

# DELIVERANCE

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# In Remembrance

- **Tyler-based evangelist, R.W. Schambach, dies**
- **One of the foremost leaders in Deliverance Ministries**
- Conducted thousands of Tent Revivals
- Schambach was 85 years old when he passed Tuesday. He preached on six continents and his daughter said he'll be most remembered for his tent sermons over the decades.



# Hurricane Katrina

- Pilot McConnell and his crew were told to keep five H-60 helicopters airborne on missions around the clock to airlift stranded people from their rooftops and deliver them to the Superdome in New Orleans.
- Some People refused Pickup
- You are living in unhealthy conditions, and the water will stay high for a long time,' we warned them. Still they refused saying just give us food and water
- In truth, they did not know how desperate their situation was.
- ***There are many people in need of deliverance today who don't know how desperate their situation is. They want to "manage" it themselves denying God's hand and assistance***



# Study Outline

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- What is Deliverance?
- King Saul and Apostle Paul
- What do we need to be delivered from?
- Marks of a person needing deliverance
- Christ as our deliverer
- The Need for Faith
- The Process of Deliverance
- Hindrances to Deliverance

# Deliverance Defined

- **Christian deliverance** means God rescuing someone from bondage, oppression, hardship, or domination by evil.
  - ▣ It is God who brings deliverance. “Deliver us from the evil one,”
  - ▣ God may also deliver you from the hands of some people or something (e.g. oppression) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:7
- To cause a person or thing to have no further efficiency; to deprive of force, influence or power; (Romans 6:14: Sin shall have no dominion over you)
- To cause to cease; put and end to; severe from power (**Psalms 91:3: “Plots and unseen Perils”**)
- **Deliverance ministry** is believers carrying out Christian biblical principles that enables the Spirit of God to set others free from bondage, oppression, hardship, or domination by evil.

*All Believers are commissioned to be involved in delivering others for the kingdom of God (Mark 16:17,18; Mark 6: 7,12,13)*

# Scriptures

- *2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2: 7-9: And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:*
- *Psalms 91:2,3: I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence*
- *Mark 16:17-18: And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

# Why Do People Deny Deliverance?

## □ **We are becoming a Faithless Generation (Matthew 17:17)**

*And Jesus answered, O you unbelieving (warped, wayward, rebellious) and thoroughly perverse generation! How long am I to remain with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to Me. (Amplified Bible)*

- ▣ Perverse is defined as twisted thinking or thoughts turned from proper direction
- ▣ Most of our thinking has been influenced by perverse opinions which hinders people from receiving the truth

## □ **Most of our Teachings today in the Church is more Self-Help than God-Help**

- ▣ “Physicians Heal thyself” philosophy
- Many Churches no longer have “Altar Prayer” nor allow the Holy Spirit to move within their churches to minister to God’s people due to rigid programs

# Why Do People Deny Deliverance

- **Increase in Ignorance of the Scriptures regarding Spiritual Oppression and Spiritual Warfare**
  - ▣ Most Christians are not aware of what the Bible teaches about spiritual oppression and possession and willfully avoid the subject
  - ▣ Meanwhile the movie industry profits from our fear of the unknown as we become a culture that loves being “Scared to Death.”
  - ▣ Jesus not only healed the sick, but cast out devils and so did his disciples
  - ▣ 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 2:11: *To keep Satan from getting the advantage over us; for we are not ignorant of his wiles and intentions (devices) (Amplified Bible)*
  - ▣ We cannot be ignorant of the great number of stratagems employed by Satan to deceive, to injure us, and to destroy the souls of men.



# Being Disadvantaged

Take advantage (the Greek word *pleonekteo*) is used in four other verses in the New Testament (2 Corinthians 7:2, 12:17-18, 1 Thessalonians 4:6). It has the idea of cheating someone out of something that belongs to them. *When we are ignorant of Satan's strategies, he is able to take things from us that belong to us in Jesus, things like peace, joy, fellowship, a sense of forgiveness, and victory.*

*(David Guzik's Commentary)*

# Pulling Down Strongholds

**(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God  
to the pulling down of strong holds;)  
(2 Corinthians 10:4)**

*"Apart from a mighty awakening and revival in the church, we are fighting a losing battle because we are resisting on carnal levels. This is not something you settle at a denominational headquarters or in the high courts of the ecclesiastical world. It is something you begin to settle here and now that causes the tide of the Holy Spirit power and life to flow once again in the church, which has been blocked because we as individual believers have rejected God's principles." (Redpath)*

# How Do We Come into Bondage?

## □ **Ensnared – Trapped willingly or unwillingly**

- ▣ *2 Timothy 2:26: And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. (People who set themselves at adversity with God's will and work are open to deception and entrapment by Satan)*
- ▣ **Snared by the Words of thy mouth (Proverbs 6:2) –Some entanglements are the result of one's own indiscretion**

## □ **Affiliations/Associations – 1 Corinthians 15:33**

*Do not be so deceived and misled! Evil companionships (communion, associations) corrupt and deprave good manners and morals and character. (Amplified)*  
*Our affiliations with the world has caused us to inherit the world's issues*

## □ **Passive Spirit – Complacency, Compromising, Weakened -** (A separate Study will be done on this)

# Pulling Down the Strongholds

- 2 Corinthians 10:4
- Realize that this is not a carnal fight or struggle
  - ▣ This reliance on carnal methods, and the habit of carnal thinking, has become a true stronghold in our society
- Strongholds in this context are wrong thoughts and perceptions, contradicting the true knowledge of God and the nature of God.
- Many strongholds begin with perverted or mis-directed thinking
- This is why we must renew our minds utilizing the Word of God (Romans 12:2)

# Carnal Weaponry

*The Corinthian Christians tended to rely on and admire carnal weapons for the Christian battle. Instead of the belt of truth, they fought with manipulation. Instead of the breastplate of righteousness, they fought with the image of success. Instead of the shoes of the gospel, they fought with smooth words. Instead of the shield of faith, they fought with the perception of power. Instead of the helmet of salvation, they fought with lording over authority. Instead of the sword of the Spirit, they fought with human schemes and programs.*

(David Guzik's Commentary on 2 Corinthians 10:4)

- **What Weapons are you using to destroy the strongholds in your life?**
- **You cannot win a spiritual battle with carnal weaponry**

# Process of Deliverance

- ***The process of deliverance often consists of three main parts: Tearing down strongholds, removing legal rights and then casting out the remaining demons and/or oppressive spirits.***
  - ▣ Strongholds are birthed and dwell in deception usually settled in my minds (which are lies and false beliefs), so naturally the cure is to bring the truth in God's Word on the scene.
  - ▣ Strongholds also gain legal presence in your life due to unforgiveness in a person's heart, un-repentant sins in that person's life, ties which need to be broken (cursed objects, soul ties, etc.) and things which may need to be renounced (vows made with Satan, spirit guides/demons that a person has welcomed into themselves, etc.).
  - ▣ A believer must be willing and desiring to be free of strongholds and trust in God's delivering power to set them free. Then comes the daily walk of casting down imaginations and pulling down strongholds by refuting thoughts that come with the Word of God

# Giving Satan Legal Rights

- **Ephesians 4:27** not to *give place* to the devil.
  - ▣ **"Place"** means a location, home, opportunity.
  
- **Giving the Enemy Access through the following:**
- **Unforgiveness** (Hinders God from acting in your life)
- **Unconfessed sins** (Opens door for Satan to enter)
- **Unholy soul ties** (Unholy personal relationships)
- **Cursed objects** (Occult jewelry, books, idols)
- **Spoken curses** (Words spoken over your life)
- **Generational Curses** (Actions or curses of past family members)

# Marks of a Person Needing Deliverance

- A person who consistently lacks the fruit of the Holy Spirit
- A person who is often feels condemned by what they perceive as their failures usually needs deliverance, as well as a thorough understanding of the gospel which sets us free from guilt and makes us “the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- A person who testifies of being constantly harassed by evil spirits almost certainly needs deliverance from evil spirits.
- A person who despite wise counsel never seems to break free of sinful habits needs deliverance
- A person who is attracted to occultic phenomenon and somewhere has yielded to this attraction almost certainly needs deliverance.
- A person who is chronically sick and whose case doctors cannot successfully diagnose almost certainly needs deliverance from a spirit of infirmity of some kind. There may be other curses at work which must be broken also.



# Other Signs

- ☐ Obsessing about sin and can't turn it off
- ☐ Hatred of self or others
- ☐ Violence toward animals or people
- ☐ Thoughts of suicide
- ☐ Depression and Anxiety
- ☐ Uncontrollable rage
- ☐ Unfounded fear
- ☐ Sleepless nights, nightmares
- ☐ Feeling Drained and Restless
- ☐ Paranoia
- ☐ Can't read the bible
- ☐ Uncomfortable around the church (where the Spirit of God is)
- ☐ Loosing control of behaviors
- ☐ Black outs, drinking binges, drug binges
- ☐ Uncontrollable cursing
- ☐ Troubled in your spirit
- ☐ More than one distinct personality in an individual

# God the Deliverer

## □ **God has a Deliverer Mindset**

- *The Book Of Judges*

- *Judges 2:16: Then the LORD raised up judges who delivered them from the hands of those who plundered them.*

- *Israel lived in a pattern: The pattern of sin and bondage, deliverance, blessing, followed by sin and bondage again in the days of the Judges*

- **God's desire is that we be in a constant relationship of dependence on Him.**

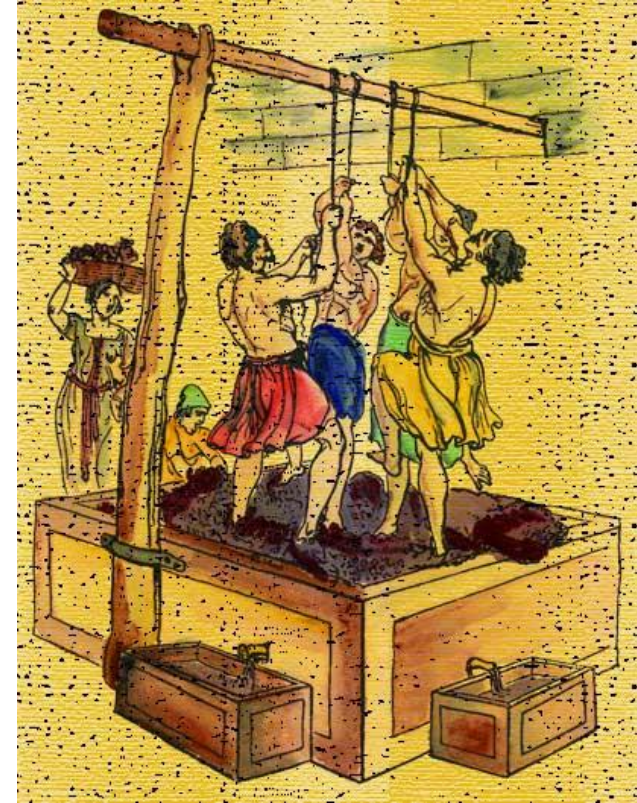
- Nevertheless, the People wanted to be “Ruled” by a King (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 8)

# What State are You In?

- Ephesians 4:11; Luke 11:26
- Most People find themselves in the following states:
  - ▣ Hard Pressed
  - ▣ Oppressed
  - ▣ Possessed or “Possessed of”
  - ▣ Flawed
- What we find ourselves “into” is due to our choices, sinful behavior, lack of trust, poor associations, personality flaws, and improper coping

# Hard Pressed, Oppressed, Possessed? Flawed

- Why Do We Suffer?
- “We are Pressed from all sides” (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor 4:8)
  - Pressed as Grapes
    - ▣ Pressed Grapes produce wine: wine represents the Spirit (new wine) Struggles strengthen the Spirit
- **We are Perplexed:** to be without resources, to be in straits, to be left wanting, to be embarrassed, to be in doubt, not to know which way to turn; to be at a loss with one's self
- We will go through trials and afflictions.
- The Famine will come: Genesis 12:10



**2 Tim 3:12: Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**

# Being Hard-pressed

- *Tests and Trials happen in life, whether you live godly or not. It's inevitable. The rain falls on the just and unjust goes both ways.*
- My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (*James 1:2*)
- God allows hard times and periods of testings not to destroy you but develop you
- During these times, we don't need more "strength" but more reliance upon God – *For His power is perfected in our weakness (2 Cor 12:9)*

# Hard Pressed Produces Stress

Poverty



Unemployment



Overworked



Crime and  
violence

Economy

Family Issues



*The Trials of Life Produces Worry, Fatigue, Anxiety, Uncertainty; Doubt, Reckless Judgment and can place a person in a weakened state, trying our faith in God and ourselves*

# Times are Tough

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:1: This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come**
  - ▣ Perilous times reflect troubles, difficulty, stressful situations; creating a dismal atmosphere that will mark the last days
  - ▣ Most of what we face today is due to the evil of mankind which has produced many social implications and societal issues
  - ▣ Men will be unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving and uncaring which affects society as a whole
  - ▣ The selfishness of our society has created so many social ills such as abortions, sexual diseases, economic stress, etc.

# Pressed, but not Oppressed

*Being hard pressed represents a time of testing and trusting; faithfulness; a time of refining your faith; Defining your character (who we really are is tested in times of adversity); Who are you going to blame or Who are you going to trust?*

*We will feel the pressures of the world due to man's rebellion and pride. This does not reflect oppression, but the afflictions of living in this world*

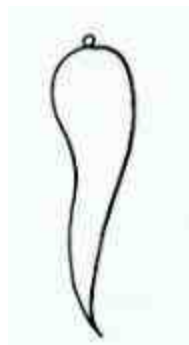


# Oppressed

- Acts 10:38: “Oppressed of the Devil”
  - ▣ Oppression is satanic
  - ▣ to exercise harsh control over one, to use one's power against one
  - ▣ *“a sense of heaviness or obstruction in the body or mind, weight down, to burden spiritually or mentally by abuse of power or authority.”*
- There is a physical oppression that a person, usually in authority exercises over another (e.g. a king) Acts 7:24, 34
- Usually spirits and sin are associated with infirmities and oppression (Matt 8:16; 10:1)
- Oppression is ungodly force or pressure upon a person's spirit that affects his body and mental state (Example: Saul 1<sup>st</sup> Sam 16:14-15 (Because of Saul's disobedience an evil spirit troubled him))
- Oppression can always be broken, no matter how serious the sin that caused it or how long it has gone on.

# Oppression

- There may be artifacts, music, jewelry, and association with witches, astrologists, palm readers, etc. that can cause an oppressive spirit to have place in your life.



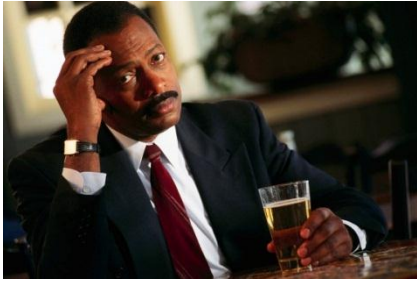
# Oppression



Oppression is caused by an entity or a person who exerts “Pressure” or harsh control over the spirit, emotional, and physical body of a person.

Oppression, and Oppressive spirits need to be dealt with spiritually. The person will need to repent if disobedience is the cause or renounce an activity or association that may have given place to oppressive spirits

# Oppression Sets in



Addictions

Rebellion



Sinful Choices

Occult

Fears

Lasciviousness

Bad Associations



Isolation



Powers of Darkness

- Opens Door to:
- Demonic, Oppressive, Spirits
  - Soul Ties
  - Infirmities
  - Generational Curses
  - Deception
  - Terrorizing Spirits

**Can Lead to Possession**

As we improperly cope with life by making sinful choices, bad associations, falling into addictions, and suffering from past hurts and actions from others, we open ourselves up to oppression from satanic forces that seeks to torture and control us (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:8)

# Personality Flaws

- Personality Flaws makes it difficult for people to minister unto to you and to help you deal with some of the things in your life.
- Many of the consequences that we experience in life could also be the result of flaws in our personality
  - ▣ Example: If you make poor money decisions and do not exercise self control, the pressure of being in debt is due to your actions and not the world or the devil
- Personality traits such as pride, anger, poor communication can hinder you from receiving deliverance and receiving ministry from others
- Many of us have learned to “Masked” the hurts and the way we are feeling inside not wanting others to know that we need help

# Facilitated by Personal Flaws

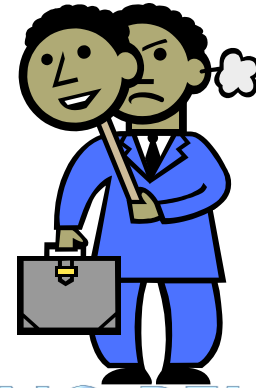


Poor Decision Making

Lack of Patience



Pride  
&  
Selfishness



MASKING BEHAVIOR



Poor Communicator



Anger Issues

# Being Possessed of God

- The key to being delivered and staying delivered is to be possessed of God
  - ▣ 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:4: Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world. (Amplified)
  - ▣ 2 Timothy 2:19: ***The Lord knoweth them that are his.***
- *Victory and Power is assured to the believer who knows that God is God and submits himself as an adopted son to the Father*

# Being Possessed of God



**Advancing  
The Kingdom**



**Being Equipped  
for Battle**

**Having Direction and Purpose**



**Cleansed  
Empowered  
Covered**



**Overcoming in all  
areas of your life**



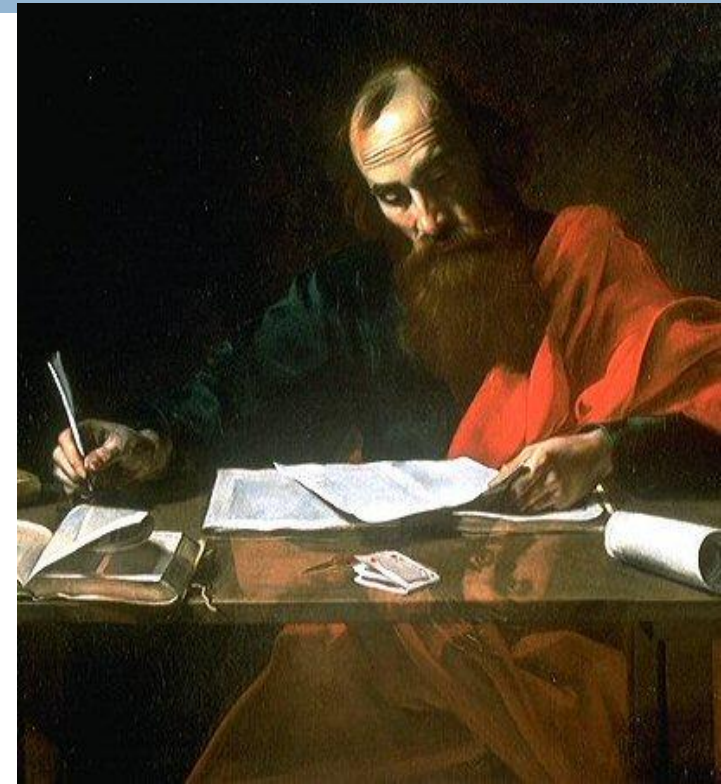
# King Saul: Flawed, Pressed, and Oppressed

- First Jewish King (Not God's Perfect Will for people)
- King for only two years and he dies a tragic death.
- Has three major character flaws (Inferiority complex, fear, and pride)
- His troubled areas and being hard pressed always led to his disobedience – “*did not endure testings*”
- Troubled by an evil spirit (**1<sup>st</sup> Sam 16**) because of his disobedience and loss of anointing (Oppression)
- Consults and fellowship with a witch (**1<sup>st</sup> Sam 28:7**)
- He is Cursed and Dies the next day for this act
- As Saul seeks the medium, he brings upon himself a curse. God said in Leviticus 20:6: *and the person who turns after mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people*



# Apostle Paul and Thorn in the Flesh

- Was allowed by God, a “Thorn in the flesh” - Something which frustrates and causes trouble in the lives of those afflicted." (Kruse)
- Messenger of Satan - Sent by God to keep Paul from being prideful after seeing a heavenly vision
- To buffet me means that this thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan, "punched" Paul. He felt that he was beaten black and blue by this messenger of Satan.
- Paul pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.
- ***When we are stressed the first thing to go is our time with God and our ministry to others***
- God's Response: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."



**2 Corinthians 12: 7-10**

***Thorn in flesh – spiritual attack  
or physical ailment?***

# Comparison

King Saul	Apostle Paul
Afflicted by an evil spirit of infirmity, distressing him	Afflicted by a messenger of Satan to buffet him and by a spirit of infirmity
Spirit came because of disobedience	God allowed to buffet Paul
Troubled by other issues such as depression, fear, pride, inferiority, comparison, etc.	Strengthened by greater revelation of the Lord
Relieved by the playing of David on the harp	God's grace was sufficient for him
Saul was not humbled by the experience and not repentant	Saul was humbled and relied on God more earnestly. He rejoiced in his infirmity
King Saul continued in disobedience until he was cursed and died in battle	Paul gained from the experience
God brought relief through David	Rather than removing the problem, God gave him grace and strength through it

# The Need for Faith

- The key to being delivered is to trust and to place ourselves in the hands of the Deliverer (Jehoshaphat: 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 20:12)
- Faith pleases God and is vital to the believer:
  - ▣ We are to live by faith
  - ▣ Feed our Faith (with the Word of God)
  - ▣ Build up our faith (Jude vs.20)
  - ▣ Increase our faith (Luke 7:5)
- Many of the maladies and struggles that we endure today stems from:
  - ▣ Lack of Faith
  - ▣ Lack of Obedience
  - ▣ Our comfort we have accepted and the attention we enjoy with our condition (Many of us like to show our “scars”)

# Spiritual Discipline through Faith in the Word

## A-C-T-S

- **A-** Affirm that God Word is True
  - ▣ Affirm – to state or assert positively; maintain as true:
  - ▣ We need to confess and believe God's Word
- **C-** Conform to the Word
  - ▣ To bring oneself into agreement and harmony through action
  - ▣ To conform oneself to a pattern
- **T-** Allow yourself to be **Transformed** by the Word
  - ▣ To be changed into another form (2 Cor 5:17 – new creature)
- **S-** Sustain yourself through the Word (Psalm 55:22)
  - ▣ To be nourished and supported

# God Wants You Free

- Christ was delivered up – for the salvation (prosperity, health, redemption, etc. ) of man
- So that we might be delivered from – the powers of darkness, sickness, disease, curses, disorders,
- So why are so many Christians delivered over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh? Because of rebellion, unbelief, and disobedience (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 5:1-5)

# God Wants You Free (John 5:1-9)

- The Man at the Pool of Bethesda
- “Waiting for the moving of the Water” – What are you waiting on to receive your deliverance?
- “Wilt thou be made whole?” – Many times we tend to focus on our condition more than the one who is able to deliver us
  - ▣ Jesus knew that not every sick person *wants* to be healed, and that some are so discouraged that they put away all hope
  - ▣ Calvin speaks well of his response: "The sick man does what we nearly all do. He limits God's help to his own ideas and does not dare promise himself more that he conceives in his mind.
  - ▣ How are you responding to God's question?
  - ▣ So much of our petition and intercession before God is hampered because we have so little idea of what we really want.
- “Arise, take up your bed, and walk”
  - ▣ Every soul has the power to do what Jesus commands

# What are we delivered from?

- Powers of darkness, evil spirits (Acts 10:38; Colossians 1:13)
- Evil people or Entities (Environments) (Galatians 1:4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 3:2)
- Sins ( and Sin Influence: Romans 6:4))
- Infirmities (e.g. sickness)
- Emotional Setbacks (Unforgiveness, Anger, Resentment)
- Trials of life (2 Peter 2:9)
- Fear (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:7)
- Financial Lack (III John 1:2)
- Generational Curses
- From the curse associated with the Law (Galatians 3:13; Romans 7:6)
- Dangers: Present and Unforeseen (2 Thess 4:17)

Deliverance from sin, rescue from trials, and escape from the influence of a world in the control of the evil one come only through Christ, the Son of God



# Rescue Me

Lord, it is my desire to be healed, delivered, set free, made prosperous, be at peace, comforted, be sound in mind, and restful in spirit.

You, God, are my deliverer and strength. Set me free from perverse and mis-directed thinking as I pull down the strongholds of fear, doubt, unbelief and believe what you have said about me, what you have in store for me as I praise you for all you have done for me.

I commit to work every day to be free and stay free by meditating and trusting in your Word, praying diligently, and praise you in song.

Thank you Father for saving me