

# *Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance*



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

The month of January moved along rapidly and here it is time for February's newsletter. It was a busy month of ministry, as God brought a number of people to *Life of Freedom Ministries*. I hope that January was a good month for you, and that February will be good as well.

## **Praises:**

I joyfully watched God bring healing and freedom to a number of people. It was amazing to see how God's truth began to click with a few in particular, leading to their freedom.

I enjoy a "real winter" with consistent temperatures under 32° and snow. The problem with snow is that ministry sessions may need to be rescheduled and a person's healing is delayed. This winter's weather so far has been more mild. Therefore, the weather has not caused any rescheduling.

God has blessed *Life of Freedom Ministries* with contributions toward a good start for 2012. Thank you to all who are supporting us financially!

The January *Life of Freedom Ministries* Bible study went well and was enjoyable. You can watch the video by going the website at: <http://www.lifeoffreedom.org/biblestudyaudiovideo.htm>

## **Something to Consider:**

**Psalm 129:1**—*They have greatly oppressed me from my youth—let Israel say  
—they have greatly oppressed me from my youth, but they have  
not gained the victory over me.*

At the January Bible study, I noted that the main tactic of Satan and his host is deception. They work hard to deceive people in many ways about many things. One of the main lies is in regard to the position of the believer in Christ. Even as a deliverance minister, I continue to learn more and more the depth of this truth regarding the position of the Christian. The lie, however, is powerful indeed, and the enemy uses it well.

Part of the lie that the demonic promotes is that they are not defeated. The second part of the lie is that the Christian has no way of dealing with the enemy. In other words, the end is not determined, and we can only hope, without assurance, that God will win. It causes fear and doubt in many people, driving them to either ignore the enemy or give them too much credit. Ignoring them doesn't make them leave us alone, but allows them freedom to harass us unnecessarily. Being fearful of the enemy without trusting God is very detrimental.

The truth is, a believer in Jesus Christ has a position of victory. Satan and the demons are *already* defeated, and they know it. When Jesus said, "It is finished!" (John 19:30), part of that "finished" was Satan's powerful hold on people. In Christ, people can be free because on the cross, Christ

triumphed over the demonic (Colossians 2:13-15)! Not only that, the believer is “in Him,” seated at the right of the Father (Ephesians 1:18-2:6). Being seated at God’s right hand means a higher rank than Satan and the demons. Satan’s lie is to minimize the Christian’s view of this position and then out of the lie cause the person to fear him. The result will be hindered service for the Lord Jesus, and a sense of defeat instead of victory.

The position of being in Christ does not mean a life without pain or sorrow. In fact, the enemy may attack even more, and that attack may come through people who are close to us. For instance, Jesus made clear that Satan was working through Peter, when Peter told Him that He would not go to the cross (Matthew 16:23). It can be very painful! Nonetheless, as Psalm 129:1 says, the powers of darkness cannot gain ultimate victory over us. The Apostle Paul makes clear in Romans 8 that a Christian is not just a conqueror over the enemy, but “more than conquerors!” The enemy may bring a great deal of hardship, but they can’t overturn Christ’s total victory. Christians can believe Satan’s lie and live in defeat and even be demonized. Satan’s lie can be very powerful and cause a believer to feel no hope, and if that happens he can hold a great power over the person. The person will likely need help to freedom in Christ. The Good News is that Christians don’t need to continue believing the lie and can be free!

Walking in victory is not living without hardship and difficulty, but overcoming and trusting in Christ by enduring the hardship. When we overcome by enduring, we bring Christ honor and glory! There is no better place to be than “in Christ!” When life becomes difficult I encourage you to focus on God’s truths and not the lies that Satan wants you to feel and believe.

#### **Prayer Concerns:**

Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next monthly Bible study will be on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend. The topic for this Bible study will be “Identity in the Lord Jesus Christ.” It is part two of the series on spiritual warfare.

Please pray for those who come for help that they will more and more understand their position in Christ. For them to walk in freedom, it is vital.

The enemy attacks me too! Please pray for me to remember these truths as well and stand confidently in Christ.

#### **Final Thoughts:**

At the February Bible study, we will study further in detail the position of the Christian in the Lord Jesus Christ. We’ll look more closely at the Scriptures in regard to this topic, and expose Satan’s lies and affirm God’s truths. As Dean Hochstetler would say, “Christ is victor!” It’s a truth to remember and apply daily for Christians. I invite you to come to the Bible study and hear more on this subject!

In Christ,



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