LET US RISE UP AND GET RID OF SIN

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I believe God is saying: "Remove those things that hinder your relationship with Me."

- 1. Rom 6:12 "Do not let sin rule in your mortal body...." Do not go on sinning.
- 2. Is 59:1,2 Sin is our No 1 enemy, as it separates us from God, brings us death and sends us to hell. Sin is inside us. Ezk 18:4, Rom 6:23, Jam 1:15.
- 3. *1Cor 15:3* "Christ died for our sins....." *Is 53:5,6, 2Cor 5:21.* "He bore our sins in His own body on the Cross...." *1Pet 2:24.*
- 4. Christ did this because of His great love and God's great love for us, *Rom 5:8-10*.
- 5. We all have to fight and get rid of sin, 1Jn 1:8, Jam 4:8. We all fall short in many things, Jam 3:2.
- 6. Ps 66:18 "If we deliberately hold on to sin in our heart, God will not hear us."
- 7. *Pro 28:13* "If we cover our sin and pretend it is not there, we will not prosper, we will not prosper or be blessed, but if we confess and forsake our sins we will have mercy." So get rid of sin.
- 8. *Pro 1:23* "**If we turn and repent of our sins**, when God reproves us, He will pour out His Spirit on us and make known His Word to us." Get rid of sin, *Rom 6:12*, *Jam 4:8*.
- 9. As a young husband / father my life was ruined by **anger.** One day someone said to me, "You do not have to be angry. Jesus destroyed its power in you, at the Cross." *Rom* 6:1-6,10,11,14. As I believed and confessed this, 90% + of anger was removed from my life in a few weeks.
- 10. There has been a lot of **fear** in my life. 2*Tim 1:7*, *Is 41:10*, *Is 43:1-4*, *Is 41:13,14*. I confessed this to God, took authority over it by the Blood of Jesus, and commanded it to get out, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The control of fear in my life was broken. Fear of what might happen, fear of people, fear of hurt, fear of loss, fear of people in authority, fear of rejection. Fear is: something bad might happen to me, which I cannot handle, and God is not in control.
- 11. I have got to get rid of **pride** out of my life. *Lk* 18:9-14. When my wife did something that did not suit me, I would think judgmental thoughts against her. God said to me, "You are holding judgment against your wife." *Mat* 7:1,2, *Rom* 2:1. I confessed this to my wife, asked for forgiveness, and blessed instead.
- 12. At one time the Holy Spirit said, "**Make yourself of no reputation**." *Phil 2:7KJV*. When I left teaching, to go into the ministry, some fellow teachers rejected me and did not want to know me.
- 13. For 18months I was in a hurting situation and had the choice: become bitter, unforgiving, hating, OR forgive, release from condemning judgment, give God the problem and pray blessing. Thank God I was able to do the latter. That is: a. **Forgive** *Mk* 11:25,26, *Mat* 18:21-35, *Mat* 6:12,14,15.
 - b. **Release from condemning judgment,** *Mat* 7:1,2, *Rom* 2:1,2, *Jam* 4:11,12
 - c. Give God the problem to solve, Ps 55:22, 1Pet 5:7
 - d. **Pray blessing.** *Lk* 6:27,28,35-37. [for believers *Col* 1:9-11, for non believers *Ac* 26:18]
- 14. One day the Holy Spirit said to me, "You have a name that you are alive, but you are dead." *Rev 3:1*. I asked God to show me why. He said you are **not witnessing actively to the lost**. *Ac1:8*, *Pro 24:11,12*. So I started to pray each day for 5 or more unsaved. Also prayed for boldness, words to speak, opportunities, compassion, and the leading of the Spirit. Write tracts and carry them all the time. Talk to people about Jesus.
- 15. I had accepted Jesus when I was 11 years old. I was still praying and reading the Word. In my teenage years I got into **wrong relationships and activities**. At 19 years during the first week at University, at a Christian mission while the Word was preached, Jesus appeared to me and said, "If you keep on going the way you are going, your relationship with Me will come to an end." *Jam 4:4*, *1Jn 2:15,16,17*. After 3 days, **I gave my whole life to Jesus,** as Lord of everything. From then on my Christian life went steadily up hill.
- 16. God has promised to cleanse away all our sins and sinful habits.
 - 1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 - Ezk 36:25-27 As we read His Word and pray, He will wash us clean from our sins and idols. He will give us a new heart and a new Spirit and enable us to walk in His ways and do His will.
 - *Eph 5:26, Jn 8:31,32, Ps 119:9-11, Mic 7:18,19* God cleanses us from our sins, by His power and His Word, as we believe and trust in Him, *1Jn 1:9, Ac 17:30, Mat 7:7*.

Confess, Repent, and turn away from sin.

Ask God to set you free.

Believe God's promise, to set you free *Ezk 36:25-27*.

Press in hard to God. Do not give up.