

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

It seems like I just finished sending out the January newsletter, and here it is already February! I hope that 2013 is off to a good start for you, and has not been as up and down as the weather has been in northern Indiana in the last month. ☺ Since it is cold today, I bring you a warm greeting in Christ!

Praises:

I praise God for His timing in regard to scheduling. Conflicts with scheduling have been very minimal.

I praise God for reports of continued freedom from clients. It is very encouraging for me to hear that people are doing well.

I also praise God for recent ministry sessions in which people have been set free. Great joy comes when a person shares, "I feel so much lighter!"

I praise God for blessing me with a supportive, and encouraging oversight board.

Special Note:

Life of Freedom Ministries board member Herb Maust passed away on Monday, January 21, 2013. Herb was a supporter of the ministry from the beginning, as he encouraged me to carry on the work that Dean Hochstetler had started. I have been richly blessed by Herb and will miss him, as I know many others will as well.

Something to Consider:

1 John 1:9—⁹ *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

Hebrews 9:14—¹⁴ *How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!*

Hebrews 10:22—²² *let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.*

When a person has been set free of evil spirits, the enemy does not say, "Oh well! Lost out on that person. Guess we ought to leave him/her alone!" Instead, they have tactics to retaliate and try to gain ground with the person who has recently been freed. Because of this tactic, one of the aspects of ministry to is deal with how the enemy attacks. A key way that the powers of darkness try to get at a person is through guilt and shame.

I noted 1 John 1:9 first in the list of Scriptures because that is the starting point. In order for a

person to be free, LFM goes through a process of confessing any known unconfessed sin, and then confessing any other sin that is brought to light. God's Word says that when a person confesses sin, he or she is forgiven! After a person confesses his or her sin, I point this verse out and tell them that they are forgiven because God is faithful and has forgiven.

Nonetheless, the demonic realm still usually tries to bring about a sense of guilt, shame, and regret for the person's record of sins. With that in mind, we turn to the two passages in Hebrews. In both chapters 9 and 10, it is noted that we can have confidence and not feel guilty. Jesus' shed blood on the cross not only brings forgiveness of our sins, but it also washes away the guilt and shame. Certainly, when we realize that we have sinned, we should feel guilt and remorse for the sins. However, when the sin is confessed and we live in repentance, we don't need to be tormented by long term guilt, shame, and condemnation! We are washed clean!

For many, this is a totally new concept. At times, it brings great relief. For others, it is so new and hard to believe that they still may fall for the lies of the enemy that they aren't worth God's grace, or that this passage doesn't apply to this person. Therefore, I encourage the person continue to study these passages. Also, I invite the Holy Spirit to minister to the person to help him or her fully experience the truth that he or she is forgiven. Many wonderful experiences have come out of these times of God expressing His love for His son or daughter and the person learning that he or she is forgiven and no longer needs to feel condemnation!

Prayer Concerns:

Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next monthly Bible study will be on Monday, February 11th at 6:30pm. We will address the matter of guilt and shame in greater detail. All are invited to attend.

I often ask for prayer for this, but it is based on truth. I need prayer for strength and energy for ministry, and appreciate your prayers for this.

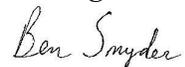
With Herb Maust's passing, some changes will take place on the LFM board. Please pray for a smooth transition as a new member, or members, are added.

Please pray for God's Holy Spirit to work powerfully in ministry sessions to bring people to freedom!

Final Thoughts:

If we take note of the end of verse 14 of chapter 9 of Hebrews, it says that we can now serve the living God. When a person feels horribly about him or herself, the lack of confidence can diminish service for God. Some may even quit because of a feeling of having nothing to offer. Knowing that the guilt is gone is very refreshing and can bring energy to serve God. No wonder the enemy wants us to feel guilty!

Serving the Lord Jesus Christ,



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