

SEVEN FOUNDATIONS FOR VICTORY - SUMMARY

We always need to remember that the Church's conduct of its ministry should be guided, NOT by the understanding (or lack of it) of the age in which it lives, but rather by the eternal Word of God as revealed in the New Testament. We dare not stray from the guidelines of the New Testament for to do so is to court disaster in a confused world of shifting sand. It is important therefore, in establishing theological principles and patterns for a deliverance ministry not to set up traditions contrary or unknown to the Word of God. Symbolism such as crucifixes and "holy" water etc. are unnecessary, and are more fitting to the superstitious application of occult exorcism. Deliverance is not a magical ritual where the repetitive use of certain formulae gains success. **It is the invoking of the authority and power of the Godhead in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ against the powers of darkness**, and an understanding of the principles involved is necessary if Christian leaders are going to be able to use this special Ministry the way God wants it used — TODAY.

We now briefly share with you some of the foundation stones of this precious ministry. Hopefully they will, by God's grace, inspire you as they have inspired Verlie and myself.

When the genuine Christian comes to realise that Deliverance Ministry is:

- (i) **a SALVATION ministry** and part of the Saviourhood of the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 8:36 lit.).
- (ii) **established by the Sacrifice of the Cross.** (Isa. 53:4-6, Matt. 8:16-17).
- (iii) referred to as a "top" gift by the Lord. (Matt. 7:19-23, 12:28).
- (iv) a demonstration of God's cleansing power and the Kingdom of God. (Matt. 12:28).
- (v) **a test of true and false Christians.** (Matt. 12:22,30).
- (vi) **FIRST and foremost a BREAD (essential) ministry for God's Covenantal people**, that is, the Body of Christ today. (Matt. 15:21-28).
- (vii) **COMMANDED by the Lord to be exercised by the Church of God until the close of the New Testament Age** in what is known as the Great Commission to the Church. (Matt. 10:1 with 28:20).

— and these truths are received into our spirit as well as into our mind, it is virtually impossible to be the same person as we were before, ever again, — no matter how noble and productive our ministry may have been in the past.

LOOKING UP BIRDS