



What Biblical Deliverance is...and What It is Not

"Test everything; hold fast what is good." — 1 Thessalonians 5:21

Welcome

Whenever God does a genuine work, confusion often follows close behind.
Sometimes people add to what God has said.
Sometimes they take away from it.
Sometimes personal experiences begin shaping beliefs more than the Scriptures do.

That is why it is so important to return to God's Word.
Before asking what others say about deliverance...
Before asking what you've experienced...
Ask, **"What does the Bible teach?"** That is where confidence begins.

What Is Jesus Teaching You?

Jesus never invited people to build their faith upon experiences.
He invited them to build their lives upon Him.
Because of that, biblical deliverance must always remain firmly anchored in Scripture.

Biblical deliverance is...

- A work of Jesus Christ.
- Rooted in His finished work on the cross.
- Exercised under His authority.
- Led by the Holy Spirit.
- Consistent with the Word of God.
- Motivated by love and compassion.
- Intended to restore people into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Part of making disciples, not a substitute for discipleship.

Biblical deliverance is not...

- A formula.
- A performance.
- A spectacle.
- A source of spiritual pride.
- An explanation for every struggle.
- A replacement for repentance, forgiveness, obedience, or spiritual growth.
- A reason to become more interested in darkness than in Jesus Christ.



Understand, whenever deliverance becomes greater than Jesus Christ in our thinking, we have already lost our way.

A Lie You May Be Believing

Maybe you've believed that if something appears dramatic, it must be more spiritual. Or perhaps you've believed that if something is quiet, God is not working.

However, Jesus often worked in ways people did not expect.

Sometimes His ministry was public.

Sometimes it was private.

Sometimes change was immediate.

Sometimes growth unfolded over time.

The measure of God's work is not how dramatic it appears.

The measure is whether it produces the fruit that honors Christ.

What Difference Does This Make?

When Scripture becomes your foundation, discernment begins to grow.

You become less interested in chasing experiences.

You become more interested in faithfully following Jesus.

You begin asking better questions.

Instead of, "**Was that impressive?**"

You ask, "**Did that honor Christ?**"

Instead of, "**Was there excitement?**"

You ask, "**Was the Word of God faithfully upheld?**"

Instead of, "**Did someone appear powerful?**"

You ask, "**Was Jesus exalted?**"

Those questions protect your heart.

As Jesus Christ becomes your lifestyle, discernment grows naturally because your eyes remain fixed upon Him.

How Should This Shape the Way You Live?

As you continue learning about biblical deliverance, refuse to become either fearful or fascinated.

Walk humbly.

Love the Scriptures.

Remain teachable.

Pray for wisdom.

Honor Christ.



If something agrees with God's Word, receive it with gratitude.
If something contradicts His Word, reject it with humility.

Remain close to Jesus.

The closer you remain to Him, the easier it becomes to recognize what reflects His heart.

A Prayer

Father, thank You for giving me Your Word as my sure foundation.
Protect me from deception, fear, and spiritual pride.
Help me test everything by the Scriptures.

Teach me to love truth more than experiences and to love Jesus more than answers.
By Your Holy Spirit, grow discernment within me so that I may faithfully follow Christ in every area of my life.

May everything I believe and practice bring honor to His name.
In the precious name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

An Invitation

Before you continue reading, spend some time with the Lord.
Read today's Scriptures slowly.
Then quietly ask, **"Jesus, are there any assumptions I have accepted that need to be shaped by Your Word?"**

Listen patiently.
Welcome His correction.
Receive His encouragement.
Thank Him that He is both gentle and truthful.
Then continue following Him with confidence.

Remain close to Jesus.

As you continue abiding in Him, you will discover that the safest place for your faith is not in opinions, traditions, or experiences.

It is in the unchanging truth of Jesus Christ as revealed through the Scriptures.
That foundation will never fail you.