

## THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION'S



## MONTHLY JOURNAL FOR JULY 2016

**Romans 8:2;** Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

## **SPIRITUAL FREEDOM BEGINS WITH JESUS**

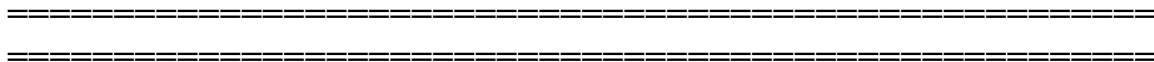
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Hello again my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus; welcome to the Spiritual Connection's monthly Inspired Journal for July 2016. I would like to say first of all, that it has been such an honor and a blessing each month, to share God's Inspired Word! I can't believe that it has been almost 14 yrs since the Holy Spirit inspired me to open up this ministry. When I stop and think about how fast the time has gone by, it kind of makes me realize how short life really is! However, it is only a blink of an eye when compared to spending eternity with our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus!!

My friends, this month's inspired message is entitled, "SPIRITUAL FREEDOM BEGINS WITH JESUS." Why does spiritual freedom begin with Jesus? Because Jesus and only Jesus, died for the sins of this world! All throughout the Bible's history from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation, clearly points to a Messiah. Messiah means, beginning, start, root, source, formation, origin, inception, creation of man and so on! Spiritual freedom begins with a spiritual transformation from darkness to Light. The darkness I am referring to is this world, the flesh and the devil; while the Light symbolizes our Savior Christ Jesus. The Bible is very transparent when it comes to understanding the difference between the two.

**Acts 10:43** tells us that; **"All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."** The way I see it, forgiveness of sin and freedom from sin go hand and hand. **Romans 6:6-7** tells us that; **For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin---because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.** We can enjoy our new life in Christ because we are united with Him in His death and resurrection. Our evil desires, our bondage to sin, and our love of sin died with Him. Now united by faith with Him in His resurrection life, we have unbroken fellowship with God and freedom from sin's hold on us. **Ephesians 4:22-27** also tells us that; **You were taught, with your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by it's deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your mind; and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.** People should be able to see a difference between Christian's and non-Christians because of the way Christians live. We are to live as children of Light. The Bible teaches us to leave behind the old life of sin, since truly born again Christians are followers of Christ.

As people who have Light from the Lord, our actions should reflect our faith. We should live above reproach morally so that we will reflect God's goodness to others. If you desire Spiritual freedom from sin, it's important to avoid "fruitless deeds of darkness" (any pleasure or activity that results in sin), but we must go even further. The Bible tells us to expose these deeds of darkness, because our silence maybe interpreted as approval. God wants people to take a stand, for what is right. Christians must lovingly speak out for what is true and right. Ask yourself this question, how can I find Spiritual Freedom through Christ in my life? Before we can have any Spiritual Freedom in our life, we must rid ourselves of all evil practices and immorality. Then we must commit ourselves to what Christ teaches. We must remain true to our commitment of faith from doing our will, to doing God's Will. We must rid ourselves of the old life and put on God's new way of living given by Christ Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit. What does it mean to "put on the new self"? It means that your conduct should match your faith! If we are real Christians, we should act like it. To be a Christian means more than just making good resolutions and having good intentions; it means taking the right actions. This is a straightforward step that is as simple as putting on your clothes. Again I say, we must all rid ourselves of all evil practices and immorality. Then we can slowly start to commit ourselves to what Christ teaches us and that is, how to find Spiritual Freedom through Him! If you are searching for Spiritual Freedom from sin, it starts with Jesus. **Acts 13:38** tells us; **"Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you."** In this Scripture is the good news of the gospel that forgiveness of sin and freedom from guilt are available through faith in Christ to all people! Have you received His forgiveness? Are you refreshed by it each day? If not, what are you waiting for!! Let us pray. Abba Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we thank You, praise You, and bless You Lord, for this month's inspired message. Almighty Father, may your Divine Light shine upon the darkness of this world. Lord, may Your eternal love, grace and mercy continue to shine upon Your people. Dear Father, may you never leave us or forsake us. Also, may you never give us more then we can handle each day. Father God, I ask this prayer in Jesus name Hallelujah thank You Lord for everything.....Amen!!!



**JESUS CALLING** *By Sarah Young*

**SPENDING TIME** alone with Me is essential for your well-being. It is not a luxury, or an option; it is a necessity. Therefore, do not feel guilty about taking time out to be with Me. Remember that Satan is the accuser of believers. He delights in heaping guilt feelings upon you, especially when you are enjoying My Presence. When you feel Satan’s arrows of accusations, you are probably on the right track. Use your shield of faith to protect yourself from him. Talk to Me about what you are experiencing, and ask Me to show you the way forward. *Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to Me, and I will come near to you.*

**Revelation 12:10; Ephesians 6:16; James 4:7-6**

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**PROVERBIAL WISDOM FOR JULY 2016**

**Proverbs 3:5-6; Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.**

**Proverbs 6:22-23; The evil deeds of the wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin holds him fast. He will die for lack of discipline, led astray by his own folly.**

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**SPIRITUAL WISDOM**

My brothers and sisters in the Lord, do you long for a closer relationship with God? If so, the secret can be found in praying to Him first, each and every morning we wake up! Reason being, in the morning our minds are more free from problems; allowing us to commit the whole day first to God, before all the negative garbage overwhelms our thinking. Regular communication helps any friendship and is certainly necessary for a strong relationship with God! My friends, If you are looking to strengthen your relationship with God, then you need to communicate with Him daily and not let the world pull us into the sinful way it operates....Amen!!!!

**THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION'S DAILY PRAYER LIST**

**Please pray with this ministry for:** Adrienne Martino, Joyce Vella Maggio, Elena Logan, Jeff Ron, Rob Lynn, Michael Santarpio, Theresa Wade, Zach, Warren Wisdom, Janet Young, Joe Lakes, Janelle Owens, Anne Marie Hess, Natalie Lott, Marianne Wilson, Jonathan Baker, Paige Parker and Family, Russ Holman. Kevin Palma. If you have someone that is in need of prayer at this time go to the Spiritual Connection's website at:

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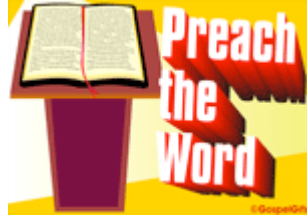
Well my friends, it is my hope that this month's inspired message is helpful to you in better understanding what God's love, grace, and mercy is all about. If you like this month's message, please pass it on to family and friends!! Until next month's inspired message, with God's help, may the good Lord richly bless you.....Amen!!

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**Website updates:** I am excited to announce that the Spiritual Connection's website has been getting a much needed overall.

We have added a Christian testimonial and devotional prayer section. Also, a inspirational Christian radio and music section that lets you listen to Christian radio locally and across the country 24/7!! Anyone with a smart phone or computer can log on and enjoy all the spiritual wealth and knowledge that are available on this website. We are going to continue to upgrade as needed. So if there is anything you would like to see added to the Site, please send it in the contact section listed on the menu bar in the front page. Furthermore, we have made improvements on the devotional study tools and spiritual resource sections. Also as always, the monthly inspired Journals dating back to 2003 are uploaded each month!!

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**AMEN I SAY TO THAT!!!!**