

HOW TO STAY FREE

Becoming free from the Satanic entrapments of darkness could happen immediately with salvation as you confess Jesus as Lord. Staying free is often a process of partnering with the Holy Spirit, learning to stand in your identity in Christ, and studying the Bible.

Here are some powerful, Biblical helps to stay free:

- ◊ Put on the whole armor of God
Eph. 6:10-18
- ◊ Be consistent in prayer
Luke 18:1, Eph. 4:6-7, Eph. 6:18, Jude 20
- ◊ Be consistent in praise and worship
Heb 2:12, Heb. 12:28, Psalm 100
- ◊ Fellowship with other Spirit-filled Christians
Heb. 10:24-25, Acts 2:41-47
- ◊ Renew your mind
Romans 12:2, Phil. 4:8-9, Eph. 4:22-24
- ◊ Be steadfast in resisting destructive behaviors
James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:8, Mark 8:33, Eph. 4:27
- ◊ Ask Holy Spirit to fill up every empty place
Matt. 12:43-45, 1 John 1:9, John 10:10
- ◊ Walk in the Fruit of the Spirit
Gal. 5:22-23, Matt. 7:16-17, Eph. 5:8-11

GOD DECLARES OVER YOU

I need you for this hour. I need you to be who I made you to be. Your destiny is not lost. Your purpose is not wasted. I am soaking you with hope and wrapping you in My Glorious Presence. Hear My Voice calling out to you, "I will anoint and use you. You are important to Me."

Aglow International has a wonderful Bible study called **LifeChangers** containing foundational truths for all those who are serious about growing their relationship with Christ. You can find more information on this study by visiting Aglow.org, finding the study on the Aglow store and information under Resources on the home page.

Lesson titles are:

- ◊ Freedom in Christ
- ◊ New Man Theology
- ◊ Understanding True Grace
- ◊ Building a Spiritual Mindset
- ◊ Walking in Newness of Life

Another powerful study that Aglow offers is called **GameChangers**. You can also find the information in the same places as the info on **LifeChangers**.

Lesson titles in **GameChangers** are:

- ◊ How You Are Known in Heaven
- ◊ Establishing Your Internal Overcomer
- ◊ The Mind of Christ
- ◊ Reinventing Your Walk in the Fruit of the Spirit
- ◊ The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ

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YOU CAN LIVE FREE FROM THE INFLUENCE OF DARKNESS

(Formerly Freedom from the Occult)



WHAT IS DARKNESS

Darkness is best understood by reading Colossians 1:13-14 in the Amplified Bible.

*For He has rescued us and has drawn us to Himself from the **dominion of darkness**, and has transferred us to the Kingdom of His Beloved Son, in whom we have redemption [because of His sacrifice, resulting in] the forgiveness of our sins [and the cancellation of sins' penalty].*

And in The Passion Translation:

*He has rescued us completely from the **tyrannical rule of darkness** and has translated us into the Kingdom realm of His Beloved Son. For in the Son all our sins are canceled and we have the release of redemption through His very Blood.*

And The Voice translation reads:

*You have rescued us from **dark powers** and brought us safely into the Kingdom of Your Son, whom You love and in whom we are redeemed and forgiven of our sins [through His Blood].*

Darkness is anything related to Satan such as:

- ◇ Magic
- ◇ Out of the body travel
- ◇ Horoscopes
- ◇ Religions that are not Bible based - like Yoga
- ◇ Fortune telling
- ◇ Reading immoral books or watching immoral movies
- ◇ Witchcraft of any kind
- ◇ Playing games like the 8 ball
- ◇ Watching horror movies
- ◇ Palm reading
- ◇ Hypnotism
- ◇ Tarot cards
- ◇ Pornography
- ◇ Drugs
- ◇ Spiritism
- ◇ New Age
- ◇ Praying to or contacting the dead,
- ◇ Astrology
- ◇ Music or bands with strong demonic influence
- ◇ Séance
- ◇ Ouija board

It is impossible to list all darkness or occult activity as it seems to be repackaged in a way that attracts each generation. Ask Holy Spirit to reveal what you need to know.

THE GOOD NEWS

IF you have opened a door of access to darkness and oppressing spirits, you have the authority through your relationship with Jesus to close that door!

Because you are a Spirit-filled Christian, it is **impossible** for your spirit to be possessed by any other spirit than the Holy Spirit. However, your mind, will, and emotions can be deeply distressed or oppressed through activities in your life before Christ and in some cases, after accepting Christ, IF you continue to open the door through old habits or behaviors.

Maybe you never fully participated in activities related to darkness; rather, you watched others play games, talked about horror movies, etc. You may find that you suffer from *oppression* or *depression*.

In truth, the devil does not play fair and will take advantage if we allow him. This is why the Bible encourages us to give NO PLACE to the devil. Ephesians 4:27

Here are a few symptoms of demonic oppression related to darkness. (*not a comprehensive list*)

- ◇ Inability to read, study Bible
- ◇ Uncontrolled evil thoughts
- ◇ Excessive self-pity
- ◇ Unrelenting anxieties or fears
- ◇ Emotional outbursts
- ◇ Depression, oppression
- ◇ Thoughts of suicide
- ◇ Cutting, self-abuse
- ◇ Drug or alcohol addiction
- ◇ Resistance to Godly worship, teachings
- ◇ Self-hatred

YOUR FREEDOM IS FOUND IN CHRIST

The first step to finding freedom from darkness is beginning a relationship with Jesus Christ. Because freedom belongs to you through your relationship with Christ, walk through these prayers to break any lingering connections to darkness.

CONFESS YOUR FAITH IN JESUS

Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God. I believe that You died, were buried, and You rose again to life. I welcome You into my life as my Lord and Savior. I believe that the power in Your Blood sets me free from all of Satan's power and breaks any hold he has on me.

CONFESS YOUR SIN

*God, I realize that I have been involved in dark activities prior to asking You into my life. I **confess** that as sin and thank You for removing me from the kingdom of darkness and placing me in Your Kingdom. I **renounce** every activity I participated in and I receive the cleansing power of the Blood of Jesus that sets me free. By my own confession, I break every tie to demonic activity and I **receive** and accept total forgiveness. From this day forward, I give no place to the devil or his demons and declare Your Lordship over my life.*

RECEIVE A FRESH INFILLING OF HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, I ask that You would come and fill every place where darkness once had a stronghold. Fill me to overflowing with Your Goodness, Your Kindness, Your Joy, Peace, and Love. Patience overtakes any anxiety. Your Faithfulness causes me to be faithful, too. Your Gentle way with me causes me to be gentle with others. Thank You.

If you have difficulty freely speaking in tongues, try praying the "Confess your sin" prayer and then ask again to receive the gift of tongues.