

**Announcing Jerry's New Book** – *Jerry has just completed another writing project soon to be published and made available through this website, as well as local Christian book stores. Below is a portion of the manuscript from chapter eight of this new and exciting book. This work addresses recovery issues through our Humanistic Secular Society verses God's design for true Biblical recovery from emotional and chemical strong holds. Through the Power and Person of Jesus, we can begin to walk in the journey of wholeness. However, in some cases, humanistic theology has guised itself into the church and even so called "Biblical Counseling."*

*The title and subtitle of this book is: **Presence, Power and Purpose in a Lying World-The TRUTH vs. the Devils Song of Seduction.** Below is a portion from chapter eight.*

**The Disease Model** of addiction describes an addiction as a disease with biological, neurological, genetic, and environmental sources of origin. The traditional medical model of disease requires only that an abnormal condition be present that causes discomfort, dysfunction, or distress to the individual afflicted. The medical model also takes into consideration that such disease may be the result of other biological, psychological or sociological entities despite an incomplete understanding of the mechanisms of these entities. In the disease model **the cure seems to be physical abstinence.**

**The Moral Model** reveals addiction as a result of human weakness or a defect in character. The implication is that addiction is the result of poor choices, which addicts make because of a lack of willpower or moral strength. Unsurprisingly, viewing addiction as a moral failing led alcoholics and other addicts to be grouped with others who had demonstrated "moral failings." In the 19th and early 20th century, alcoholism was associated with other socially undesirable situations and behaviors such as crime, poverty, sin, domestic violence, and laziness. Rather than proposing treatment methods for alcoholism, **the moral model viewed punishment or incarceration as a more appropriate response.**

**The Biblical Model** reveals and defines man's dilemma or problem as rooted in his nature from birth as a result of sin. To sin is to break God's law, to participate in evil, to disobey God. It is also to do evil against humanity, society, others, and oneself; but these are secondary meanings. If sin is disobeying God, then it is the idea of God that gives the word its meaning. Before God revealed himself to the Hebrews, and then to the entire world through Jesus Christ, most cultures imagined a sky full of unstable, selfish gods who followed every momentary whim-gods, in fact, who acted very much like immature, immoral human persons. Israel's God, perfect, holy, and unchanging, was the first to inspire the idea of "sin" as we know it. In fact, if we were to further look at Biblical sin, the definition can be seen in the word itself. In the center of the word sin, is the letter **I**. This little letter would indicate the Big problem with mankind as he listened to the lying, deceiving, deceitful, cunning and crafty voice of the slithering snake. As a result of Adam and Eve's disobedience, sin was ushered into the creation of God. His crowning creation of mankind, has suffered ever since that day. Therefore, because of sin and its destructive nature, we see mans overarching problem of mental pain, shame, chemical and emotional dysfunctions, from a manifestation of another spirit and an internal problem of sin. Man's own desire to be exalted in his life and follow his own pathway to a counterfeit, deceptive peace, births an attempt to live in harmony with his desired self deceived god-ship. This debilitating problem of sin is only remedied in the prescription of Jesus. He alone has the supernatural power and ability to enter the fertile ground of the soul and go to the root of an individual where the problem is found. On man's best day, he can only offer and deal with the symptoms' of man's problem with a surface level "Band-Aid type" approach to behavioral changes as earlier stated. He lacks the ability to change the sinful heart, the root of the problem. Just as there are God given laws that govern the earth such as the Law of Gravity (whatever goes up, must come down), there are God given laws of the Spirit given through God's Word. In God's Word (the Bible) we also see another law, the law of sin pictured in Romans chapter 7. Paul uses marriage to illustrate our relationship to the law. When a spouse dies, the law of marriage no longer applies. In the same way, if we have symbolically died to our own pursuits and identified ourselves in Christ, the law can no longer condemn us. We rose again when Christ was resurrected, and now we belong to Him. His Spirit enables us to produce spirit-filled fruit. The result is we can respond to God, not by trying hard to obey a set of rules, but out of renewed hearts and minds that overflow with love for him. In other words, when a person dies to the old life and belongs to Christ, a new life begins. The unbeliever's heart and mind is centered on his/her own personal gratification, **but those who follow Christ have a supernatural ability as their new source of power.** \*\*\*Pre-order your Book Copy through the Web Today!!

## Updates from last quarter's newsletter.....

**From Jerry**- The Masters program, which I have been involved with is **FINALLY** complete. The completion of the Masters of Ministry (M.Min.) degree, which is majored in Biblical Counseling, has been a long overdue project. In addition, I am waiting on a **new certification** through the California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (CCAPP). This new certification will be added to the current three certifications, which are a Certified Drug, Alcohol & Addiction Counselor (CDAAC), a national Registered Addiction Specialist (RAS), and a Certified Addiction Treatment Counselor (CATC).

God has led in the process of all four certifications along with the Master's Degree. This entire God given educational process was largely through educational grants and gratis teaching. Special thanks to Dr. Mike Belzman, founder to the Association of Christian Alcohol Drug Counselors College (ACADC), which is in association with Breining Institute and New Gate College.

In addition, a special thank you to Dr. Bob Tucker, president/teacher with ACADC and founder of New Life Spirit Recovery/Spirit of Life Recovery, based in Huntington Beach, CA. I believe all the above are just platforms to preach, teach, and glorify God our healer and deliverer through Jesus Christ.

**A requested ministry need** – A few years ago, a 1999 Chevy Lumina was donated to this ministry. After a recent major breakdown, the car was parked and unusable due to excessive repairs needed. Thanks to several partners to this ministry, donations were gifted and the ministry was able to have the car repairs completed. ***Without partners who faithfully give to this ministry, we simply could not exist.*** We thank you for your prayerful support and please know we pray for you all.

### ***NEW UPDATES & NEWS***

**Hawthorne Nazarene** - As most of you know, along with this evangelistic ministry God continues to lead, Jerry accepted an assignment from the Anaheim District Church of the Nazarene, to bi-vocationally pastor the Hawthorne Church of the Nazarene located in Hawthorne, CA. This little church is located in an area adjacent to small apartment complexes where the mission field exists. We view this as an extension of what God desires to do in His Kingdom. We are excited to be involved in the potential of the Gospel and its impact to this community.

**Responding Recovery Television**- We recently received news from Time Warner Cable of a major downsize to Responding Recovery Television. This public television broadcast (Biblical teaching, preaching along with interviews of various guests and organizations), has aired for many years to 12 cities in Orange County. As of now, we air in the city of Costa Mesa and potentially Orange. We know it is only the Holy Spirit who opened these doors of ministry. Please pray with us as we continue to trust God.

**Internet Television** – Our bright hope is to launch a new Gospel programming through this website. We have envisioned this movement for a long time. The expansion into this arena will take time and talent from experienced camera men and editors like Ken Seiffert and Jerry's brother Randy, who have worked with this ministry for many years. Ken and Randy's bio can be found under "Partners in Ministry" on the home page to this ministry. Please pray with us as we continue to trust God.

*Matt 22:9-10*

*9 Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.*

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