

The word "**Deliverance**" means to "**rescue from captivity, hardship, or domination by evil.**" It is not a word that is used a lot in some mainline denominations, but is a wonderful thing if it happens to you or to someone that you love. Recently, there were several women who had been held captive by a wicked man from up north of us. These women escaped or were delivered from their bondage.

The word delivered is used only 15 times in the entire King James version of the Bible. It is used 2 times in the New Testament:

**Luke 4:18 KJV** The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, <u>to preach deliverance</u> to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

**Hebrews 11:35 KJV** Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, <u>not</u> <u>accepting deliverance</u>; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

I do not think, that anyone, in their right mind, wants to see others suffer. Sometimes, people do suffer when they do evil: And they reap good things when they do what is right in God's eyes.

**Galatians 6:7-8 KJV** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for **whatsoever a man soweth**, **that shall he also reap.** (8) For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

But it is also true that there are people who are caught up into hurtful life styles and into bondage by drugs and other addictions. Most of the time, people find release from bondage when they trust in Jesus as their Savior. But, sometimes people become tangled again when they neglect the prescribed path of Gods Word. Notice what Jesus said:

John 5:6-9 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? (7) The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. (8) Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. (9) And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

**John 5:14-15** Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, <u>Behold, thou art made</u> whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. (15) The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

And there are still others that live with problems, even though they have been gloriously saved from their sin. Next is a verse that is said to reveal the Apostle Paul's poor eyesight, even though he was saved and a very powerful man of God.

Galatians 6:11 KJV Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

Now there are various forms of deliverance. There is the kind that Jesus spoke of in Luke 4:18, which is solely done by the power of God. The early church and some people today, still walk in this deliverance ministry. Of course you must have faith in the Lord, to do this kind of work. This will only be accomplished by people that still believe in this power of God to do these things. And, I have found this to be only possible as the Holy Spirit directs His people

Mark 16:17-18 KJV <u>And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name</u> shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; (18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; <u>they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.</u>

John 14:12 KJV Verily, verily, I say unto you, <u>*He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he</u></u> <u><i>do also*</u>; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.</u>

Then there are those that have enhanced natural talents. Among them are medical and other such people, who do a great deal of good around the world. Of course, because of the limited space here, I can only barely touch upon this wonderful **Ministry of Deliverance**.