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The word *deliverance* is one of the most misused words in the Body of Christ today. It is often associated with casting out devils or pulling people, including believers, out of evil or demonic influences.

This understanding, however, is inconsistent with what the Bible teaches concerning actual deliverance and has done more harm than good to the body. Today, we see all kinds of unscriptural activities in the name of getting someone delivered, most especially believers. These are pointers that most believers have not come to understand the actual meaning of this word.

The word salvation is from the Greek word *Sozo*, which means deliverance, released, escaped, redeemed, or set free. It is used synonymously with redemption, which means a man got delivered the moment he came into Christ. Such a man is delivered from the kingdom of darkness (Colossians 1:13). The word darkness *Skotos*, however, simplifies ignorance (Eph 4:17-18). People who are yet to accept the knowledge of Christ. These are people who need deliverance, *not believers*, and their type of deliverance is not casting out devils; it is the preaching of the word. It is the knowledge of the word that sets a man free (John 8:32). When the truth of God's word shines into a man's heart, darkness disappears, and the person is brought into alignment with the purpose of God.

However, some people are saved but are yet to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). The desire of God is not only that we should be saved, but also to come into the knowledge of the truth which brings liberty or the deliverance of the mind. Like the Israelites, they were delivered from Egypt, but their minds were still being controlled by the system of Egypt. This is practically the function of knowledge.

Today, we have quite a number of believers who are genuinely saved but behave as though they were in bondage. They do things the way unbelievers do. They make unwise decisions as though they are unsaved. This is mental bondage, and it is a dangerous position there is for any believer. Therefore, constant renewal of the mind is what the Bible recommends (Romans 12:1-2)

The emphasis of Apostle Paul, both in prayers and teaching, is knowledge (Col 1:9-10, Eph 1:18). He understands that only through knowledge we can enjoy all we have in Christ. He further advised the Galatian church to stay free by exposing our minds to the truth of God's word (Galatians 5:1).

As you go into this new week, build a consciousness that you are in Zion, a city of the escaped people. Don't allow the devil to play with your mind by thinking you still have other deliverance after salvation. If there is, that is aligning your mind with the provision of God in salvation. Expose your mind to the truth of God's word; give attendance to the study so you will be able to grab everything the Lord has prepared for you.

My dear beloved, stay free.

Confession: I emphasize my deliverance in Christ. As I study, I see the reflection of who I'm made to be and my mind is renewed like unto it. I'm free now and forever in Jesus's name (Amen).