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DEDICATION

This work is dedicated to those who are constantly “war”, “enemy” and “sin” conscious.

You could never defeat the Enemy on your own,
NEVER!

Jesus Christ has defeated him for you. Learn how to enjoy the New Life He bought for you.

INTRODUCTION

“Why are so many Christians sick all the time yet, they would be the ones to tell you, ‘if you give your life to Jesus Christ, will know no more sickness and death?’”, a non Christian lady once asked me. You needed to see her facial expression when she threw that question at me, and waited for a convincing answer. Well, I did give her one.

I simply told her that such Christians have not accepted the fact that Jesus Christ had already paid for their sicknesses and diseases in their spirit; rather, they try hard to convince their minds that He did. And of course, their minds would always remind them that, “If He truly did, then, why are you always in and out of hospital?” The reason they get sick all the time is because, they have not been taught well on, “How He paid for it”.

- ✚ Is it possible for one not to have ever been sick in one’s life? Well, I know of just one person who never did; Jesus Christ never ever did.
- ✚ Is it also possible to live out one’s life here on earth without been cut short by untimely death? My answer is the same as the last question. Yes; it is possible. If Jesus Christ did it then, it is possible for you to do it.

Do you remember what He said to Pilate? He said He laid down His Life of His Own WILL! Meaning, it was of His choice to be led to be killed, and not otherwise.

He did so because of us. Jesus did not die an “untimely” death as many have interpreted it to be; no, He did die a timely death. This here, teaches us something important; it lets us know that as Christians, we have authority over whether we choose to live out our days in peace and harmony here on earth, or not. You can choose to end it for yourself prematurely.

Jesus Christ was never ever sick; not once in the Life that He lived out on earth. But, here is the thing: we on the other hand may experience symptoms of sickness by our own making.

Let me show you something from the Book of Isaiah before I proceed.

“But he endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have borne. All the while we thought that his suffering was punishment sent by God. But because of our sins he was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did. We are healed by the punishment he suffered, made whole by the blows he received.”

Isaiah 53:4-5; GNT

In those wonderful Spirit inspired words by the prophet, we discover some interesting facts therein.

- ✚ It says that He endured and borne the “suffering and pains” that should have been ours. This means that sicknesses, and

sufferings associated with sicknesses and diseases, were ours prior to His coming.

- ✚ It then gives us hope by saying; we are healed by the punishments he suffered; and made whole by the same punishments He received on our behest. Meaning I was supposed to have it, but now I have it no more.

The portion most Christians are quite conversant with is the “we are healed by His ‘Stripes’”, as most Bible translations would have it. This then gives them the impression that it is OK to be sick from time to time as “normal” human beings would. Some Christians even personalize it by saying, “My diabetes”; and “My cancer”; “My backache”; “That my frequent headaches” et al.

They think, it is perfectly normal for every human being to be sick and that; Jesus is going to heal them of their infirmities, and they would be healed eventually. This is an erroneous conception.

The Scripture says in verse 5 of Isaiah 53 that, we are healed and made whole by His sufferings. It means that sound health, wholeness and vitality became ours the day He was killed. It was handed to us as our heritage. It became part of our spirits, minds and bodies. It was intertwined and inundated into our very beings over 2000 years ago!

What does this then imply? Well, it simply means that; each time sickness or disease tries to rise up its ugly head and take a front row seat in your body, you tell it to pack its bags and baggage and get out!

Health, wholeness and vitality had been given you many years ago! You did not ask God for it; but He made it available through Christ Jesus, and handed it down to you the day you accepted Christ. Even if you had not accepted Christ, it would still be there waiting for you!

The Bible still lets you know about this provision, each and every time you come across many of such Scriptures passages. The problem is you have not really taken time to meditate on the promises to you and secondly, “But because of our sins... because of the evil we did” are the reasons Divine health keeps eluding so many Christians. That the provision has been freely given does not mean you have to still go about misbehaving; no, Sir!

When you “digest” these promises, you will not have problems with sickness and diseases. They will not attack and occupy your mind and body as they once did. Now, they may try to attack, or even attack and “wangle” their way in; but here is the deal: you already know that they have no right whatsoever over your very own body and mind!

The reason why they visit you all the time is because you allow them. You give them the impression that

you enjoy their company, and would “feed” them well with drugs and all manner of doctor’s prescriptions to their satisfaction until, a day when the Lord Jesus Christ decides to vacate them out of your body.

Stop welcoming these spirits into your body.

Cancer is a spirit. HIV is a spirit. Sicknesses and diseases are all wicked spirits!

They are not your friends. They do not mean well for you (John 10:10).

Cast them out with the name of Jesus!

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CHAPTER ONE

JESUS OUR RANSOME

"..And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first to be raised from death and who is also the ruler of the kings of the world." Revelation 1:5; GNT

When the Apostle John said that He (Jesus) was the first to be raised from death; what was he talking about? Of course it is an established fact that Jesus was not the first to be raised from death; no, because; the Scripture is full of accounts of people who were raised from the dead; both in the Old and New Testament Books.

So, what was John saying?

Now when you study the various accounts on folks who were "raised from the dead", you would find one reoccurring decimal and that is, sin caused the people to die. They were predominantly sick folks: both young and old.

They died physical deaths. What do I mean by "they died physical deaths", an inquisitive fellow might ask.

Let me explain

First of all, I want you to understand that; a human being is a "3 - part" creature.

1. We are made in the image of God. And we understand from scripture that, God is a Spirit. Therefore, it goes without any form of unnecessary and futile debate that human beings are spirits too.
2. We have bodies. I prefer to call it "earthly biological suits". I am pretty sure you like the ring to that name "earthly biological suits". It makes us think Sci-Fi about ourselves. You see, God is an Eternal Being. By this, I mean that God never sleeps; He never eats, nor dies. He lives in Heaven, and Heaven is not earth. There are no days of the week; neither is there Christmas nor Easter.

However, humans on the other hand are earth bound spirits. What this means is that we were made to live on earth, and not outer space. In earth, time is operable. We breathe air, drink water, sleep, and wake and die when we grow too old.

So, as spirits that were created to be earth bound, we were also given bodies to use here. It is like an

astronaut sent out to the moon. He needs a special suit in order to live outside the earth's atmosphere.

3. We have minds. Your brain "houses" your mind. Your mind also being referred to as "Gray matter" controls the expression of your will-power, emotions, memories, creative capacity et al. I call it, "a biological super processor". It is like the artificial intelligence fitted to the space suit of an astronaut that reads and sends his vitals to NASA control tower at Houston, Texas.

Now that we know that human beings are a "3-part" being; how does it relate to the physical death earlier mentioned?

I did state that the reoccurring decimal for most of those "raised to life" from death was "sickness". They all died premature deaths. They were not old folks who had lived out their lives well on earth; no, they were not. They were cut short!

Cut short by what or whom?

In the book of John chapter 10 and verse 10, the Bible lets us know whom. It said that the "Enemy comes to kill, steal and destroy". And we know that one does not need to be a prophet to know whom Jesus Christ

made reference to as the "Enemy"! The Devil is that enemy.

He is the originator of all sicknesses and diseases. Both discovered ones and undiscovered ones. So, when all those lovely folks died premature deaths in both the Old and New Testament times, it was all the enemy's handiworks. He "cut" their lives short. They died physical deaths. Deaths caused by an entrance of series of sins into their spirits, which metamorphosed into physical illnesses in their bodies that led to their deaths.

Examples of these series of sins could be as simple as malice between two very close friends. Another very good example could be sexual immorality. A husband or wife could be cheating on their partner.

Fornication is not left out. "White" lies and deceits of all sort. Another example could be an individual who develops and have a phobia for something say for instance, germs or bacteria or sickness.

The list is endless, and the reason is because; the Enemy has lived long enough to discover and understand things what would negatively affect and defeat Mankind. He knows how our minds work.

THE GOOD NEWS IS HERE

The Enemy mainly operates by causing you to sin against God. It is the way the enemy puts his hold on you. It is the way he tries to “snuff out” the life of people. However, Jesus on the other hand; while on earth, could not be held down by the Enemy's handiworks.

The Devil could not find a place in Him when he came to tempt Jesus after His wilderness experience. Jesus passed all his silly tests; He defiled physical death – which is SIN. However, this was only a part of what was really to come.

Now, because the Scripture had to be fulfilled, Jesus willingly gave His life to death - physical death. NO MAN living or dead has ever willfully presented a sin-free spirit, soul and body to be sacrificed for the “greater” good, in all of the Religions of the world, not one! This is the highest and purest form of death!

It is worth of note: that even the Old Testament faithful; Abraham, Isaac and the prophets never made it past the sin-free spirit, soul and body state. Only Jesus Christ did.

After Jesus Christ was sacrificed and buried, He yet again, defiled another form of death; He defiled spiritual death. What then is Spiritual Death?

Let me explain

In all the accounts in the Bible of where people were “brought back to life”; there was not one case that did not have a direct relationship with a prophet or an apostle as is the case in the New Testament. This tells us something. It tells us that the Power or “magic” as some would call it; behind those “resurrections” operated either: on, or in, and with the prophets or Apostles.

For example take the prophet Elijah as a study. He lay on the dead body of a child three times, and the child came back to life! In Paul’s case, handkerchiefs and aprons were taken from his person and were placed on dead folks and they too, came back to life.

How was it possible?

It was possible because of the anointing of the Holy Spirit ON the Old Testament prophets; and, IN and WITH the New Testament Apostles. In the Old Testament; the Holy Spirit or commonly been referred to as “the Spirit of the LORD” would come upon the prophets. He never was inside them. Neither was He always with them. But, after Jesus’ ascension, He became a day to day Companion to the New Testament faithful. He is INSIDE US, and WITH us. This is why it is erroneous for a Christian to say, “I do not know anybody who can help me.”

Jesus Christ rose from spiritual death on the third day to by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

There was no one to lie on His Dead Body as did Elijah. He became reborn by the Holy Spirit. He became the Son of the Living God by the Resurrecting Power of the Spirit. He became 100% Pure Divinity! He became 100% the Father; 100% the Holy Spirit.

This was what He meant when He spoke with Nicodemus concerning being “born again”. It was to defile physical and spiritual death; and become invincible just like God, by the Power of the Spirit.

To have a spirit that is of God’s: indestructible, yokeless and sin free (John 3:1-7).

CHAPTER TWO

THE FAITHFUL WITNESS TO THE PROPHECIES

"..And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first to be raised from {physical and spiritual} death..."

Revelation 1:5

When the Angels called Him the "faithful witness", it simply meant He was the undeniable proof that; He was the First to be raised from both physical and spiritual death by God Himself!

Death could not, and will forever not hold Him down. Because of this: He is the Ruler of the rulers of the world. Take note that: the "rulers" being referred here are spiritual rulers (fallen angels and their agents) we find in the Book of Ephesians chapter 6.

YOU ARE FREE FROM DEATH

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ..."

2 Corinthians 5:17-18; KJV

If you are IN Christ, you have been made "death free"; death cannot hold you down. The many tricks of the Devil to "enter" your mind, and dwell in your body can no longer have total control over you.

You have the power over SIN. This should be your mindset! Sicknesses and diseases; lies and hatred; sexual immoralities and accidents cannot hold you down. They cannot invade your mind, and find manifestation in your life.

They have got no business with who God has made you in Christ. Spiritual rulers of the Dark Kingdom have no grip over your spirit. They have no power to do you harm unless you start peddling their wears (Galatians 5:19-21). Remember what the prophet Isaiah revealed to us concerning sicknesses and diseases? He said, "But because of [our sins] he was wounded, beaten because of [the evil we did]."

The day you accepted Jesus Christ was the day your sickness and diseases and financial challenges changed address.

You cannot be yoked by any witch or silly wizard.

You cannot be involved in accidents. And what if you were to be? Well, the good news is, you cannot be their victim. (Psalms 91)

You are not the “every human being” that must get sick or die untimely; no!

But, you can by your own choice.

That everybody is says it, and that it sounds “logical” does not mean it is true!

Run all thoughts by the Word of God.

The Word should be what you agree with.

You have been made death-free by the Works of Jesus Christ, not by yours.

So, start believing it. Walk in it!

CHAPTER THREE

THE SNAKE AND SCORPION “HANDLERS”

“Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.”

Psalm 91:13 KJV

On several occasions, we have heard over the various Media, of how some individuals have tried to put the above scripture into practice. I have watched a video of how a man was marred by a lion that was supposedly said to be “domesticated”. He was marred pretty badly.

Some have also attempted to keep large pythons and boa constrictor as pets. Now, we might be tempted to want to argue over the validity of the Scripture Genesis 1:26-28, as this is usually their base line for trying attempt such feats; nonetheless, the scope of this work is centered and limited to our authority as Christians who have been made Death Free.

The true purpose of this Chapter is to teach the Christian on the principles taught by the Master Jesus Christ in the desert, when He was been tempted of the Devil.

Jesus Christ exhibited a sound understanding of the Word. It explains how at every turn, He countered

every attempt of the Tempter to get Him to show off and abuse spiritual authority vested on, and in Him. This is a lesson to us all. (See Luke 4: 1-13; Matthew 4:1-11 and Mark 1:12-13).

When Moses made that prayer to the congregation of God's people in the wilderness (Psalm 91:13), what did he have in mind when he made mentioned of "lion and adder"?

Or, was Moses simply implying that the people were to go about and step on any lion they encountered their way or did same to any snake? What was he trying to say?

In the Gospel according to Apostle Luke, when reading from chapter 10:17, Luke wrote;

"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall any means hurt you."

Luke 10:17-19 KJV

Let's read it from another translation.

The seventy-two men (some manuscripts have seventy. Though, this is insignificant) came back in great joy. "Lord," they said, "even the demons obeyed

us when we gave them a command in your name!” Jesus answered them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Listen! I have given you authority, so that you can walk on snakes and scorpions and overcome all the power of the Enemy, and nothing will hurt you.”

Good News Translation

From the Scripture above, we find Jesus using the same figures of speech to his disciples as did Moses to the Congregation of God’s people in the Old Testament.

This time Jesus says, “To tread {walk} on [snakes] and [scorpions].”

What was the Lord trying to communicate also? Was He saying it was OK to walk on snakes and scorpion, and that no harm would come to us?

After His death and resurrection, the Master appeared before the Eleven. And after series of discussions He gave them a clear cut defined task. He said to them;

“Believers will be given the power to perform miracles: they will drive out demons in my name; they will speak in strange tongues; if they pick up snakes or drink any poison, they will not be harmed; they will place their hands on sick people, who will get well.”

Mark 16:17-18 GNT

There, we found the Master also use the word “snakes” but, instead of scorpions He used “drink any poison”.

Was His message in Mark 16:17-18, and Luke 10:19 one and the same things? Was he making reference to the same thing or person?

Let us look at His communication more closely.

Now the evangelists had just returned from their evangelical work. They were all excited and jubilant. Who would not be! I mean, considering the fact that they were Jews who had not tried any of such thing before. They have heard and read of the many might acts of God through his prophets but, never did they imagine that God could wrath such feat by their very own hands. They considered God too Holy to use just anybody, especially if such an individual was not an anointed prophet by God.

You can image the reason for the “great joy” they expressed when they returned. “Wow! Did you see how that lad fell down when I laid a hand on him and said, ‘Out in the name of Jesus of Nazareth!’?” Someone might have certainly thought in this direction.

Nevertheless, Jesus still had some vital information to pass on to them. And in effort to get their attention,

the Master said; “Listen!” When they finally settled down, He proceeded to tell them the full extent to the use of His name.

Jesus narrates to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Listen! I have given you authority, so that you can walk on snakes and scorpions and overcome all the power of the Enemy, and nothing will hurt you.”

I want you to pay very good attention to His statement above. After they had settled down, He went further to tell them that the authority in His name could make them walk on “snakes and scorpions” and overcome all the power of the Enemy... He linked snakes and scorpions to an Enemy.

This teaches us something. It teaches us that the “snakes and scorpions” the Lord mentioned were not literally snakes and scorpions. They were a metaphor for typifying an Enemy; and his vicious and vile strategies of trickery.

If we substituted the interpretation to the meaning “snakes and scorpions”, we would get this;

Jesus answered them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Listen! I have given you authority, so that you can go on the offensive against the vicious and vile trickeries of the Enemy, and overcome all the power of the Enemy, and nothing will hurt you.”

Luke 10:18-19 KJV. Emphasized; mine

“Believers will be given the power to perform miracles: they will drive out demons in my name; they will speak in strange tongues; [if] they pick up snakes or drink any poison, they will not be harmed; they will place their hands on sick people, who will get well.”

Mark 16:17-18 GNT

We find the same use of snakes in the Scripture reference above but this time around, He adds “drink any poison” to His statement. The use of “If” connoted the sense of a probability. Meaning peradventure they unknowingly did “pick up snakes or drank poisonous drinks.”

“Believers will be given the power to perform miracles: they will drive out demons in my name; they will speak in strange tongues; if they peradventure came under attacks of the vicious and vile trickeries of the Enemy, they will not be harmed; they will place their hands on sick people, who will get well.”

Mark 16:17-18 GNT. Emphasized; mine

So, when Moses made that pray in Psalms 91:13, he was not implying that they should walk on lions and puff adders whenever they felt like it; no, he was not.

Moses was saying the same very things the Master communicated to this audience at the time.

Moses was simply saying, “Peradventure you a’re attacked by the strong kings of the many mighty Nations around about you; or by help of their scheming spies in our midst; those true to God will not be harmed.”

He was not saying to go try tame lions or wild snakes for the amusement of it; far from it.

He was communicating onto spiritual, and not carnal.

The “Lion and Adder” are references to one and the same group; the Devil and his cohorts.

WISE WORDS FROM THE MASTER TO LEARN BY

4. But Jesus answered, “The scripture says, ‘Man cannot live on bread alone.’”

8. Jesus answered, “The scripture says, ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!’”

12. But Jesus answered, “The scripture says, “**Do not put the Lord your God to the test.**”

Luke Chapter 4:4, 8, 12

CHAPTER FOUR

JUDGEMENT DAY

Revelation 1:7 GNT reads,

"Look, he is coming on the clouds! Everyone will see Him, including those who pierced him. All people on earth will mourn over him. So shall it be."

There are debates as to whether the Master would indeed come a second time or not; and whether if He did, we would be taken unawares of His visit. They say that when the rapture comes, many will never know. These are nothing but futile arguments. The Scripture above is expressly and abundantly clear in providing answers to anyone who engages in such arguments. **"Look, he is coming on the clouds! Everyone will see Him..."**

Now, when the angel said, "Including those who pierced him", he was not only limiting those words to the Roman soldiers who brutalized and eventually pierced, and killed the Lord Jesus Christ; no!

You see, the Roman soldiers who carried out that act on the Master were folks who did not believe He was what He claimed to be: the Son of God, the Messiah.

They did not accept Him, neither His message of Salvation. The message from that angel is also to all those who are yet to be born again today (John 3:3).

When the rapture eventually comes, everyone living will definitely witness it. All those who have not abandoned the Faith will be elevated to the clouds (sky), where they will meet with Jesus before entering heaven.

But, all those who are not in Christ, or have abandoned the Faith will mourn. These are the ones referred to as "all people will mourn" by that Angel.

Yes, no man knows when He will come. But, all men living will witness that day.

Where do you stand?

See beyond the ordinary... *God bless you!*

PRAYER OF SALVATION

We trust you have been blessed by this Book. We invite you to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life by praying thus:

“O Lord God, I come to You in the Matchless Name of Jesus Christ. Your Word says, “Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21).

I ask Jesus to come into my spirit to be the Lord of my life. I receive eternal life into my spirit and according to Romans 10:9, “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,” I declare that I am saved; I am born-again; I am a child of God! I now have Christ dwelling in me; greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4)! I now walk in the consciousness of my new life in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!”

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“Welcome home, my beloved child!” says the Spirit.