

- 👉 **Luke 4:31-34** This was a deliverance from the power of this demon. That's often what we think of when we hear the word deliverance; "a deliverance" ministry is related to demons somehow. That is actually a poor understanding of deliverance. In fact, all real ministry of the gospel of Christ is deliverance ministry because that is what the gospel does; it delivers people, **Colossians 1:13**.
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**1. Deliverance is a very important word in Scripture, especially as it concerns God's work in saving people.**

- ✓ In fact, deliverance is one of the most clarifying words concerning God's work saving us from our sins. He's delivered us from sin, its penalty, from darkness, from the domain of Satan, from death, from Hell, etc.
  - ✓ Deliverance is a word that really needs resuscitation in our vocabulary. "Delivered" may be the best definition of what it means to be a Christian. It explains succinctly what God has done to us. **A Christian is some who has been delivered.**
  - ✓ What are the external effects of salvation? We've been delivered from error, from sinful passions, from wrong thinking, from evil practices, these things are things that are more easily seen. The only way we can know for sure if a person is a true believer is by a transformed life.
  - ✓ We can look and see that they have been delivered. Is it important that we know? Yes, but not as important that God knows.
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**2. I'm planning for us to spend a couple of Sundays together over this subject of deliverance and in particular, what it looks like.**

- ✓ **Colossians 1:13** This is a very familiar biblical contrast. Darkness is synonymous with ignorance and error. Light is synonymous with truth, **Psalms 119:30; Psalms 119:105**.
  - ✓ **Acts 26:18**; There is a great deliverance in a person's life when they come to faith in Christ, and it is a deliverance from darkness to light. Light is synonymous with truth, and both are synonymous with Jesus. **John 8:12, John 14:6**.
  - ✓ Deliverance is not just intellectual; it's a paradigm shift, a move from one kingdom (darkness) to another (light). It affects your everyday existence. **Jn. 8:32** It affects the core of your being. **Jn. 14:17** It affects and needs to be allowed to affect everything about you. **Eph. 5:8**
  - ✓ Satan doesn't care what people believe as long as it isn't the truth. Satan is into a person being religious and especially over religious, anything but the truth; all Satan-sponsored religions are against the truth.
  - ✓ **Galatians 1:6**, There are all kinds of so-called gospels, but they aren't good news; there is only one of those; it's the truth.
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**3. What is the truth?**

- ✓ First of all, it is what is contained in the Scriptures. The Bible and the Bible alone contains the truth. **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:14-17**; It is by the Scriptures that we come to the knowledge of salvation, and where we become equipped for everything that God wants us to be and do.
- ✓ **1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:1-2** The Scriptures alone is what we preach and teach.
- ✓ **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:3-4** They were never delivered from the dark so they will always gravitate to the dark.
- ✓ How do you know someone has been delivered? One way is by their relationship and attitude toward the Bible; they begin to want it and to love it. Lost people have no affinity for the truth; they will take anything but the truth, **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:14**. It's because of who they belong to. **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:4**.
- ✓ **John 8:46-47**; It's not a hearing problem, it's a truth problem. Because you are not in the light, you can't take the light! **Thessalonians 2:13**; When deliverance takes place, the life is changed, a person now hears and understands the Word of God.

**1<sup>st</sup> John 4:5-6; How do you know for sure when someone has been delivered? By the way, the respond to the Word.**

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