God and take back the ground from the Devil.
3. Learn to take back the ground immediately when you sin.

"Heavenly Father, I confess to you that I have sinned in _____. I apologize to You and receive Your forgiveness and cleansing." I John 1:9.

"Satan, I take back from you all the ground I have given you in _____. I cancel all consent I have given to you and your demons in this and I reject you out of my life in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 4:27.

4. Daily learn to distinguish between yourself and the workings of wicked spirits in and on you. The Devil can easily create distorted and false feelings and thoughts. How you feel and think may not be your real self at all! You are, as a believer, what you choose before God to be--when these choices are honest decisions of faith and love. When a thought flashes into your mind or some feeling overwhelms you, and if this is contrary to your sincere choice before God--then totally reject it—it is not of you but the creation of the enemy. When you have thoughts and feelings you didn't originate (despair, discouragement, hopelessness, thoughts of sin, etc.) do not accept them. Use the following statement to get rid of them.

"In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ I reject this thought and feeling of _____. I refuse to accept it and cover my thought life with the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ." II Corinthians 10:4-6.

5. Ask God to help you to find the time or times when the enemy gained control over you. This may have to do with your mind, body, outlook on life, some relationships in life, etc. It is important to realize the enemy will cause a smokescreen to be thrown up between you and himself. He will cover his own work in you by causing you to blame someone else or preferably yourself. Many times he will reinforce the smokescreen with such suggestions as, "if you were only more spiritual you wouldn't have these thoughts and troubles." "if God loved you, you wouldn't be in this trouble." "You are inferior." The list of such suggestions are endless.
6. When you find events, etc., where you believe you have found how the enemy has tricked you into believing some lie, distortion, etc., then break his control over you.

"Heavenly Father, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I take back () from the Devil and his demons. I claim () as my own and I give () to You for safekeeping. I cancel all his control and cover () with the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ."

7. Remember at all times that as a Child of God you have the Holy Spirit Himself dwelling in you to teach you the Truth. Depend on Him. By all means be aggressive in fighting the enemy. Put on the armor of the Christian every day. Ephesians 6:10-18.