

# *Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom*



Newsletter—Vol. XII, No. 6  
June 2018

Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

Some months seem to fly by, and the month of May sure did! It seems as if I just sent out the May newsletter, and I now need to write a newsletter for June. Since it is now June, that means it will be Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers! As I noted last month, my family has many spring and summer activities, which we are enjoying. With all these activities, the days go by quickly. Even with all the events happening, folks are still calling for help, and I'm humbled by the call God has given to me to lend a hand to the hurting.

## **Praises:**

I praise God for the growth of healing and freedom I've seen in the last month in a number of clients.

I praise God for His goodness in helping to bring peace of mind and clear thinking to some clients who were struggling with discernment on some situations in their lives. In some cases, the demonic was definitely taking advantage of the confusion.

I praise God for some key people around me who support and encourage me. I know of some people who have a need for support, like that, and are really lonely.

I praise God for how He has blessed me in many ways. I was reflecting on Memorial Day about the freedoms we have in the USA. Also, I reflected on how God has blessed me with provision.

## **Short Report:**

This gentleman had been coming to sessions with his wife, caring deeply about her. He wasn't there just for her, as he addressed any sins that were known, but when it came to inner healing and confronting spirits, he wanted to focus on her. In fact, it seemed he doubted that he could, or would, receive inner healing. It turned out that he had been afflicted by evil spirits for some time, causing confusion and turmoil in his heart. Indeed, a spirit called Confusion was there, and his right to be there was rooted in some very painful experiences from his childhood. We went through each memory, and the Holy Spirit healed him of these deep hurts. The spirit Confusion no longer had any ground and was ordered to depart. The man was amazed and said he felt so much lighter! Once again, God had proven His love for a specific individual!

## **Something to Consider:**

**1 Corinthians 14:33**—<sup>33</sup> *For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.*

**Deuteronomy 28:20**—<sup>20</sup> *The LORD will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him.*

**Deuteronomy 28:28**—<sup>28</sup> *The LORD will afflict you with madness, blindness and confusion of mind.*

The passages noted above from Deuteronomy sound very harsh. Why would God bring about curses on people of confusion? The context of chapter 28 is that there would be major consequences for disobeying God's commands to worship Him alone. Involvement in idol worship and the ways of the people of Canaan, which is occultism, would bring about destruction. God's harsh warning was not followed by the people, and eventually they lost their country and were taken off to captivity.

Even for a believer today, confusion comes with involvement in the occult. A simple way of explaining it is that when a person is involved with the demonic, it is highly likely the demons' presence will bring a lack of clear thinking. The Apostle Paul explains that God does not cause the confusion. Instead, it is the presence and work of evil spirits. God brings peace. Demons bring confusion and madness. The trouble with the man in the short report above is that he came from a background of involvement in occult practices and religious legalism—very harsh legalism. Where there is legalism, it is highly likely that there is involvement in the occult beforehand.

The legalism brought about a great deal of hurt and confusion to the man. He just could not understand why an activity in regard to dress was not considered to be appropriate. Like the Pharisees in Jesus' time being so concerned with not working on the Sabbath (see Matthew 12:1-14), his church was determined to dress a certain way for church, even if it caused a person to be really cold or really hot depending on the weather. He did not see any honoring of God in the matter, and he was confused about who God was. Did God not care that he was freezing cold on a winter's day because he had to dress a certain way?

The Holy Spirit ministered to the man that day, and showed him that He did indeed love him and care for him. The legalism of the church, rooted in the occultism of magic healing and water divination, was the cause of the trouble, not God. It was a wonderfully joyous experience to see the man, and his wife, rest in the peace of Christ and His love and acceptance. They left with a clear mind and free of the burden of confusion.

**Prayer Concerns:**

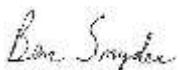
Please pray for me to be able to rest. Sometimes during the summer months, the extra daylight causes my sleeping patterns to be messed up. (I'm not a real big fan of day-light "savings.")

Please pray for our farmers and gardeners for a productive growing season.

Please pray for a particular client who is still trying to discern the cause of a major spiritual struggle.

*Happy Father's Day!*

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



Ben Snyder

***Life of Freedom Ministries***

14303 COUNTY ROAD 38 GOSHEN, IN 46528

574-831-2669

[lfmdirector@gmail.com](mailto:lfmdirector@gmail.com)

[www.lifeoffreedom.org](http://www.lifeoffreedom.org)