## Disciple 201 – Chpt 5

**Deliverance and Sanctification** 

Opening prayer and a statement from each on some important things you have found in study so far.

This study involves one of the most important aspects of your daily life in Christ. People will make reference to it but not much is understood about it. The influence of unclean spirits and the process of our transformation and cleansing by the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 6: 10 - 12, Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. 11Put on the full armor of God, so that you can make your stand against the devil's schemes. 12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

2 Corinthians 2: 10 - 11, If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And if I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven it in the presence of Christ for your sake, 11 in order that Satan should not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

When you first come to the Lord you have a certain amount that you are receiving of His power in your life. You are receiving His Spirit for Eternal Life, but also with power for helping you in your daily walk of life. What you start with of His Spirit is determined by your circumstances and faith then, but that doesn't determine what you gain along the way or what you end up with. Some people receive a strong anointing to start with which helps in the starting process but those starting with less can surpass that which others started with because of faith applied in seeking to walk with God. It's about what you do with what you have

Romans 12: 1-2, Therefore I urge you, brothers, on account of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. **2**Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

We are conditioned throughout our lives by the forces acting on us before we come to the Lord. The Lord steers our hearts toward him and reaches out to us. When we turn to trust him he frees us from the hindrances of unclean spirits that keep us from walking with Him and gives us His Spirit to enable us. Deliverance is gifting with discernment and authority over the powers of darkness to help facilitate the work of breaking powers of darkness over people's lives in order for them to embrace freedom in faith. God's transformation begins to change the world's conditioning process of our hearts and minds so that we come into alignment with Jesus' nature. This takes out of our hearts and minds the weaknesses that the unclean spirits use against us to entrap us. Grace and forgiveness for ourselves and others are key parts to this process. We do not in of ourselves have the spiritual strength to stand against unclean spirits. God's Spirit has to impart the strengths we need to stand strong in the Lord. We can pray for these abilities.

Pray now as a group for greater discernment and understanding of the spiritual realm as well as your standing in faith and authority over the 'enemy'. Pray for Deliverance teams to be raised up using Prayer Guide for that. After that you may close in prayer including anything else you feel needed.