

How to Be Delivered From Habits

God's Word has provided deliverance in every area of life. God created man as a spirit-ruled being, but at the Fall he became sense-ruled - his knowledge became based on his physical senses: what he could feel, see, taste, smell or hear.

When Jesus came, He bought back man's authority. The Bible tells us that we have been delivered from the power (authority) of darkness (Satan) and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son. We are not *going* to be someday, we *are* now. When the revelation of having been delivered becomes a reality in your life, the habits of the old man will disappear. Satan's authority over your life has been destroyed!

It is not the things you do in the natural that will bring you deliverance. It is receiving what Jesus did for you that takes away Satan's rights to keep you in bondage. Satan cannot pressure you with anything that you cannot overcome with God's Word (1 Corinthians 10:13). God's Word has provided deliverance in every area of your life - spirit, soul and body. God has given Satan an ultimatum where you as a believer are concerned.

Make the decision to be free! The primary factor in your freedom is your quality decision to do everything to the glory and honor of the Father. Your decision will cause God to come on the scene and bring about your freedom. Everything you do in word or deed, do in the Name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:17). Reprogram your mind and inner man with the Word of God. As you speak God's Word concerning your redemption, the life residing in the Word will make you free. Those words registering in your heart will control your life.

Just remember that when a thought contrary to your decision comes, *immediately* cast it down and bring it into subjection to the knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). Any thought other than what you have willed to think in this situation is not your thought. It has been placed there by Satan to deceive you. Resist him and he will flee. He cannot stay around while you are continually speaking the Word.

Speak the Word today and pray this prayer of deliverance:

Father, I believe that my faith becomes effectual - divinely energized - by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in me in Christ Jesus. Through my union with Christ, I am a new creature, old things are passed away and all things have become new.

I was crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me. I was buried with Him in baptism, and raised together with Him by the power of the Holy Spirit so that I might habitually live and behave in newness of life. My old, unrenewed self was nailed to the Cross with Him in order that my body, which is the instrument of sin, might be made ineffective and inactive for evil and that I might no longer be the slave of sin.

Just as death no longer has power over Jesus Christ, neither does sin have dominion over me through my union with Him. I consider myself dead to sin and my relation to it broken. I am alive only to God, living in unbroken fellowship with Him, in Christ Jesus.

I have been delivered from the control and dominion of _____ and transferred into the kingdom of light. I have been raised together with Christ and am seated together with Him, far above principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world and wicked spirits in high places. Sin shall no longer exert dominion over me, but I have dominion over sin. It is under my feet, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer References: Philemon 6; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:4, 6, 10-11; Colossians 1:13; Ephesians 2:6, 1:21, 6:12; Romans 6:14.