

Deliverance

As we seek to see strongholds broken down and deliverance manifest in the lives of those we are called to minister to, we must first be free ourselves!

Deliverance is not only needed by those who are demon possessed. Demons cannot possess believers. They can, however, exploit and oppress areas of weakness or rebellion within the believer.

SOZO – Salvation, healing, deliverance and provision

Deliverance is not a matter steps but of authority. Some programs will tell you to work the steps, but I say to you work in God's authority!

Man was given dominion in the garden and was to subdue the earth and fill it with the knowledge of the glory of God. The first Adam surrendered his, and our, power to subdue the earth and all that is in it. Satan, by Adam's disobedience rules the earth and causes much trouble for man.

Good News! Jesus is referred to as the Second Adam. Where Adam failed, Jesus succeeded.

Satan rules and reigns in our lives by fraud. He does not have a legal right to the followers of Messiah. He takes dominion and authority over, around, near and in us by defraud. He gains power from us, just as he did from the first Adam, by us handing it over to him. If we cut off the avenues of his fraudulent authority, by standing in Christ, he must flee and sozo is manifest.

Things to know and address when seeking or ministering deliverance. Reminder, these are not steps, just some typical areas that the Holy Spirit will lead us through:

1. Deliverance is not only getting something (the work of the enemy) out or away, it is always about getting something in (the work of the Holy Spirit).
2. Deliverance will be manifested when we allow ourselves to come to a place where we are pliable in God's hand. Bondage is the manifestation of defiance against God. Deliverance is the manifestation of submission to God.
3. The faith, power and authority for all deliverance is based on the Word of God. When tempted in the wilderness with things which would give Him provision and power Jesus responded with "it is written."
4. Establish the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ. Who's going to be in charge? Why do you call me Lord, Lord and not do as I command? (Luke 6:46)

5. Renounce: Satan cannot gain power in your life without a door. Identify all doorways that have been opened willingly and shut them.
6. We all have sinned and fallen short. Repentance, not sorrow, is key!
7. Put down every area of rebellion. Not my will but His! Surrender to His desire for your life...it is always better than your own.
8. Forgiveness: Forgive those who have hurt you. Forgive and become like God. Live in unforgiveness and you will retain the sin of the other person and its power for death.
9. Accept the fact that in Christ the enemy has been defeated and you are set free. Receive the work “It is finished!”
10. Pray for and accept God’s peace in the place left empty by the enemy. Remember, we don’t need to just get something out as much as we need to get something in.

Galatians 3:13-14 (New King James Version)

¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree”),

¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Ephesians 1:7-8 (New King James Version)

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence

Colossians 1:13-14 (New International Version)

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10:19 (New King James Version)

¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

1 John 3:7-10 (New International Version)

⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. ⁸ The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work. ⁹ No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.

¹⁰ This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God’s child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.