

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

STOP LIVING IN THE PAST

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PART 5: THE SPIRITUAL WHEELCHAIR

There are several hurdles to overcome as you attempt to leave the past and move into the present time. Each of these hurdles must be eliminated if you are going to be able to move into a victorious Christian living. The most difficult hurdle is getting out of your spiritual wheelchair. **Hebrews 5:11-14**

Christians are strapped into this spiritual wheelchair with chords of unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment, anger, bad memories, failure, criticism, hopelessness, addictions of different kinds, and wounds and curses by others. Christians remain bound instead of breaking loose. **Ephesians 2:1-3**

The majority of those sitting in spiritual wheelchairs are not even aware they are handicapped and thus they are not even trying to get out from their wheelchair. **Revelation 3:14-17**

Jesus came to set the captives free, but if you do not know that you are bound, you are not going to be set free. **Luke 4:14-30**

A Christian in a spiritual wheelchair will be able to perceive other Christians in their spiritual wheelchairs but cannot discern it for himself. **Matthew 7:1-5**

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

- ❖ How is my personal relationship with my heavenly Father?
- ❖ What makes me different from unbelievers?
- ❖ Do I hold the same values as my heavenly Father?
- ❖ What is the interest of God and what is the interest of me?
- ❖ Are my goals the same as God's goals?
- ❖ Do I love what God loves?
- ❖ Do I hate what God hates?
- ❖ Do I spend enough time with my heavenly Father?
- ❖ Am I working on the same thing that God is working on?
- ❖ Am I doing my own thing?
- ❖ Why should people try to be like me?
- ❖ What do I have to offer the world?
- ❖ Why should my heavenly Father give me more money?
- ❖ Who is going to inherit all my possessions when I leave this world?
- ❖ Am I at peace with my heavenly Father?



- ❖ Am I at peace with myself?
- ❖ Do I love my heavenly Father?
- ❖ Do I love myself?
- ❖ I am so blessed by my heavenly Father but what did I do to deserve this?
- ❖ Do I care that people are lost and will die in their sins?

DO YOU DARE TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

First, you should prayerfully consider each question and then answer them. Be totally honest and make sure that you do not lie to yourself! Write down your answers and then approach someone that loves you and knows you best outside yourself. Ask them to answer each question with how they see you and what they believe the answer is to every question.

ANALYZE THE ANSWERS

Don't rush this but look at the answers you and your friend have given and think about them. Are you happy with the answers? They will tell you how many straps are holding you down in your spiritual wheelchair.

Ten lepers came to Jesus to be healed. They did not want to be healed so they could have fellowship with God, rather, they only wanted their health back. One of them realized after they were healed that he wanted to thank God and draw closer to Him. How about you? **Luke 17:11-19**

A QUESTION FOR OUR CHURCH

Why should God send new people to us? Do we want new people because we need to increase our income or do we want them to come and be saved, healed and loved by God through us?

GETTING OUT OF THE SPIRITUAL WHEELCHAIR

Are you sick and tired of being spiritually handicapped? If so you are ready to take the next step and proclaim your healing. Here is the good news; Jesus has paid for the healing or not only your body but also for your soul. **Isaiah 53:3-7**

It is the soul, not your body that is bound in the spiritual wheelchair and needs to be healed. Romans 12:2

Forgiveness is healing for the soul. **Matthew 5:21-26; 6:14-15**

Then follow these steps laid out by Jesus. **Matthew 5:1-12**

Then stand up and walk away from your spiritual wheelchair saying, ***"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."*** (Philippians 4:13)

And as you continue walking, proclaim the following truth, ***"...my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*** (Philippians 4:19)

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Have you made plans on how to finish your life or are you just drifting?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?