

## **Living FREE Of Bitterness And Resentment!**

Deut. 30:19-20

19. This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live

20. and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life,

Acts 8:9-25

9 Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great,

10 and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God."

11 They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery.

12 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria.

15 When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money

19 and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

20 Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!

21 You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God.

22 Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart.

23 For I see that you are FULL OF BITTERNESS AND CAPTIVE TO SIN."

24 Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."

25 After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

Eph. 4:29-31

29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

30 And DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

31 Get rid of all BITTERNESS, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Matthew 5: 7 - "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

Jeremiah 3:12, God declares, "I am merciful!"

Micah 6:8 – "He [God] has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love MERCY and to walk humbly

Jesus said, Matthew 12:7 - "I desire MERCY, not sacrifice..."

Ephesians 2:4-5 - "But because of his great love for us, God who is rich in MERCY, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved."

Psalms 103:8-12 - "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love... he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

Ephesians 4:32 - "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Colossians 3:12-13 - "As God's people... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

Forgiveness = To grant free pardon or remission of any offense or debt; to give up all claim.

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