

Day 11- Christians in Bondage

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Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

The Bible tells us that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but of spirits and principalities in high places...we are wrestling against demons, and yes, they are as real as you and I are! However, they are already defeated. It's up to every believer to get these demons off of our backs and the backs of our loved ones. They are not going away just because we want them to!

Unfortunately, when we accept Christ as our Savior, the stuff that we had in our lives (lying, stealing, cheating, smoking, drinking, adultery, fornication...and the list goes on and on...) does not go away automatically. And, some of us have walked with these spirits for so long that they have squatter's rights. They are not going away just by talking about it. Some have to be forcibly removed from our lives. So what do we seek after? Deliverance. The freedom that is ours to claim because we are children, sons and daughters, of the most high God! Christ broke every chain that held us bound...we just have to accept HIS deliverance and declare that we are FREE!

So this day, pray for your deliverance and that of your children and any other family members who may be exhibiting signs of bondage. And we have the assurance that the Lord gives us in Psalm 34:4 - *I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. And then there is John 15:7 which says...If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

We don't have to be in bondage to anything or anyone, except our Lord. And you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free! John 8:32. Freedom is ours because Christ paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

Let us pray...

Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask that you forgive us for our sins. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness as we bow before your throne. We praise you, oh God, for who you are. We magnify your name and give you all honor and glory.

Father, we pray for those who have been blinded by the enemy and are caught in the clutches of sin. All sin is reprehensible in your sight and we seek your forgiveness. We ask Father that you teach us how to love the sinner without condemnation and judgement. For we realize that we have all sinned and come short of your glory.

Father, you said in your Word that it is not your desire that any should be lost in their sin. Please send someone across the path of each person trapped in sin who can lead them back to you. Lord, quicken that part of their spirit man that can still respond to you Father, to desire a right relationship with you.

These things we ask in the name of Jesus...Amen.