WHY DELIVERANCE?

THE NEED AND IMPORTANCE OF THE DELIVERANCE MINISTRY

1. BECAUSE IT VALIDATES GOD'S WORD. It proves the veracity and power of the Word today.

Lk. 4:18-21 ("to preach deliverance to the captives...to set at liberty them that are bruised...this day is this Scripture fulfilled" AND the fulfillment of Isa. 61:1,2.)

Mt. 8:16,17 ("He cast the spirits out with His word...that it might be fulfilled what was spoken by...the Prophet" - the fulfillment of Isa. 53:4.)

Psa. 107:20 (He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them...)

2. BECAUSE IT BRINGS ABOUT THE DOWNFALL OF SATAN AND HIS KINGDOM.

Lk. 10:17,18 ("even the demons are subject to us through Your Name...I beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven.")

Mt. 12:22-30 (Then was brought unto Him one possessed with a demon, blind and dumb, and He healed him...I cast out demons by the Spirit of God...strong man...spoil his goods...spoil his house". The effect that Deliverance has on Satan and his kingdom, Cf. vss. 25,26.)

Rev. 12:7-11 ("war in Heaven...the great Dragon was cast out...into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him... the accuser of our brethren is cast down")

3. BECAUSE IT CONTRIBUTES TO ESTABLISH THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH.

Rev. 12:7-11 (the great Dragon....was cast out...his angels were cast out with him...now is come...the kingdom of our God")

Col. 1:13 (Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son.)

Mt. 12:22, 28 (If I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God is come unto you.)

Mt. 4:23,24 ("preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom...they

brought unto Him people that were taken with..torments, and those which were possessed with demons...and He healed them")

EXAMPLE: Phillip in Samaria (Acts 8:7-12 ("seeing the miracles which He did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them...preaching the things concerning the Kingdom of God")

EXAMPLE: Paul in Ephesus (Acts 19:8, 11-12 ("disputing and persuading the things concerning the Kingdom of God...God wrought special miracles the evil spirits went out of them.)

4. BECAUSE IT HELPS FULFILL THE GREAT COMMISSION.

Mk. 16:15,17,20 ("Go you into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature...these signs shall follow them that believe: in My Name shall they cast out demons...the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following.")

Acts 14:3 ("The Lord...gave testimony unto the Word...granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.")

Heb. 2:3,4 ("So great salvation...confirmed unto us...God also bearing them witness with signs and wonders, and different miracles...according to His will.")

Deliverance is a sign (Mk. 16:17) and a miracle (Mk. 9:38, 39; Acts 8:6,7; Acts 19:11, 12).

5. BECAUSE IT DEMONSTRATES THE POWER OF THE NAME OF JESUS.

Mk. 16:17 ("in My Name they shall cast out demons".)

Phil. 2:9, 10 ("That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things under the earth...every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is LORD to the glory of God the Father.")

EXAMPLE: Lk. 9:49 ("casting out demons in Thy Name.")

EXAMPLE: Lk. 10:17 ("the demons are subject unto us through Thy Name.")

EXAMPLE: Acts 16:18 ("in the Name of Jesus Christ...come out of her. And he came out the same hour".)

6. BECAUSE IT GIVES CONTINUITY TO THE EARTHLY MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST.

John 14:12 ("He that believeth in me, the works that I do shall he shall do also"). His works are listed in Mt. 4:23, 24 - Mk. 1:34, 39; Lk. 7:22; 13:32.

Acts 1:1 ("of all that Jesus began to do and teach".) His ministry was to continue through His church.

7. BECAUSE IT APPLIES THE BENEFITS OF THE REDEMPTIVE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE CROSS.

Gal. 1:4 (Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world" - The world is an evil system under the control of Satan (1 Jn. 5:19). The spirit that operates in the world is called "the spirit of this world" (1 Cor. 2:12). Jesus gave Himself (to suffer and die on the Cross) so that He could deliver us from this spirit.

Heb. 2:14,15 ("that through death He might destroy...the Devil; and deliver them who...were...subject to bondage"). Jesus, through His death on the Cross, destroyed the Devil and made it possible that those who were subject to bondage might be delivered.

Col. 2:15 ("having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it"). Jesus, through His death on the Cross (v. 14); spoiled, shamed and defeated Satan and his minions.

8. BECAUSE IT RESTORES NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY TO THE CHURCH.

Acts 3:21 ("Whom the Heaven must receive [retain] until the time of restitution [restoration] of all things") Before Jesus returns, there must be a "time of restoration" of all things, including the Deliverance ministry.

Joel 2:25,31, 32 ("I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you...before the great and terrible day of the Lord come... whosoever shall call on

the Name of the Lord shall be delivered.")

These insects and worms are types of the evil spirits that devastated the church of Jesus Christ after the 3rd century. Here God promises to restore His Church in the end-times, including the Deliverance ministry.

Obadiah 15,17, 21 ("The day of the Lord is near...upon Mt. Zion shall be deliverance...and saviors/deliverers [margin NKJV] shall come up on Mt. Zion; and the Kingdom shall be the Lord's") Mt. Zion is a type of the Church. Deliverance must be restored to the Church. Deliverance must be restored to the Church before the Kingdom of God can be established on the earth.

9. BECAUSE IT CONVINCES US OF THE NEED FOR THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS GIFTS.

The anointing of the Spirit: Isa. 10:27; Acts 10:38; Lk. 4:18-21. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:11) that are in operation during Deliverance Ministry:

- A. Word of Knowledge
- B. Discerning of spirits
- C. Working of miracles
- D. Faith
- E. Gifts of Healing

10. BECAUSE IT PREPARES GOD'S PEOPLE FOR THE SECOND COMING OF MESSIAH/CHRIST.

2 Cor. 7:1-1 Jn. 3:1-1; 1 Thess. 5:23; Jn. 2:32; Dan. 12:1-1 (see order: Tribulation - Liberation - Resurrection.

Trumpet: 1 Cor. 14:8; Jer. 4:19; 1 Thess. 4:16