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INTRODUCTION

We are all aware that in a family, when a baby is born everyone has a share in the responsibility for that baby. Likewise, in God's family we will be investing our efforts in each class to equip you to effectively touch others through God's Word and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Each session will involve easy-to-apply biblical principles of six areas of ministry:

- I. How to lead someone to salvation
- II. How to pray with others to become Spirit-filled and released in praying in tongues
- III. How to lead people to forgiveness and reconciliation
- IV. How to heal the sick
- V. How to minister deliverance
- VI. Growing pains--how to help connect God's children into God's family, with minimum temper tantrums

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit fills us with revelation knowledge and empowers us through His love to be effective in the touching and connecting of others in God's family.

HOW TO LEAD SOMEONE TO SALVATION

TEXT: 1 Tim. 2:4

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

INTRODUCTION

God's will is always to have people saved from sin and Satan's rule and saved to the Lord Jesus and His family, the Church.

Fundamental principles must be established and believed in our heart if we are to impact our generation and have an in-gathering before the return of the Lord.

- I. It is God's will that everyone be saved.
- II. As people are equipped into that understanding, there is the need to know what we are saving them from and saving them to.

Saved from the understanding of sin and Satan's rule

Saved to the Lordship of Jesus, and saved to the family of God

As we equip you in how to lead someone to salvation, realize that he already wants Jesus!

Jesus is the Desire of all nations. So then, God has put internal desire to know God in everyone's heart.

Hag. 2:7

And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

Ecc. 3:11a

Also he hath set the world in their heart

In the heart of everyone is the desire to belong, so that when we are saved we are born into His family, the Church. Not only do we have a responsibility to lead to, but also to connect with.

Acts 2:44,47

v.44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

v.47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

The family of God transcends all culture, all race, all religious affiliations of background, all education, all economics, is void of all pre-judged attitudinal resistance against anyone else. We are born into a family that does not have favored children.

I. NEW BIRTH

- A. Born again

John 3:1-8

v.1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

v.2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

v.3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

v.4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

v.5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

v.6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

v.7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

*v.8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
Gal. 4:4-7*

v.4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

v.5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

v.6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

v.7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

1. Puts us into the Kingdom of God where God rules and reigns
2. Compared to natural birth and the world

B. The reason for it all

John 3:16-17

v.16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

v.17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

1. Whosoever--salvation for all
2. Believeth--believing is the key
3. Jesus came not to condemn but to save, deliver and make whole.

C. Becoming God's child

John 1:12-13

v.12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Receiving Jesus, become sons of God, saved to sonship

v.13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Born of the will of God--in God's family you inherit the same life as in the Father.

D. New creature

2 Cor. 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1. Spirit made new--spirit reborn
2. Mind must be renewed with the Word

Rom. 12:2

12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

3. Body controlled with Spirit and mind

Rom. 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

4. Put on new man

Eph. 4:22-24

v.22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

v.23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

v.24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

5. Divine nature--partakers

2 Pet. 1:4

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

E. Delivered from Satan's domain into light

Col. 1:12-13

v.12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

v.13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

F. Abundant life

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

1 John 5:11-12

v.11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

v.12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

God has given life; eternal life in His Son.

Rom. 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sin--death. The gift of God is eternal life.

G. Believe and confess.

Rom. 10:6-17

v.6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

v.7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

v.8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

v.9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

v.10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

v.11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

v.12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

v.13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

v.14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

v.15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

v.16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

v.17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1. Believe with the heart.
2. Confess with the mouth.

Acts 2:44,47

v.44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

v.47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

H. By grace through faith

Eph. 2:8-10

v.8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

v.9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

v.10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

I. Witness assurance of Spirit

Rom. 8:16

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

II. HOW TO LEAD TO SALVATION

A. Always tell the "Good News."

Rom. 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

John 3:17

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Rom. 2:4

Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

1. God loves you.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

2. Jesus' Blood already washed away all of your sin

Acts 10:4

And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

Heb. 10:22

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

1 John 3:5

And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

3. Jesus came to EXCHANGE His life for yours and give you the life of Jesus.

John 1:12

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

2 Cor. 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

4. The GOODNESS OF GOD leads to repentance.

Rom. 2:4

Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

B. What they must believe

1. Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

John 3:18

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Mat. 16:15-17

v.15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

v.16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

v.17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

2. Jesus Christ had virgin birth.

Isa. 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Luke 1:31

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

3. Jesus Christ had a sinless life.

1 Pet. 2:21-22

v.21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

v.22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

1 Pet. 1:19

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1 John 3:5

And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

4. Jesus Christ was crucified and His Blood washed us from our sin and sins.

1 Cor. 15:3

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

Rev. 1:5

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

5. Jesus Christ rose again from the dead.

1 Cor. 15:4

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Eph. 1:20

Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

1 The. 4:14

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

C. What they must confess

"Jesus Christ is Lord."

Rom. 10:9-10

v.9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

v.10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

D. Assurance

Rom. 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

E. Pray with them.

Be led by the Holy Spirit, and pray what is in your heart.

Example:

Father God, I thank you for loving me so much that you gave your son, Jesus, to die for me. Jesus Christ, son of God, come into my heart, forgive me of my sins, cleanse me from all unrighteousness, and be my Lord and Savior.

Jesus, I declare that you are the Son of God, that you died and rose again, and that you are Lord and Savior of my life. Amen.

HOW TO LEAD PEOPLE IN THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND TONGUES

TEXT: Mark 16:15-18

v.15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

v.16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

v.17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

v.18 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.

I. EXPERIENCES IN GOD--BOTH FREE GIFTS

A. Salvation--IN HIM

John 4:14

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be IN HIM a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

B. Baptism of Holy Spirit--OUT OF

John 7:38

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, OUT OF his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

C. Build on agreements, not divisions

II. WHO CAN RECEIVE?

A. Must be a believer

John 14:16-17

v.16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

v.17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

B. For ALL

Acts 2:38-39

v.38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

v.39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.

C. Explanation--both SEE and HEAR

Acts 2:33

Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

1. Salvation is internally identifiable.
2. Baptism in the Holy Spirit is visible and with hearing detectable.

III. WHAT IS IT FOR?

- A. Giving thanks

1 Cor. 14:15-17

v.15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

v.16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

v.17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

- B. Worship God

Acts 2:11

Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

- C. Power to be His witness

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

IV. WHY TONGUES?

- A. Initial sign

Acts 2:4

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- B. Praying God's perfect will

Rom. 8:26-27

v.26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

v.27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

- C. Praying for others

Eph. 6:18

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

- D. Speaking in tongues of angels

1 Cor. 13:1

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

- E. Speaking to God, not men

1 Cor. 14:2

For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

- F. Spiritual edification

1 Cor. 14:4

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

- G. Difference between praying in tongues and prophecy

1 Cor. 14:2-4

v.2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

v.3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

v.4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

1. Tongues--to God (v.2)
2. Prophecy--to men (v.3)

- H. Act/decision of your will

1 Cor. 14:14-15

v.14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

v.15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

- I. Stimulates faith, builds you up

Jude 20

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

- J. Brings refreshing

Isa. 28:11-12

v.11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

v.12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

K. Tames the tongue

James 3:8

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

V. HOW DO I RECEIVE?

A. Ask

Luke 11:9-13

v.9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

v.10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

v.11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

v.12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

v.13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE SHALL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THEM THAT ASK HIM?

1. Will not get a counterfeit
2. Must open their mouth and begin to speak
3. You can lay hands on them (but watch where you lay your hands).
4. Receiving

Prayer:

Father, you said in your Word that when I ask to receive the Holy Spirit that I would be filled. Father, I ask in the name of Jesus to be filled with your Holy Spirit, to be endued with power to be your witness and to speak back to you in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

B. Other Scriptures to study

Joel 2:28-28 Luke 25:45 Acts 2:1-4 Hebrews 11:4
Rom. 12:3 Mark 11:24 Acts 10:34 John 10:3-5
Rom. 8:26 Mark 16:17 Isa. 28:11-12 1 Pet.1:2
1 Cor. 14:18 1 Cor. 14:39-40 1 John 5:14-15

C. Helps in getting people released in tongues

1. Tell them to pray with you, that you are going to count to 3, and on the count of 3 they are to open their mouth and begin to speak.
2. Tell them they cannot speak two languages at the same time, so they cannot pray in English and tongues at the same time.
3. Make sure they are born again. Some do not receive because they have never received salvation.

FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION

TEXT: 3 John 2

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Isa. 58:12

And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

INTRODUCTION

There are many people who have become ruined because of relationship breaches in the past, and their life is at a waste level. Think about a dump. The things that go to dumps are discarded items. Life discards people at phenomenal rates--in business, in marriage, in the home, in church, in school. We employ people to take care of our human waste--institutions, old-age homes, unemployment systems, rehabilitation drug and alcohol centers, prison systems--we are a people who discard; we have grown up in an environment that uses and discards when the utilization is over.

The ministry of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus takes those who are discarded and rejuvenates and refurbishes their life to become significant and valuable. We are called by God not just to settle issues but to repair the breach and to build up the old waste places.

I. WHY IS FORGIVENESS IMPORTANT?

A. We need to forgive to be forgiven.

Mat. 6:12-15

v.12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

v.13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

v.14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

v.15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

B. To release others so that God can work in their life

John 20:22-23

v.22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

v.23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

Mat. 18:15-22

v.15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

v.16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

v.17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

v.18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

v.19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

v.20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

v.21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

v.22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

C. If we do not forgive, we will be tormented in our mind by the devil.

Mat. 18:23-35

v.23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

v.24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

v.25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

v.26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

v.27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

v.28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

v.29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

v.30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

v.31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

v.32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

v.33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

v.34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

v.35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

2 Cor. 2:10-11

v.10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;

v.11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Unforgiveness brings: anxiety, worry, tension, fear, guilt, bitterness, resentment, and condemnation.

Unforgiveness will keep you from receiving from God.

II. HOW TO RECEIVE AND MINISTER FORGIVENESS

A. Recognize you are forgiven by the Blood of Jesus--forget the past.

However, do not forget the past until you forgive. Forgetting without forgiving is denial.

Phi. 3:13-14

v.13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

v.14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Isa. 43:18-19, 25

v.18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

v.19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

v.25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Psa. 103:10

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Heb. 9:11-14

v.11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

v.12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

v.13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

v.14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

B. Forgive others as Jesus forgave them.

Luke 23:34

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Mat. 26:28

For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

- C. Forgive from your heart.

Mat. 18:35

So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

- D. Forgive in the name of Jesus.

Col. 3:17

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

- E. Forgive in the person of Jesus.

2 Cor. 2:10-11

v.10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also; for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;

v.11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

- F. Love your enemies.

Mat. 5:44

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Pro. 10:12

Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

1 Pet. 4:8

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

Luke 6:27-37

v.27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

v.28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

v.29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also.

v.30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.

v.31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

v.32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

v.33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

v.34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

v.35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

v.36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

v.37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

G. Reconciliation

Rom. 5:11 (NIV)

Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

2 Cor. 5:18-19

v.18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

v.19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

H. Prayer

Father, in the name of Jesus and in the person of Jesus, I forgive (their name). I thank you, Father, that the same Blood that cleansed me of all my sin has also cleansed (their name). I receive your forgiveness, and remit all their sins through the Blood of Jesus. I thank you, Father, that I forgive, and I am forgiven in the name of Jesus. Amen.

HOW TO MINISTER DELIVERANCE

TEXT: Mark 16:15-17

v.15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

v.16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

v.17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils.

INTRODUCTION

The need for deliverance is manifested by an inability to be free from a bondage--mental, emotional, physical, or spiritual--normally associated with demon activity.

I. THE PURPOSE OF JESUS AND THE CHURCH

1 John 3:8

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Eph. 3:9-12

v.9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

v.10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

v.11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

v.12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

Eph. 2:1-2

v.1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

v.2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Our call as believers is the responsibility for the releasing of God's grace into the life of others--to heal them from the sicknesses and infirmities of their body and to penetrate through the barriers of demonic activity and release them from the oppressive forces the enemy has laid upon them.

II. WHAT ARE DEMONS?

A. Demons are knowing beings.

B. Fallen spirits with Satan

Rev. 12:4

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Spirit (Gr. *pneuma*) = air with knowledge

III. HOW DO THEY OPERATE?

A. In people

1. Body

Mat. 9:32-34

v.32 As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

v.33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

*v.34 But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.
Luke 13:11-12*

v.11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

v.12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

2. Mind

Mat. 17:14-21

v.14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

v.15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

v.16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

v.17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

v.18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

v.19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

v.20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

v.21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Mark 9:14-29

v.14 *And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.*

v.15 *And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.*

v.16 *And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them?*

v.17 *And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;*

v.18 *And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.*

v.19 *He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.*

v.20 *And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.*

v.21 *And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.*

v.22 *And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.*

v.23 *Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

v.24 *And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.*

v.25 *When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.*

v.26 *And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.*

v.27 *But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.*

v.28 *And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?*

v.29 *And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.*

B. Demons operate:

1. Through idols, occult, and cults
2. In homes

Deu. 7:25-26

v.25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire; thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God.

v.26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.

Isa. 13:21

v.21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

3. In the political world, in the air against the saints of God

Eph. 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Rom. 8:38

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

A spirit is in operation when there is a knowledgeable binding taking place--a restriction of life and fulfillment, a limitation that is present.

IV. OUR AUTHORITY OVER THEM

- A. They have already been defeated.

Col. 2:15

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Rev. 12:11

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

- B. Position in Resurrection

Eph. 1:19-23

v.19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

v.20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

v.21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

v.22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

v.23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Eph. 2:6

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

1 Pet. 3:22

Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

C. Authority of Jesus' name

Phi. 2:9-11

v.9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

v.10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

v.11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Mat. 28:18

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Acts 16:18

And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Mark 16:17

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

D. Power of the Holy Spirit

Mat. 12:28

*But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.
Luké 10:17-19*

v.17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

v.18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

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

Eph. 6:10

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Zec. 4:6-7

v.6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

v.7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain:

V. HOW TO MINISTER DELIVERANCE

A. Quiet yourself, pray in tongues, hear from the Holy Spirit and your human spirit.

Pray to receive:

1. Discerning of spirits

1 Cor. 12:10

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

2. Word of knowledge

1 Cor. 12:8

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

B. Find out if they have repented and asked for forgiveness.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

C. Are they in the Word? Do they have on the whole armor of God?

Eph. 6:10-18

v.10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

v.11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

v.12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

v.13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

v.14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

v.15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

v.16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

v.17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

v.18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

D. Ask the person what is going on.

1 Cor. 2:11-16

v.11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

v.12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

v.13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

v.14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

v.15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

v.16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Demons are liars. Do not ask them to name themselves.

1. Bind the spirit in the name of Jesus.

Mark 3:27

No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

Mat. 16:19

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

2. Cast the spirit out in the name of Jesus. Command it to leave.

Mark 16:17-18

v.17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

v.18 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.

Acts 16:18

And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

- E. Do not lay hands on the person until after you have cast out the demon in the name of Jesus; then lay hands on and release the anointing of God into them.

Luke 13:11-13

v.11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

v.12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

v.13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

- F. Give the person the Word of God that is needed.

Example: After casting out a spirit of fear

2 Tim. 1:7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

- G. Stay filled with the Spirit of God. Feed on the Word daily.

- H. Put on the armor of God.

Eph. 6:11

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Wearing this armor, the believer is protected and unhampered in his ministry of authority. Keep your armor bright and well-secured.

1. Defensive weapons

- a. Girdle (guide) of truth
- b. Breastplate of righteousness
- c. Feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace
- d. Shield of faith
- e. Helmet of salvation

1 The. 5:8

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

2. Offensive weapons

- a. The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God
- b. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit

HEALING

PART 1

I. WHERE DOES SICKNESS COME FROM?

Acts 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Oppression = a barred wall, door or window that keeps you contained and confined, and limits your freedom

Oppressor = someone who pushes down, pushes back, holds back and restricts

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Satan oppresses; God gives and abounds in more and more in every dimension. All oppression in the realm of sickness is of the enemy.

1 John 3:8

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

The purpose of God manifesting is to render powerless the works of the enemy and remove him at his origin.

Luke 13:11-12, 16

v.11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

v.12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

v.16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

Sickness is a curse that came in when Adam broke God's law.

Gen. 2:17

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Gen. 3:17

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

II. GOD IS THE HEALER--THE NATURE OF GOD

Exo. 15:26

And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

Exo. 23:25-26

v.25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

v.26 There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.

Deu. 7:15

And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

Psa. 103:1-5

v.1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

v.2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

v.3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

v.4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

v.5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

III. JESUS PAID THE PRICE FOR OUR HEALING

Isa. 53:4-5

v.4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

v.5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him;

Gal. 3:13

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Deu. 28:15-68 (list of curses)

Mat. 8:13-17

v.13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

v.14 And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

v.15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

v.16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

v.17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

1 Pet. 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

IV. WHO CAN RECEIVE HEALING?

Mat. 4:23-25

v.23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

v.24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

v.25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.

The Jesus of the Word of God does not specialize in a specific disease arena.

Mat. 12:15

But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;

Mat. 14:36

And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

Mat. 9:35-10:1

v.35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

v.36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

v.37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

v.38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

10:1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Mark 16:14-18

v.14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

v.15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

v.16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

v.17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

v.18 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.

HOW TO MINISTER HEALING

PART 2

I. HOW TO SPEAK THROUGH JESUS

The most important thing to remember when praying for the sick is to be open and sensitive to the Holy Spirit

Mark 16:17-20

v.17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

v.18 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.

v.19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

v.20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Acts 2:22

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

The approval of God is the demonstration of power.

Acts 4:2

Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

1 Cor. 2:1-5

v.1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

v.2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

v.3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

v.4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

v.5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

II. FREE FROM CONDEMNATION

A. Sickness does not mean sin.

Rom. 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Gal. 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

B. It is not sin to go to the doctor.

Rom. 14:23

And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

III. ASK THE PERSON WHAT HE NEEDS HEALING FOR

Be specific--you might need to cast out a spirit.

Mat. 8:16

When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

IV. DO NOT PRAY FOR HEALING--COMMAND IT IN THE NAME OF JESUS. IT BELONGS TO YOU

Luke 10:9

And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Acts 3:4-7; 16

v.4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

v.5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

v.6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

v.7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

v.16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Acts 14:8-10

v.8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

v.9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

v.10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

Acts 4:29-31

v.29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

v.30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

v.31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

V. DIFFERENT WAYS OF HEALING

A. The name of Jesus

Acts 3:1-11, 16

v.1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

v.2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

v.3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

v.4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

v.5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

v.6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

v.7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

v.8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

v.9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

v.10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

v.11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

v.16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

B. Laying on of hands

Mark 16:15-18

v.15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

v.16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

v.17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

v.18 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.

C. Prayer of agreement

Mat. 18:19

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

Mark 6:7

And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

Luke 10:1

After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

D. Speak to disease.

Mark 1:25

And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

E. In communion service

1 Cor. 11:23-32

v.23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

v.24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

v.25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

v.26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

v.27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

v.28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

v.29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

v.30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

v.31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

v.32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

F. Gifts of healing

1 Cor. 12:9

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

G. Prayer of faith

Jam. 5:14-15

v.14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

v.15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

VI. KNOW YOUR AUTHORITY

Mat. 10:1,7-8

v.1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

v.7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

v.8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Luke 9:1

Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

Mark 16:17-18, 20

v.17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

v.18 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.

v.20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

VII. GIVE GOD ALL THE GLORY

Acts 3:8-9

v.8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

v.9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

Luke 17:15-19

v.15 *And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,*

v.16 *And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.*

v.17 *And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?*

v.18 *There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.*

v.19 *And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.*

VIII. ATTEND A CHURCH THAT PREACHES, TEACHES, AND BELIEVES IN HEALING

Attend a church that declares and demonstrates the power of God.

Rom. 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

IX. HOW TO MOVE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. The power of God usually operates through two means of releasing the anointing:

1. The speaking of the Word of God
2. The laying on of hands in Jesus' name

B. When speaking the Word of God remember:

The words "by His stripes you were healed" are only valid when they are received.

C. Understand that disease brings oppression--induces fear, anxiety, worry--and can bring oppression upon the person who is releasing the healing.

D. You can get what God has for you once your faith is released to get it--healing.

GROWING PAINS

HOW TO HELP CONNECT GOD'S CHILDREN INTO GOD'S FAMILY WITH MINIMUM TEMPER TANTRUMS

TEXT: Eph. 4:15-16

v.15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

v.16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Acts 2:47

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

INTRODUCTION

From the new birth to maturity is quite a process. Many changes occur from every level of life's development. Sometimes, change appears to occur all at once. When pressures seem to be unmanageable, we express frustration, anger, unforgivingness, bitterness, etc., and the flesh seems to rule and we experience people problems.

You may have heard someone say, "Everything was going along just fine until you came along!"; or "We just don't get along," or "We don't see eye to eye," or "You go your way and I'll go mine." These quick cliches remove us from commitment and responsibility to one another.

We must grow up in love and grow through situations by love in these many challenges of life.

This segment is to help you effectively reach out through God's love to bring people through whatever they are facing in life.

I. LIFTING OTHERS UP THROUGH LOVE

A. "I am stuck and don't know which way is up!"

1. Help people to know and believe the love that God has for them, that He loves them right where they are. It breaks through every barrier.

1 John 4:16-18

v.16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

v.17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

v.18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

2. It is when we are undeveloped in our love growth that we find our greatest conflicts with other people.
3. You can settle a relationship conflict in this aspect and help people grow by turning the finger of accusation from the person or situation and asking, "Did you know that God loves you?"

This will penetrate his mind, you anchor him, and he is now in a mode of growth and acceptance of God's love. He will then be able to love other people.

- B. Explain that they are born of love, and that life of love is actually theirs.

1 Cor. 13:4-8a (Amp.)

v.4 Love ensures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy; is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.

v.5 It is not conceited--arrogant and inflated with pride; it is not rude (unmannerly), and does not act unbecomingly. Love [God's love in us] does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it--pays no attention to a suffered wrong.

Connect them at the place of growth.

1. They grow up in love, in Christ
2. They grow up through love to one another.

v.6 It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.

v.7 Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances and it endures everything (without weakening).

v.8 Love never fails--never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end.

- C. Love securely establishes us in faith. Until we know acceptance and security, we will not move out in faith.

Gal. 5:6

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

- D. Only speak words that build up, never tear down. They will bring life!

Eph. 4:29

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Minister grace. Grace is without judgment, is undeserved. Speak words of grace to people. Grace gives them what they never deserve or could ever earn. Speak words that are so involving that the only thing they remember is that you have accepted them, loved them, stood for them, and you believe in them.

- E. Stop all strife and evil reports with love!

Eph. 4:15-16

v.15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

v.16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

- F. Think before you speak.

Phi. 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Find a good report.

II. LOVE'S GROWTH THAT GROWS OUT TO OTHER PEOPLE

Mat. 22:36-39

Growing up in love

v.36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

v.37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

v.38 This is the first and great commandment.

Growing through love

v.39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

- A. Growth factors to come out of the self-centered focuses of life:

Receive and do God's Word.

John 14:15

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 15:10-12

v.10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

v.11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

v.12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

1 Pet. 2:1-2

v.1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, all evil speakings,

v.2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

1 Pet. 1:22

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

B. Reach out and encourage.

Help people. They need it desperately. Speak blessing.