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# STUDY 1

## **UNDERSTANDING THE NEW BIRTH**

### **Introduction:**

To become a member of a family, you are either born or adopted into it. The new birth is the way you are born and adopted into the family of God. It is a spiritual experience that transforms you from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God. It is both a spiritual and moral change. Christ lives in you by the Holy Spirit. It is so vital an experience that no one can enter into God's Kingdom without it.

### **1. What New Birth is Not:**

- a. Being religious or churchy – Act 10:1-9
- b. Keeping the law – Rom. 3:20; Gal. 2 :16-21; Acts 13:39
- c. Being Self-righteous – Isa. 64:6; Phil. 3:8-9
- d. Education and Culture – I Cor. 1:18-25
- e. Baptism – Acts 8:36-39
- f. Good works and good morals – Isa. 64:6; Acts 10:1-2,22

These things are good and important but they will not substitute for the new birth Eph 2:8-10; Titus 3:5-8

### **2. What then is New Birth?** Jn. 3:17; Jn. 1:12-13; 1 Peter 1:23; Col. 1:12-14; Eph. 2:8-18; Titus 3:5

It is a spiritual birth. Our spirit, not flesh becomes born again. Every man must undergo this second birth to receive power to become a child of God. It is the process of substituting the Adamic, that is, the sinful nature, to the nature of God, which is the nature of His Holiness.

### **3. Why is the New Birth So Important?**

The nature of Adam on any man will stand against him at the gate of heaven if not substituted, as explained earlier, before he gets there because;

- a. Man is spiritually dead and cannot obey, understand or please God. Rom. 8:6-8; Jer. 17:9; Eph. 2:3
  - b. He must be re-born if he is to "see" or "enter" the kingdom of God. John 3:3-5
  - c. Without the new birth the natural man is the child of the devil. Jn 8:44; 1 Jn 3:10
  - d. The natural man is corrupt in his affections and perverse in his will. Gal 5:19; Mk. 7: 21-23
  - e. The new birth affects our taste, habits, opinion, desire, appearance and hope. II Cor. 5:17
  - f. Through the new birth, we are raised from death of sin to life of righteousness

### **5. How Can I be Born Again?**

- a. Acknowledge that you are a sinner. – Rom 3:23; Luke 18:13-14; Ps. 51:1-19
- b. Sincerely repent of your sins - Acts 3:19; Luke 13:3
- c. Confess your sins to God – I John 1:9
- d. Forsake or turn away from your sins and old ways – Isa. 55:7; Prov.18:13
- e. Believe Him and His substitutionary sacrifice – John 3:16; II Cor. 5:21
- f. Receive Him into your heart by faith and thereafter thank God for saving you – John 1:11-12; Eph. 2:8

### **5. What are the Evidences of the New Birth?**

The following characteristics will be manifested in the believer who is born again

- a. A changed life – II Cor. 5:17

- b. Righteousness – I John 2:29
- c. Holiness – I John 5:18; 3:7
- d. Godly love – I John 4:7
- e. Overcoming life – I John 5: 4-5
- f. Witness of the spirit – Rom 8:16

6. **How Can We Live this Life Successfully?**

I Peter 2:2; Ps 119: 9-11; 5-16; 101; 103; 105-106; 112; II Cor 5: 15, Josh 1 : 8-9 Heb 10:23 giving ourselves to the study of the Word, to Prayer and constant fellowship with the brethren. We must also submit totally to Christ.

**MEMORY VERSE: II CORINTHIANS 5:17**

# STUDY 2

## **REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS HEB 6:1-2**

### **Introduction:**

This is the first fundamental doctrine of Christ in the Scripture. Nobody can lay claim to being born again without the step of genuine step of repentance.

#### **1. What does Repentance mean? Heb. 6:1-2; Acts 3:19; Luke 3:7-14**

It is a firm conscious personal decision to change from sin (obedience to the devil) to righteousness in obedience towards God. Living holy. It is not an emotion **Repentance must involve the step of:**

- a. Acknowledge the fact that you have sinned. Rom 3:23
- b. Confess your sins. I John 1:9
- c. Ask God for forgiveness and His mercy. Isa. 55:7 , Ps 51 : 1- 19
- d. Ask for Divine ability to forsake your sins. Prov. 28:13; Lk. 4: 17-18; Jn. 8:36; 14:13-14

#### **2. How important is the subject to us as believers?**

- a. Luke 3:7-14 – Genuine repentance is followed by desirable fruits of love, peace, patience, faith, etc.
- b. Mark 6:12; Luke 24:46-47 –Jesus our Lord and Master commanded us to repent and be saved
- c. Acts 2:37-39 – Peter commended it
- d. Acts 17:30-31 – Paul commended it.

Nobody can say he is born again without genuine repentance.

#### **3. What are the dead works from which we have to repent?**

I Cor. 6:9-11; Gal 5:19-21; I Thes. 1: 9; Phil 3:1-3; II Tim 3:1-9; Eph 4:25-31 – Sin, the works of the flesh, idols, empty religion and all unrighteousness are the dead works to be repented of.

#### **4. Elements of genuine repentance**

- a. Conviction – Before any sinner can repent, he must be convicted that he has urgent need to make his way right with God. Ps 14:2; 38:4; 51:3; Acts 2:37; Isa. 64:6 , Rom 3:23
- b. Godly sorrow – This comes as a consequence of conviction by the Holy Spirit. This produces repentance. II Cor 7:10
- c. Renunciation - True repentance involves grief and hatred for sin turning from it to God. Isa. 55:7; Ps 51:1-17

#### **6. Distinguish between genuine repentance and remorse**

<b>GENUINE REPENTANCE</b>	<b>REMORSE REPENTANCE</b>
Leads to salvation	Leads to death
Comes from the Spirit	Comes from emotion
Godly sorrow for sin	Regret for wrong doing
Heartfelt confession and desire to forsake sin	Shallow and transient concern about sin
Physical manifestation of holy life, thoughts and work	Turbulent life of sorrow and failure

6. **What is the result of genuine repentance?** I John 1:7-9; Rom 5:1, 8; II Cor. 5:17; Isa 30:15; Acts 3:19; Ps 51: 12-14

Cleansing with the blood of Jesus by faith, assurance of forgiveness, ability to have fruitful fellowship with God in prayer. Peace with God and man. Justification as if sins never occurred, joy of salvation; escape from the consequences of sin are part of the fruit of genuine repentance.

**CONCLUSION**

Remember, God is not mocked. Sin will always pay its full if not repented of, Gal 6:7-8; God is ready to forgive if there is a genuine repentance Ps. 86:5

**MEMORY VERSE: PROVERBS 28:13**

# STUDY 3

## ***DISCOVERING YOUR NEW SELF: PART I***

### **Introduction:**

Before Saul had his first encounter with God on the way to Damascus, he was an avowed enemy of the Lord Jesus Christ. But after the experience on the way to Damascus, he became a different person. He was commissioned and he started preaching the same gospel he had prosecuted. Acts 9:1-22 Saul (later Paul) was a servant or slave of the Law, culture and traditions but was turned to a servant of God in righteousness.

1. **Knowing who you were before salvation and now saved.**
  - a. You were a servant of sin, a child of the devil that now has been delivered from sin and its passions. Rom. 6:16-19; 7:5-6; Jn 8:24,44; I Jn3: 8
  - b. You who were being taken captive, afflicted and dehumanized at will by the devil, are now delivered totally from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. II Tim 2:26; Luke 13:11-16; Col. 1:12-14
  - c. You were once no people, alien to the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenant of promise. Now you have been made Son, in fact joint heir with the Lord Jesus Christ and thereby made entitled to all divine blessings. Rom.9: 25-26 Eph. 2:11-22; Rom. 8:17; Eph. 1:3; II Peter 1:3-4; I Peter 2:9-10
  - d. Satan rule and authority over you since you lost your first position due to sin. However, the new you is now restored back to that of the former position and you now bear rule, power, dominion and authority over Satan and his cohorts. II Tim 2:25-26; Luke 4:6; Col 1:20-22; Luke 9:1; 10:17-20; James 4:7;
  
2. **How does God see you now?**
  - a. A new person entirely whose sins have both been washed away and forgotten. II Cor. 5:17; Gal 6:15; Heb. 8:12; Rev. 1:5; I John 1:7; I John 1:7; Isa. 44: 22; Rom. 8:1; I John 5:13.  
Sins mentioned here include every manner of sin committed in the past.
  - b. As being holy and peculiar to Him. He has consequently kept you as the apple of His eye. I Peter 2:9; Titus 2:14-15; Ex. 19:5-6; Deut. 32:10; Zech 2:8; Isa. 54:15-17

### **CONCLUSION**

Your position is exactly like that of Saul mentioned in the introduction. You (put your name) were weak before, but now made strong. You were an under-dog to Satan, but now his master. You are now to bind him and secure from his hands, those he is still holding captive.

### **MEMORY VERSE: I PETER 2:9**

# STUDY 4

## ***DISCOVERING YOUR NEW SELF( PART II)***

### **Introduction:**

Now that you have, by Grace of God, become a child of God, you must now learn to live and operate successfully in your new home. This is necessary because the kind of life you were living before is a sharp contrast to your new life.

#### **1. The Immediate Things God Expects From You**

- a. Put off the old man and put on the new man(Discuss) Eph. 4:20-32; Col 3:5-10
- b. Break all diplomatic relations with the devil and his kingdom. II Cor. 6 : 14-18; Eph 5:11-12; What kind of relationships are we to break? (Discuss) Ps 1:1-6; Deut 7: 1-6; 1Cor. 15:33
- c. Purify yourself, your thought and all you have on a daily basis, in order to retain God there. I Cor. 3:16-17; Rom. 12:1-2; How can these be achieved? (Discuss) Phil 4: 8-9; I Peter 2:11; James 4:7; John 17:17; thy words have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee. Ps 119:11
- d. He expects you to have regular fellowship and unbroken personal relationship with him (Discuss) James 4:8; Thou wilt keep in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee (Jesus Christ gave us a good example) Luke 6:12; You should fellowship with other brethren at all times. Heb. 10:25; Acts 2:42-47; Ps. 133:1-3; Why is this type of fellowship very important? Ecc. 4:9-10; Matt 18: 19-20; Deut. 32:30. You must do all things in FAITH in order to please God. Gal 3:11; Rom. 1:17; Heb 11:6; Mark 11:23-24; discuss- what is Faith? Heb 11:1; How can we receive the victorious kind of faith? Rom. 10:17. Examples of victorious Faith: Rom 4:19-22; Heb 11:17-19

#### **2. The Immediate Things You Should Expect From The World**

- a. The world will hate you. Discuss why? John 15:18-19; John 17:14; Matt 5:44-48 (b) The world will persecute you, distinguish between persecution and accusation. John 15:20-21; John 16:33; II Tim 3:12
- b. The world will want to lure you into doing things of the old. James 4:7; Prob 1:10-15

**MEMORY VERSE: EPHESIANS 5:11**



# STUDY 5

## **LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE, THE TRINITY AND THE DEVIL**

### **1. THE BIBLE**

1. The Bible is the spoken word of God, authored by the Holy Spirit through the instrumentality of inspired men of old. II Tim 3:16-17; II Peter 1: 20-21; Is 55: 11
2. The Bible contain a total of sixty-six books with thirty nine in the Old Testament and twenty seven in the New Testament. (Memorize these books in the order in which they occur).
3. The Bible is the unamendable CONSTITUTION of every believer, it answers every question of life and nothing should be added or subtracted from it as it is dangerous to do so. Deut 4: 2; Rev 22: 18-19.
4. The New Testament is the fulfillment and the perfection of the Old. Matt 4: 17-19; Rom. 3:31

#### **What you expect to derive from the Bible**

- Mind of God ..... Gen. 1:1
- State of man ..... Rom. 3:24
- Way of Salvation ..... Acts 4:12; Rom.3:24
- Doom of sinners ..... Rom. 6'23, Rev. 20:15, John 3:36
- Happiness of believers ..... Luke 10:20, John 14:1-4
- Light to direct you ..... Ps. 119:105
- Comfort to cheer you ..... II Cor. 1:4

#### **Doctrines of the Bible are:**

- Holy ..... Ps. 19:7
- Binding ..... Prov. 4:20-23
- True ..... Rev. 15:3-4, Ps. 19:8
- Immutable (*Does not change and cannot be changed*)..... Heb. 6:17-20
- Cleansing ..... Jn 15 : 3
- Cannot Fail ..... Is 55 : 10-11

#### **What you benefit from the Bible**

- Heaven is opened ..... John 3:16-17
- Gates of hell disclosed..... John 3:18-19
- Christ is shown as it's grand subject ..... John 5:39
- It is designed for your good ..... Ps. 19:7-11

#### **What you should do with the Bible**

- Read it to be wise ..... Ps. 119-98-100, 104
- Read it slowly
- Frequently and prayerfully
- Belive it to be saved ..... Acts 16:31
- Practice it to be holy and have understanding..... Ps. 119:9, 100, 104
- Meditate on it successful ..... Josh 1:8, Ps. 1:1-3
- Study it to be approved of God ..... II Tim. 2:15

### **2. THE TRINITY**

Trinity means the union of Three Divine Persons; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in one Unified God head.

### **Biblical foundation of the doctrine of the trinity**

1. There are three divine Persons that bear record in heaven (I John 5:7) and there the are all one. They are: The Father, John 6:27, I Peter 1:2, Jesus Christ, John 1:1, Titus 2:13, and the Holy Spirit, Acts 5:3-4
2. The Trinity is seen at work at the creation: And God said, "Let us make man in our image after or likeness:. Gen. 1:26
3. At the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. "The Lord God said, Behold the man is become as one of us...So He (unity of Trinity) drove out the man:. Gen. 3:22-24
4. When God confounded the language of man at the Tower of Babel , "Come let us (Trinity implied) go down, and there confound their language...so the Lord scattered them...." Gen. 11:7-8
5. At the baptism of the Lord Jesus . Matt 3:12-17, Identify the members of the Trinity in this event.
6. At Benediction. II Cor. 13:14

### **3. THE DEVIL**

The Christian life is that of continuous warfare against our arch-enemy, Satan, the devil. Through the fall of man, became his possession and pawn. But when we are born again, this relationship is broken. However, Satan does not give us up easily; he fights desperately to regain us. The Bible tells us to resist the devil, fight him and give him no place in our lives. We need to know about his devices so as to know how to curb him and frustrate his counsels concerning us.

**Origin of Satan** God is the only self-existing one; not created. God created all other spiritual beings-angels, Cherubins, seraphim and also Satan (Ez. 28L13-15). Hence, like us , Satan is a created being. Col. 1:16

#### **Who is Satan?**

- Satan is a spirit and has a personality, possessing life, intelligence, will power and feeling. However, being a spirit, he does not possess a human body (neither tail nor horn). He was originally good, but fell and was cast out because of pride (1 Tim. 3:6)
- He is a thief ..... Matt. 13:19; John 10:10
- He is subtle ..... Gen. 3:1, II Cor. 11:3
- He is a murderer ..... John 8:44
- He is a liar and Father of Lies ..... John 8:44
- He is a deceiver ..... Rev. 12:10
- He is the tempter ..... Matt. 4:1
- He is the adversary..... 1 Pet 5:8
- He is the evil one ..... Matt 1:19, 38

#### **Limitations of Satan**

- Limited in Power. *He goes only as far as God permits him* ..... Job 1:10-12; 2 : 6;
- Limited in time ..... Rev. 12:12,, Matt. 8:29
- Limited in Location ..... Job 1:6-7

#### **How to deal with the devil**

- Submit yourself to God James 4:7, I Pet. 5:5-8
- Resist the devil James. 4:7
- Be sober I Pet 5:8
- Be vigilant I Pet. 5:8

### **Some Facts about the devil**

1. He was an Arch Angel in Heaven having his Angelic name as Lucifer. Is. 14:12
2. He was the leader of the Angelic Choir of God, and a guardian angel, no wonder he is leading a lot of people into perdition today through music. Exk28: 12-14\
3. He rebelled in Heaven due to pride with a part of the angels, his angels. They were fought and sent packing from heaven. IS 14:12-17, Ezk. 28:15-17; Rev. 12 : 7-9, Luke 10:18
4. HE was res ponsible for the first fall of man. Gen. 3:1-7
5. He has ever remained the tempter and the accuser of the brethren. Matt. 4:1; Rev 12 : 10
6. He made the world as a wilderness and does not have mercy on his captives. Is 14:16-17.
7. He is the author of sin, sickness and death. John 10:10
8. He will be chained and kept in the bottomless pit for 1000 years during the millennium. Rev 20:1-3. What are we to do to the devil when he tries to tempt us? James 4:7

### **MEMORY VERSE II TIM 3:16**

# STUDY 6

## **QUIET TIME**

**Quiet time** is the time set aside to meet with God. It is the time set aside to communicate with the Father through the living Word with the assistance of the Holy Spirit. It is also a time to bring our request to God in prayer. Through Quiet Time we cultivate a relationship with God. In this study, we shall also discuss how to have effective quiet time on a daily basis with God.

### **Why the need for quiet time**

1. We need God's power to cope with the daily activities. I Kings 19:7, John 15:5, Is 40:28-31
2. We pattern our lives after our Lord Jesus Christ's life by following His steps. Mt. 14:23, Mk1:35, I Pet 2:21
3. To cultivate a personal habit of worshipping the Lord and thereby help our personal devotion. I Pet. 2:2, Josh 1:8-9, Ps. 1:1-3, 95:6
4. To create a personal adjustment to the teaching of the Bible, i.e. living by the Word, reacting positively or negatively to the Bible. John. 1:21-25, Matt 4:4, I Pet. 2:2, James 1:21-25
5. To create right reaction to trials and temptations that befall us. Substance already imparted help to react. I Pet. 1:3-7, Heb. 12:10-13, James 1:2-4

### **What you require**

- a. The Holy Bible (it is advisable to have more than one version and a good reference of the Bible at your side).
- b. Hymn book/chorus book and dictionary
- c. Notebook and pen
- d. List of prayer points
- e. Aid, Daily Power, Everyday with Jesus etc.

### **Time and place of quiet time**

- a. Frequency: At least once a day. Dan. 6:10
- b. Period of the day: At an acceptable time, preferably early in the morning Mk. 1:35; Prov. 8:17; Ps. 5:3; Gen. 19:27

### **Benefits of using the morning**

1. Waking thoughts are focused on God.
2. Strength is received to meet the challenges of the day. Eph. 6:10-12
3. Place: A quiet place.
4. Durations: To be determined by the Believer such that it does not encroach on another activity for the day.

### **How to observe quiet time**

- a. Begin with a short prayer. Ps. 119:18; John 16:13-15
- b. Sing a few songs/chorus.
- c. Read slowly and meditatively through a predetermined portion of the Bible (Ps. 119:18; 105) providing answers to the following questions where applicable:
  - What is the main subject of the passage or book?
  - Who are the persons revealed in the passage?
  - Who is speaking? About who is he speaking?
  - What is the key verse(s) of the passage?

- Is there any sin for me to confess and forsake? Prov. 28:13
  - Is there any commandment for me to obey?
  - Is there any error for me to avoid?
  - Is there any promise for me to claim?
- d. **Prayer:** Intercession, thanksgiving, adoration, supplication (Phil. 4:6-8, 1Tim. 2:1-3). During the course of the quiet time, it is important that the following be done:
- I. Write down on a notebook, sins to be confessed and commandments to be obeyed.
  - II. Passages to be memorized.
  - III. Meditate on the portion read. Some of the benefits of meditation on the Word of God are: Josh. 1:8-9; Ps. 119:97
- The Word will become real to you.
  - The Holy Spirit will apply the Word of God to your life and problems.
  - The soul learns to blame itself when it detects faults and adores and loves the Lord
  - Determine to obey the Word of God. James 1:21-25; II Tim. 3:16-17
  - List out areas which the Word of God has touched you and pray on each of them.

#### **Methods of Bible study during quiet time**

- By chapters
- By topics
- By paragraphs
- Through biography
- By verses
- Study outlines, e.g. Daily Bread
- By books
- Everyday with Jesus

The methods suggested are not exhaustive. Use all the Bible study methods available to avoid monotony.

#### **Benefits of quiet time:**

- a. Provides an opportunity for the soul to linger in the presence of God, laying your innermost being before Him.
- b. Entering a reverent and affectionate yet fruitful conference with Him. It creates an atmosphere where God speaks to you and you speak back to Him.
- c. Working knowledge of the Bible.
- d. Desire to know God and to do His will.

#### **How Does God Speak to us**

1. By His Word Ps. 119:105; Heb. 1:1
2. By Dream Joel 2:28; Job 33:14-16; Gen. 31:11; 37:5-7
3. By Vision Acts 10:3; Joel 2:28; Isa. 6:1-4
4. The Still Small Voice I Kings 19:12
5. Inward Witness Prov. 20:27; I Cor. 2:11
6. Audible Voice Acts 10:13; I Sam. 3:4
7. Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, e.g. prophecy, word of wisdom, word of knowledge etc. I Cor 14 : 3-4; II Pet 1 : 19-21; Deut 18 : 20-21

**Obstacles to effective quiet time** Discuss possible obstacles to a fruitful quiet time--Haste, disturbance, bad planning, laziness, over-eating, monotony due to using one method of study.

## **CONCLUSION**

A fruitful and consistent quiet time brings out a balanced spiritual development in at least three different areas:

- **Healthy and fruitful Bible Knowledge:** Ps. 119:9-12, 105; Eph. 3:13-17; II Tim. 2:15; Ps. 19:8; Hos. 4:6
- **Fruitful Prayer Life:** Pr. 28:9; 15:8, 29
- **An enviable Christian character:** Mt. 5:16; I Pet. 3:2; Phil. 3:20; I Pet. 3:15-20

**MEMORY VERSE: I PETER 2:2**

# STUDY 7

## **TEACHING ON BAPTISM: THREE BAPTISMS FOR TRUE BELIEVERS**

### **Introduction:**

This very important study will look into three types of baptisms every believer must undergo. These are the baptism into Christ and His body, baptism in Water, otherwise known as Water baptism and lastly the **Holy Spirit Baptism**.

A. **Baptism Into Christ and His Body** What does it mean to be baptized into Christ? Discuss. I Cor 12:13, Gal. 3:27, Eph. 4:5, I Cor. 10:17.

B. **The Water Baptism**

1. **Identify the scriptural evidence and mode of water baptism.** Matt. 3:6-17, Acts 8 : 12,38; Acts 16:33, Acts. 18:8 **Why water baptism must be by immersion:** Note the key ingredients for qualification for baptism as clearly stated in these verses. 1. Believe the word of God. 2. Believe on the name of Jesus Christ as your savior, 3. You must confess your sins and repent. 4. Thereafter your life must manifest the fruit of repentance, not serving sin. 5. The overall benefit is that you will not face the coming wrath of God nor burn in the unquenchable fire.
  - a. The word baptism in Greek is "Baptizo" which means submerge or immerse
  - b. It expressed the reality of burial with Christ ( Rom. 6:1-7)
  - c. Bible references indicate it being carried out by and in the river. (Mt.3: 6, 13) However, as the name suggests and as could be inferred from Rom. 6: 4, it is important that it be done by submerging the total body of the one being baptized in water, be it a river, pond, stream or any water containing receptacle large enough for the purpose.
2. **The importance and/or significance of water baptism:**
  - a. It is an outward symbol of an inward reality - genuine conversion.
  - b. It is a symbol of identification with the death , burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom. 6:3-6)
  - c. It is an open declaration of separation form the world
  - d. It is to follow the example of the Lord Jesus Christ in fulfilling all righteousness. Mat. 3:3-15; I Pet. 2:21
  - e. It is to follow the example of the Lord Jesus Christ in fulfilling all righteousness. Matt. 3:3-15, I Pet. 2:21.
3. **In whose name should water baptism be carried out?**

We are to be baptized in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The Minister of God is the agent of this type of Baptism. Mt 28 : 19
4. **How appropriate or scriptural is infant baptism? Discuss.**

(acts. 8:12). The scripture demands repentance toward God and faith towards Christ (Acts 20:21) has basic conditions for Water Baptism and no child can do this until he is matured enough to understand what to do to be saved.
5. **Water baptism is a command**

it is not optional so long as a believer remains alive after conversion. Mark 16:16

D. **Baptism with the Holy Spirit**

1. **The regenerating work of the Holy Spirit** is different from His work baptism. In regeneration, there is impartation of the divine life or nature of God ( II Cor 5 : 17, Rom. 8:10-11, Rom. 6: 18,22) effective Christian service Rom 6:4, Lk. 24: 49, Acts 1:4-5, 8, 3:1-7, Gal. 4:22-26.
2. **What is the immediate outward sign of th Holy Spirit Baptism?** Act. 2:4, Act 10:44-46, Acts 19:6, Gal 5:22-26
  - a. It give power for effective and result-oriented Christian service. Acts 1:8, 2:4-41, 3:1-9, 4:13-22
  - b. It imparts boldness for service. Acts 2:1-14, Acts 4;31, Prov. 28:1.
  - c. At regeneration and at the Holy Spirit baptism, we have Him as the Resident and "President".
3. **Who should receive this baptism and when? Discuss** Mark 1:16, Acts 8:12, Acts 2:38, Lk. 11:9-13, Act 5:32 Every obedient child of God.
4. **Who the agent of baptism in this case?** Luke 3;16 The Lord Jesus Christ

**MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 6:4**



# STUDY 8

## **PERSONAL EVANGELISM**

### **Introduction:**

Personal Evangelism is the person to person sharing of the gospel message with the aim of leading the individual to Christ. There is no greater joy than seeing a soul coming to Christ. Moreover, the Bible says, "he that winneth a soul is wise" (Pro. 11:30). One of the primary reasons we are still alive after we received Christ is to be fishers of men (Matt. 4:19).

1. **What is Evangelism and its pre-requisites?** Matt. 28:18-20; Lk 24:47, I Tim.1:15; Rom. 1:16; I Jn. 4:8.
2. **(a) Why must we win souls?** Eze 33:7-9, 11; Mk. 16:15-16; Matt. 28:19-20; Jn. 15:16; 14:6; 20:21-23.  
**(b) Why is it urgent?** Jn. 4:35-38; Matt. 9:36-37
3. **How long does it take after new birth to witness?** Jn. 1:40-42; 4:25-30, 39
4. **How often and where should a Christian witness?** Acts 5:42; 20:20; II Tim. 4:2  
**(a) What are the result of these?** Acts 6 : 7; 19 : 10; II Cor 5 : 15-21
5. **What things make for effective Personal Evangelism?** Ps. 126:5-6; Matt. 10:16; I Cor. 13:1-3; Lk. 9:5-55; II Cor. 5:14; I Tim. 2:1-4
6. **(a)** Discuss practical problems that are likely to be encountered in Personal Evangelism.  
**(b)** What rewards await a faithful Christian witness? I Thess. 2:19; Dan. 12:3; II Tim. 4:7-8; Jn. 15:1-2, 7-8.

### **CONCLUSION**

This study is not just a theory; something in anticipation of an examination. It is not the hearer only that will be justified but the doer of the Word. Start personal evangelism after this study.

### **MEMORY VERSE PROVERBS 11:30**

# STUDY 9

## **CHRISTIAN CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE (PART 1)**

### **Introduction:**

In societies, organizations and countries, there are rules and regulations governing the members, staff and nationals of each grouping or whoever finds him or herself in any of the groupings. So also in the Kingdom of God there are rules and regulations governing every child of God. In a nutshell, a child of God is expected to conduct himself in conformity to the Bible standard, i.e. how a Christian should behave is contained in the Bible and no where else. Also many Christians accept the gift of God's free grace, but then they do not bear fruit due to Lack of Obedience and discipline. God isn't going to pour His power into a vessel that leaks because of undisciplined living. In this study, we shall be examining what the Bible says about the following and discuss what a believer should do concerning them.

**Malice:** Malice can be defined as having a desire to harm others, or ill will. To this effect, malice is an aberration to any child of God, therefore, put it away. Eph. 4:31-32, lay it aside, I Peter 2:1, put it off Col. 3:8. Restore relationship immediately with anyone with whom you have been keeping malice.

**Strife:** This involves contending or struggling with people opposing views. At times hot and abusive words are exchanged. However, we should not allow issues to degenerate into this state or be influenced by the spirit of strife II Tim 2 : 14,24-25; Phil 2: 3. Strife leads to uncontrollable situations Prov 17 : 14; 26 : 17. It is an honor for a man to desist from strife Prov 20: 3; Titus 3 : 9. The example of Jesus Christ should be followed, who did nothing through strife or vain glory and at the end of his ministry here on earth, God highly exalted Him and gave Him a name which is above every name Phil 2 :3-11. If the spirit of strife is still operating in you, then you are still carnal I Cor 3 : 3; I Cor 6 :6. Therefore, renounce it, rebuke it and cast it out of your life.

**Anger:** The spirit of anger and bad temper is a destructive spirit, hence cease from it (Ps. 37:8). Foolish decisions are often taken when in this state (Prov. 14:17), be slow to anger, James 1:19. A controllable spirit is better (Prov. 16:32; Prov. 19:11). An angry man is a foolish person (Ecc. 7-9). Take things easy, and repent today.

**Unforgiveness:** This evil called unforgiveness is a cankerworm militating against a lot of believers. It can also hinder prayers (Mk. 11:25-26; Matt. 18:23-35). Forgive one another, even as God for Christ's sake has for given you (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13). Ask God for a forgiving spirit today.

**Cruelty:** This is a state of showing indifference to another's suffering or causing a person to suffer. Some believers still manifest the spirit of cruelty and wickedness at home or at work and this should not be. Cruelty bounced back Prov. 11:17. Let not mercy depart from you Prov. 3:3; Micah 6:8; Matt. 5:7; Lk. 6:36.

**Gloominess:** This is being in a state of depression, wearing a dull, dismal or dejected face and always frowning. It is also having a feeling of sadness and hopelessness Prov. 15:13; Prov. 17:22. Gloominess is a defect of character and should never be equated with Godliness. Rejoice Ps. 33:1; 97:12; Phil. 3:1, 4:4.

### **CONCLUSION**

Any believer that still harbors one or more of the above ugly dispositional flaws shall be unfruitful and shall never be a vessel meet for the Lord's use. Such unsaintly nature only succeed in keeping unbelievers away from the gospel, and continued growth in the knowledge of our Lord.

### **MEMORY VERSE I CORINTHIANS 14:40**

# STUDY 10

## **CHRISTIAN CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE PART II**

A dictionary defines "discipline" as the training of the mind and body to produce self-control, orderliness, obedience and capacity for co-operation. Conduct is simply defined as "behavior". In the army, a soldier is expected to be disciplined and to follow the code of conduct of the profession, so also a Christian as a soldier of Christ (II Tim. 2:3-4) is expected to be disciplined and to behave himself in conformity to the Biblical standard (Rom. 12:1-2). Some aspects of Christian discipline and conduct shall be examined in this study. **Christian Discipline** practically discuss how a Christian should discipline himself in the following aspects of life.

- a. **Use of Tongue:** Jam. 1:25-26; 3:2, 6-13; Rom. 12:14; Matt. 5:34-37. We must learn to bridle our tongue and utter with it only things which glorify God. Swear and curse not with it and in the Law Court, we can affirm our words instead of swearing.
- b. **Moderation in all things:** (Eating, sleeping, dressing, spending, etc.) Phil. 4:5; Prov. 23:21; Phil. 3:19; Prov. 20:13; I Tim. 2:9; Deut. 22:5.
- c. **Debt of :**
  - (I) **Money** Rom. 13:7-8; Deut. 28:13-14
  - (II) **Promise or vow** Ps. 105:7-10; Ecc. 5:2-5; Numb. 30:2
  - (III) **Time** Ecc. 3:1-8; 9:10
  - (IV) **Preaching the gospel** I Cor. 9:16-17; II Tim. 4:1-2; Rom. 1:16
- d. **Punctuality at meetings, self-control, orderliness at meetings:** I Cor. 14:40.
- e. **Diligence in Work:** Prov. 22:29; Ecc. 9:10; I Thess. 5:16-18, 22; Lk. 18:1; II Tim. 4:2,5; Prov. 24:30-31
- f. **Respect for one another especially elders, ministers and leaders in the church.** I Tim. 5:1-2, 17; Heb. 13:17; Lev. 19:32
- g. **Respect for parents and the law of the land.** Eph. 6:1-3; Matt. 15:4; I Pet. 2:13-17; Rom 13:1-10; Titus 3:1 Prov. 20:20, 30:17
- h. **Rebellion especially against church leaders.** Num. 16:1-35; Heb. 13:17; Josh. 1:16-18; I Pet. 2:9-24
- i. **Going to dancing halls, cinema halls, revellings, etc.** II Tim. 2:19-24; I Thess. 5:22; I Pet. 4:1-6; Eph. 5:11-12. Attempt not to go where God cannot go with you.

### **CONCLUSION**

By doing things "decently and in order" in the Church, holiness will surely be reflected in the body of Christ. Our salvation takes us away from certain behaviors and connects us with the life of Him that was from God.

### **MEMORY VERSE PHILLIPPIANS 4:5**

**Homework:** Read Isaiah 58:1-14 against next study. Discuss the abuse of fasting in vs. 3-5.

# STUDY 11

## **BIBLICAL FASTING AND PRAYER**

### **Introduction**

The Biblical fasting is imperative for the members of the body of Christ. It is essential, among other things, to deal with the flesh, that fallen nature, which is still much around to prevent us from prospering in the things of the spirit. Apostle Paul said "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection..." (I Cor. 9:27).

- A. **What is fasting?** Fasting means abstinence and Biblical fasting means abstaining from food and drink (depending on the duration) for a period. This fasting is a voluntary act of denying ourselves of things that give us pleasure with a view to suppress the flesh and uplift the spirit. Fasts could be divided as follows:
- **Absolute Fast:** means abstinence from both food and water. It is advisable not to exceed three days.
  - **Total Fast:** Abstinence from food only. Water may be taken.
  - **Partial Fast:** One meal/fruit may be taken in 24 hours. Water may be taken.
- B. **Who should fast?**
- Individual believer II Sam. 12:16; Matt. 6:16-18
  - Group of believers Acts 13:1-3
  - A whole nation Jonah 3:5-9; Esther 4:15-17
- C. **What fasting is set to Achieve, Isa. 58:6-14 (please note that the list below is not exhaustive)**
1. To loose the bands of wickedness (vs.6)
  2. To undo the heavy burdens (vs.6)
  3. To let the oppressed go free (vs.6)
  4. To break every yoke (vs.6)
  5. To give bread to the hungry (vs.7)
  6. To restore the poor (vs.7)
  7. To clothe the naked (vs.7)
  8. Not to hide from relative who need your help (vs.7)

All these could be summarized in James 1:27. It should be pointed out here that whether or not you are fasting, you are expected to lead a life of daily practical holiness. I Peter 1:15-16

- D. **Other advantages of fasting**
0. It puts down our flesh and increases our spiritual capacity, strength and awareness. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength..." Is. 40:31; Ps. 35:13
  1. It makes clearer the purpose of God in your situation as you become more receptive in the spirit. Act 9:8-9
  2. You possess keener perception of divine things and clarity of thought.
  3. Fasting helps to kindle and develop faith. Through fasting, spiritual fire is kindled and faith operates well
  4. It helps break the power of Satan, and brings about deliverance and healing. Mark 9:28-29
  5. It improves your prayer life tremendously. Luke 11:9-11
  6. It enhances continuous flow of anointing
- E. **When do we fast?**
0. When asking for divine secrets. Dan. 9:3, 20-22, 10:2-3
  1. When in danger. Acts 27:21-25; Jonah 1:17; 2:1
  2. When taking a crucial decision. Ester 4:15-16
  3. When sick and needs deliverance. II Chro. 7:14
  4. When preparing for a great task, revival, evangelism, missionary work etc. Matt. 4:13; Act 13:3-5
  5. When asking God for intervention. Neh. 1:3-4; II Chro. 20:3-10
  6. When interceding for other people. Dan. 9:3
  7. We fast so that our spirit will readily be alive when God speaks. Acts 13:2-4
- F. **How to operate in Biblical fasting**
0. The one who is fasting needs to be very close to God, seeking His face in prayers and supplication for the duration of the fast. And as already mentioned, there must be abstinence from food and/or drinks.

1. Where the fast goes beyond three days, it is not medically advisable to continue without water. Such drinking water should be pure, and of adequate quantity.
2. When the person fasting needs to undertake some heavy task and undertake long distance journeys, other liquid drinks will be advisable.
3. The duration of a fast should be a covenant between you and God and the purpose must be very clear, or else, the fast may be a waste of time, a hunger strike, or dieting.
4. During periods of fasting, those who are married must be like those who are not, that is abstaining from sexual relationship. I Cor. 7:5
5. There must be concerted prayers, adequate meditation on the Word and listening distinctly to the Holy Spirit for the duration for the fast.
6. When the days are fulfilled, withdrawing from fast should be done with all caution and discipline. You need to exercise more self-control than when you were fasting so that your health is not impaired.
7. Remember to Pray before you end the fasting - very important!

**G. What Fasting does to your health**

0. Medical science tells us that fasting is excellent for good health building, the digestive system should be given periodical rest.
1. Overweight and obese people are advised to eat wisely in order to reduce weight. However, biblical fasting is not for above reasons.

**H. What fasting does not achieve**

0. It does not bribe God, Duet 32:4. Therefore when we fast, we depend on God's grace and promises Esther 4:16
1. It does not replace true repentance from sin. Gal. 6:7-8. It is better for us to confess and forsake our sins before starting to fast so as to get God's attention
2. Prov. 28:13. You do not fast to loose weight. You may loose weight during a fast but this should never be your goal for fasting unto God. However this does not mean that you would not opt to abstain from food or cut down on the amount for the purpose of loosing weight as you desire.

**CONCLUSION**

Apostle Paul declared that he was "in fasting often" II Cor. 11:27. Every believer should endeavor to have the one day duration fast, at least, once every week and other higher duration as the Spirit leads and/or situation dictates. Do nothing to indicate to people you are fasting if you desire a reward from it. Matt. 6:16-18

**MEMORY VERSE MARK 9:29**

# STUDY 12

## **DIVINE HEALING**

### **Introduction**

Our God is the Almighty one and His knowledge of us can be likened to that of a manufacturer of an engine who knows all intricacies of the engine. As the Chief Architect of our nature and/or the manufacturer of all parts of our body, (Ps 139:13-16) He knows what to do to any part that falls out of harmony at any point in time. He wants to heal us, we only limit His power if we deny His healing power today. We need His healing touch today more than as obtained during Christ's like ministry and the apostolic age. Psalms 103:3-4 says... who healeth ALL thy Diseases...

- A. **The original state of man** The Bible in Psalms 139:14 says we are fearfully and wonderfully made. God looked and considered the work He has just created and certified and pronounced that, "it was very good" (Gen. 1:31). God originally created man perfect; no ailment, no disability, no disease and no sickness. In His own perfect image created He man (Gen. 1:27)
- B. **The sources of illness**

The maxim that there is "no curse without cause" is very relevant to our point of consideration here since there is as well no sickness without source. Some sources of illnesses are:

1. **Sin:** Man was tempted, sinned and fell in the Garden of Eden Gen. 3:1-6; since God could no longer dwell in man because of indwelling sin, the original state of perfection was lost Ps 139:16. The presence of sin in man implies the presence of the devil and his works and that means problems, woes, sickness, afflictions, etc. since he, the devil, is the author of them all and there is nothing good in him. Job 1:8-22; 2:6-10; Jn. 10:10; Lk. 13:14-17. Is God aware of this? Certainly Yes. Ps 139:16; and He made provision for our restoration and set in motion from the beginning the process of our regaining perfection by dealing and destroying the root cause of our fall. I Jn 3:8; Col 1:27-28; Eph 4:11-13
2. **Malnutrition:** Poor health due to inadequate intake of balanced diet.
3. **Over-eating:** Overworking the systems of the body will break them down Prov. 23:21. Here, overeating (gluttony) is likened to drunkenness. Also, overeating of certain types of food could cause illness for instance intake of excess fat and vitamins have been associated with some diseases. God forbade his people from eating fat and blood Lev.7:25
4. **Curses and demonic attack:** Luke 13:16; Acts 13:9-11
5. **Other sources** can be through overwork, sleeplessness, restlessness, over-anxiety and worries. Prov. 17:22, 15:13.

### **C. Healing in Jesus name**

Our Lord Jesus Christ died and rose again to guarantee us perfect redemption. Part of the redemption package is our good health and power over sickness and disease Ill John 2; Is. 53:4-5; Matt. 8:17; I Pet. 2:24; Lk 9:1-2. By redemption, we have been brought back to our former position. However, because we lost that position to Satan, he is not going to let go easily unless we send him packing by violence! (Matt 11:12).

### **Ways of receiving our healing**

1. Prayer by the sick person James 5:13, 16; Jn 14:13-14; Phil 2:9-11. Nothing hinders the devil from trying you with a sickness and nothing stops you from rejecting his offer and dispatching it back to him with the speed of the Spirit of the Lord and the name Jesus. When you are ill, check your life for sin. Confess and repent of it if there is sin, and thereafter pray a prayer of healing for yourself and the result will amaze you if you do all things by faith. II Kings 20:3-5

2. By united or communal prayer of two or more brethren. Matt 18:19; James 5:16. This is why you need to belong to a Church near you.
3. By laying hands on the sick person. Mark 16:17-18; Acts 9:17-18; Acts 28:8-9. This must be done with caution. Ensure you have consecrated your life and you are living holy before laying hands on the sick. II Cor 8:5; Rom 12:1; 6:13.
4. Anointing the sick with oil and prayer of faith by elders (in the faith of the church). James 5:14-15, There should be no unscriptural ceremonies like ritual washing, burning candles, holy water, putting on of cross, etc. The Bible says the prayer of faith and nothing else. Mark 5:25-29.

#### **D. How to keep your healing and remain healthy**

1. You must be born again Jn. 3:3-7; 16, 36. Note that healing is the children's bread
2. After salvation, you must live in obedience. Touch no sin anymore. Deut. 7:12, 15; Is. 1:18-20; Jn 5:14; James 4:7.
3. Worship God continually in spirit and in truth. Jn. 4:24.
4. Fast and pray often. Is 58:6, 8.
5. When Satan tries you with illness, confess what the word of God says about your healing and claim the promises. Confess strength at all times and not weakness. I Cor 3:16-17; Joel 3:10.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The realm at which divine healing is operated is the realm of dominion. God wants to take you there. To seek refuge at the doctors pharmacy at every appearance of illness is not sinful but indicates you are still far from where God wants you to be. Develop strong faith against sickness today based on the Word of God and you will in no time find yourself walking in the realm of dominion. Call upon God first when any form of illness strikes because He is the Great Doctor. If nothing else, ask that He grants the Doctors wisdom and insight to help you, so that they would not misdiagnose your illness nor threaten you with the wrong medicine or dosage. God works through them because he created the profession. He also directs and teaches them.

#### **MEMORY VERSE I PETER 2:24**

# STUDY 13

## **RESTITUTION AND HOLY MARRIAGE**

### **Introduction**

This study will take us through different topics. They are very vital and should be well understood by every believer who wants to live a successful Christian life.

1. **What is restitution?** What is restitution and how do we retribute? Lev. 6:1-7; Prov. 28:13; Acts 24:16; Restitution involves restoring to the owners, all things taken by falsehood; confessing all lies told and bringing all those we have deceived, one way or the other, to the true picture of things.
2. **Christ righteousness is our garment** Will it be right to refer to believers as sinners based on Romans 3:23? Discuss Is. 54:17; Rom. 10:4; I Cor. 1:30; II Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9. Paul in Gal. 2:20 says (paraphrased), "It is no longer I that liveth, but Christ that liveth in me." This is applicable also to all believers. We have been bought with a price and we are no longer of our own and because we are no more of our own, we start to enjoy the righteousness of Him who owns us, i.e. God.
3. **Holy marriage:**
  - a. Name the elements of undefiled marriage. What do you feel about little romance and maybe little sex during courtship? Discuss exhaustively. Heb. 13:4
  - b. What is the sound and Bible approved way of getting engaged as believers: I Sam. 16:7; Gen. 24:1-4; No marriage must be contracted with unbelievers. Also we must seek God's face concerning His choice of a believer for us. Sam 16:7, God will not enter into our won program concerning marriage. We instead come into His own plan for us if only to avert troubles in the future. God hates divorce Mal. 2:14-16.

**MEMORY VERSE : ISAIAH 1: 19**



# STUDY 14

## **TITHES, OFFERINGS AND VOWS**

### **Tithes in the Church**

Tithe is one tenth or ten percent of your total or gross income. It belongs to God. Mal. 3:8-12

#### **A. Why do we pay tithes**

1. God through Moses ordained that all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or fruit of the land be given to God. Lev. 27:30-32
2. God commanded us to bring our tithes into His storehouse. Mal 3:8-11

#### **B. How do we pay our tithes**

We must bring it into the house of God promptly and cheerfully with all our heart and gratefulness to God. Pay the tithe to the church where the whole truth is preached.

#### **C. Benefits of tithing**

- I. God will rebuke the devourer for your sake. Mal. 3:10
- II. God will open the windows of heaven and pour His blessings more than you can accommodate. Mal. 3:1

Unfaithfulness in the area of tithing can make a believer to lose lots of God's blessing, because he is stealing from God directly.

**Offering:** Throughout the bible, God encouraged us to bring offerings to Him which is different from the tithes. Today we do not bring Sin, Burnt, Guilt offerings because Jesus has done it all for us. However we still bring thanks offering. It is an expression of gratitude to our God. More so, He is honored. Ps 50:23

1. God honors those who honor him: I Sam. 2:30, Ps 50:14
2. The Lord said "No one is to appear before me empty handed. Ex 23:15, Ex 34:20
3. Offer acceptable thanks offering unto the Lord Lev. 22:29
4. Give to the Lord that which is the Best an offering without defect Lev 22:17-25. Offer whatever you have for the Lord willingly without grudge. Lev 22:19, I Chron 29:6-17, II Cor. 9:6-8
5. Give generously. II Cor. 9:6-8; Lk 6 : 38, Gal 6 : 7-9, Prov 11: 24
6. Be wise, obey God. Ex. 35:10

**Vow:** It is a voluntary promise to God to perform some service or give/do something pleasing to Him in return for some hoped for benefits. For example, Jacob vowed to the Lord: Gen. 28:20-22

1. When you vow you decide what you will give to the Lord Lev 27:2
2. Do not be careless when you vow unto God. Pay what you vowed for our God is a no nonsense God and will still require it of you Ecc. 5:2-6; Ps 66:13-14
3. It is better not to vow than to vow and not pay: Ecc 5:5 Num 30:2
4. When you vow and pay, God will Deliver you in your day of trouble, and will cut off your oppressors if you call on Him Ps 50:14-15; Ps 76:11-12

**MEMORY VERSE: Gal. 6:7-9**

# STUDY 15

## **DELIVERANCE INTRODUCTION**

**Definition:** Deliverance is setting free, John 8:32: Expelling of demons, Breaking of yokes, Is. 10:27; Ez. 34:27. Removing curses. Loosing of bonds Luke 10:19.

There are four different types of deliverance mentioned in the Bible:

1. **Deliverance from sin** Col. 1:13-14
2. **Deliverance from the flesh** I Cor. 9:27
3. **Deliverance from troubles** Jobs 5:19
4. **Deliverance from demons** Matt. 8:16; I John 3:8

This study will focus on deliverance from demons; how they come in, how to obtain our deliverance and how to stay delivered God said that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 6:19,20) but the devil's desire is to seek to invade the body of man. The Triune man (spirit, soul and body) must be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### A. **How demons gain access to man**

Demons cannot just decide to possess or oppress a man without cause Prov. 26:2; Covenants, curses and sins give demons legal authority over the life of a person or nation.

1. **Covenant:** This is an agreement between two or more parties. It could be holy or demonic. Any violation will always attract some form of penalty. Types of covenants include: blood covenant Gen. 17:10; I cor. 11:25, peace covenants Josh. 9:14-15 marriage covenants Mal. 2:14, oaths covenant Gen. 31:48-53
2. **Curses:** This is often the result of violating the articles of a covenant or the **result of sins against God's laws.** Gen. 3:14-19; Josh. 6:26; II Sam. 21:1-2; Mal. 1:12-14; 2:1-2; 3:8-10; Gen. 35:16-19

#### **Who can Curse?**

- o Self. I Kings 2:30-31; Gen. 27:13
- o God. Deut 28:15
- o Those in authority, e.g. leaders, parents, husband, pastors. Gen. 49:3-7; 31:32; 35:16-18 II Kings 2:23-24

#### **Examples of Curses**

- o Rebekah on herself. Gen. 27:13
- o Joshua on Wall of Jericho. Josh. 6:26
- o Saul on Jonathan. I Sam. 20:20-31
- o Elisha on the children. II Kings 2:23-24
- o Curse on Judah. Gen 38:1- end
- o Curse on Esau. Mal. 1:3-5

3. **Sin:** There are three major doorways of sin that give Satan the authority to cause havoc in the lives of people.
  - a. **Inheritance and relational disguises**

Ex. 20:2-5; II Cor. 6:14 Just because a person is born or married into particular family may qualify him or her for demonic influences. I Kings 16:30-31; II Chr. 21:1-6; 18-20; II Chro. 24:1-2

- b. **Occult involvement:**  
Lev. 19:28, 31; Lev. 21:5; Deut. 14:12. All forms of idolatry-incisions ceremonial baldness, seeking protection and healing outside Christ, II Cor 10:3-6, James 5:13,16 house warming rituals, seeking for children, masquerade involvements, traditional dances, occult meditation, devilish symbols, psychics, astrology, necklaces, books (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> books of Moses, etc.) Rosicrusianism, Jehovah Witness, Mormons, Olumba-Olumba Obu, Christian science, AMORC, Aladura (Angel worship) Col. 2:18, special names Deut. 29:29, sacrifices Heb. 10:1-4,26; visions and prophesies II Tim 4:1-5 Deut. 13:1-5, bathing with holy water as against water baptism. James 5:13, 16
- c. **Sexual sins:** I Cor 3:16-17 I Cor 6:13-20, Lev 18:1-30. Fornication, adultery, prostitution, pornography, x-rated movies, sexual perversion, masturbation, lesbianism, homosexuality etc. Rom 1:18-32
- d. **Others : Lev 19: 1-37, 20 : 1-25; Duet 28 : 1-68**

#### B. **Who needs deliverance**

Everybody under demonic influence needs deliverance. The activity of demons could manifest in several ways. Family-line tragedies, repeated or regular tragedy, sexual immorality, stagnancy in life, rejection, unwarranted miscarriages, abnormal dreams, abnormal development of one or more of the senses, emotional imbalance (resentment, envy, jealousy, hatred, depression, procrastination poor memory, etc. ) addiction (certain food, sex, etc ), speech perversion ( lying, exaggeration, back-biting, etc), certain physical disorders, consultation of the psychics, witchcraft, occultism and religious perversion, knighthood.

- C. **Methods of deliverance** Acts. 3:6, I Pet 1 : 18-19; Heb 2 : 14; Mark 9 : 29; Luke 4: 40-41; I Sam. 16: 23, Praising God, using the Word of God, anointing with oil, using the name of Jesus, sometimes fasting, speaking in tongues, etc. Note that it is important to let the Holy Spirit Guide you when ministering deliverance.
- D. **How can one be delivered ?**

Be born again Jn 3 : 3-5; forgive others Mk 11 : 25-26, repent Lk 13: 3; do not hold on to occult symbols/objects/Talismans etc; renounce every agreement/commitment/relationship or Trust on these. Confess your deliverance with your mouth in the name of Jesus Christ Gal 3: 13; 5 : 1; Matt 12 : 43-45; Jn 5: 14; II Tim 2 : 15; Josh 1 : 8; I Pet 1 : 13-15; Deut 18 : 9-10; Rev 12 : 11; I Jn 4 : 18; Col 3 : 16; Acts 1 : 8; I Cor 14 : 15; Heb 10 : 25; Matt 28: 10-20 Live a holy life, avoid all old habits, keep off from occultic practices, confess your deliverance always, study the Bible always, pray all the time, fellowship with Christians, preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone, testifying of God's goodness to you to anyone who listens to you.

#### **CONCLUSION**

This study is not exhaustive in any way concerning this subject. Nevertheless, whatever the affliction you are going through, today is the day of your deliverance! Let it be so in Jesus name. Amen

#### **MEMORY VERSE: OBADIAH 1: 17**