

## Scriptures and Doctrine :: Where do demons occupy?

### Where do demons occupy? - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/17 19:23

Hi All, I have been thinking of this over the last few days and was wondering what do you think? Its an area that I am recovering again basically to do with christians and demons.

1. Where do demons occupy?

Man is made up of body, soul and spirit. When Jesus permitted the demons to go into the herd of pigs, no spirit was involved, so it had to be body or soul or both. Hadn't it?

2. Jesus explained what happens when an evil spirit comes out of a man

Matt 12:43 "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. 44 Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order.

Does this mean that a spirit can return back into a christian?

Thanks Staff

### Re: Where do demons occupy? - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2011/7/17 20:07

Is Jesus statement here about the evil spirit bringing seven friends supposed to be about the evil spirit? Or is Jesus using this to illustrate a bigger point? If so, what is that bigger point?

### Re: Where do demons occupy?, on: 2011/7/17 22:21

Quote:

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I always assume it just meant that the person didn't give the house a new "Occupant", as the Holy Spirit and demons will not be "room mates" no matter what some might claim.

### Re: Where do demons occupy?, on: 2011/7/18 0:41

Staff, demonic spirits in Christians take up residence primarily in the brain. Although they can attack other parts of the body. They try to converse with Christians and they try to destroy a Christian's self-image. They have to be given an open door in order for them to do this. They can not occupy without permission.

I'm curious why you want to know though. I also curious as to where you are located on this big huge globe. Thanks.

### Re: Where do demons occupy? - posted by twayneb (), on: 2011/7/18 16:47

staff: I do not think it so critical that we understand exactly what part of man is inhabited or influenced or controlled or oppressed or possessed and etc. I do think it critical that we understand scriptures such as Rom 6:16-18.

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? (17) But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. (18) Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

There have been a plethora of books written about demonization that range from "there is no such thing" to "look for a demon on every doorknob." The reality is that there is a spirit realm where demons can have influence on mankind. A believer can, through sin or sometimes through other influences, be influenced himself by demons. What is important is that the influence is broken by the power of God in the name of Jesus. I certainly don't want to put myself in a position where I open myself up to the demonic realm. And if I walk in the Spirit and continue in obedience and submission to Christ, I have nothing to worry about as I stand in a place where I can exercise the authority of Christ whose I am and who I trust in.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/18 17:56**

Hi Endzone, I am Irish. Thank you for your reply and everyone else as well. The reasons I want to know are: The meetings I attended first when I was saved were healing and deliverance meetings. Many things have been said about this topic over the years and I felt during the week that I should revisit the topic and sort out a few things in my mind. A couple of things came to mind during the week and I feel like if I focus on the technical details of the subject that I will get answers.

For instance where do demons occupy? When you say the brain you are talking about the body, similar to the pigs. I am questioning whether demons can occupy a man's spirit whether he is saved or not saved. I am trying to look at it technically and scripturally. Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/18 18:03**

Hi Everestosama,

I think that you are right about the Holy Spirit not being roommates with demons.

What I am questioning is whether a demon can occupy a part of the body while the Holy Spirit is occupying the Spirit of a man, at least in the short term, yours Staff

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/18 18:12**

Hi Twayneb,

I do think that you are right in saying that we must consider ourselves dead to sin and servants of righteousness and I am trying to understand my own experiences and how those verses marry up with demon-controlled or oppressed areas etc

The whole area has got such a bad name, I feel we may have thrown out the baby with the bathwater, yours Staff

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/18 18:14**

Hi Alreadymind,

I don't know what the bigger point is! but I'll have another look. yours staff

**Re: , on: 2011/7/18 23:08**

I found this link today and haven't read it all yet, but from what I've read, this missionary-teacher to Tanzania, Africa sounds right-on to my Biblical understanding - but each must make up their own minds on this topic.

Don't know if this speaks to what the OP is seeking, but hope it helps somebody.

<http://www.bereanstudies.co.uk/>

In His Love.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/19 12:37**

Of course you can be saved and have a problem with demonic spirits--yes even inside of your body. Let me ask you this. Can you sin after you are saved? Of course. Well, sin is the open door to the demonic--especially habitual sin.

**Re: - posted by davym (), on: 2011/7/19 13:45**

Question: "Can a Christian be demon possessed? Can a Christian be demonized?"

Answer:

While the Bible does not explicitly state whether a Christian can be possessed by a demon, related biblical truths make it abundantly clear that Christians cannot be demon possessed. There is a distinct difference between being possessed by a demon and being oppressed or influenced by a demon. Demon possession involves a demon having direct/complete control over the thoughts and/or actions of a person (Matthew 17:14-18; Luke 4:33-35; 8:27-33). Demon oppression or influence involves a demon or demons attacking a person spiritually and/or encouraging him/her into sinful behavior. Notice that in all the New Testament passages dealing with spiritual warfare, there are no instructions to cast a demon out of a believer (Ephesians 6:10-18). Believers are told to resist the devil (James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9), not to cast him out.

Christians are indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19). Surely the Holy Spirit would not allow a demon to possess the same person He is indwelling. It is unthinkable that God would allow one of His children, whom He purchased with the blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19) and made into a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17), to be possessed and controlled by a demon. Yes, as believers, we wage war with Satan and his demons, but not from within our selves. The apostle John declares, "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). Who is the One in us? The Holy Spirit. Who is the one in the world? Satan and his demons. Therefore, the believer has overcome the world of demons, and the case for demon possession of a believer cannot be made scripturally.

With the strong biblical evidence that a Christian cannot be demon possessed in view, some Bible teachers use the term "demonization" to refer to a demon having control over a Christian. Some argue that while a Christian cannot be demon possessed, a Christian can be demonized. Typically, the description of demonization is virtually identical to the description of demon possession. So, the same issue results. Changing the terminology does not change the fact that a demon cannot inhabit or take full control of a Christian. Demonic influence and oppression are realities for Christians, no doubt, but it is simply not biblical to say that a Christian can be possessed by a demon or demonized.

Much of the reasoning behind the demonization concept is the personal experience of seeing someone who was "definitely" a Christian exhibiting evidence of being controlled by a demon. It is crucially important, though, that we do not allow personal experience to influence our interpretation of Scripture. Rather, we must filter our personal experiences through the truth of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Seeing someone whom we thought to be a Christian exhibiting the behavior of being demonized should cause us to question the genuineness of his/her faith. It should not cause us to alter our viewpoint on whether a Christian can be demon possessed / demonized. Perhaps the person truly is a Christian but is severely demon oppressed and/or suffering from severe psychological problems. But again, our experiences must meet the test of Scripture, not the other way around.

From [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org)

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/19 13:52**

Can the opposite question be asked, also?

What part of man does the Holy Spirit inhabit?

Body, Soul or Spirit or all 3?

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2011/7/19 14:47**

I am hesitant in posting this teaching by Frank Hammond because I know that many of you disagree with his ministry and do not believe that it is scriptural to cast demons out of Christians. However, I am much more concerned about Christians getting help and being set free than being opposed by those that reject this ministry.

Mike

## **AN INTRODUCTION TO DELIVERANCE FROM EVIL SPIRITS** by Frank Hammond

The term "deliverance" as used here encompasses both the process and the result of one's liberation from demonic bondage. Deliverance is achieved by driving out evil spirits, using the authority of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "In my name they will drive out demons" Mark 16:17.

Since some who read this article may not be familiar with the scriptural grounds for deliverance, we wish to acquaint them with the basic tenets of deliverance. We also recommend several books that we and others have published on various aspects of deliverance. A list of these books, which can be ordered via postal mail, is given at the end of this article.

### **Deliverance Basics**

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke abound with accounts of Jesus casting demons out of people. A major part of His earthly ministry, perhaps as much as one-third, was devoted to deliverance. His purpose in becoming man, dying on the cross and conquering the grave was to defeat Satan in our behalf. "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work" 1 John 3:8.

Jewish religious leaders were amazed at the authority Jesus exercised over demons. They said, "He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him" Mark 1:27. He did not use incantations or any sort of paraphernalia; He merely spoke to these real yet invisible beings and they obeyed Him. "He drove out the spirits with a word..." Matt. 8:16 Furthermore, Jesus trained The Twelve plus seventy-two other disciples and commissioned them to cast out demons.

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits...The Lord appointed seventy-two others...The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." Matt. 10:1; Luke 10:1, 17

Prior to His ascension into heaven, Jesus commissioned His Church to preach the Gospel throughout the world, confirming the Word with signs following. The first sign mentioned is deliverance: forcing demons to depart from a person in the Name of Jesus. "And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons" Mark 16:15-20.

### **The Believer's Authority**

Believers in Christ have been entrusted with a spiritual "power of attorney": authority to act in the absence and interests of Another. All authority in heaven and on earth belongs to Jesus (Matt. 28:18), and He has given us complete power over Satan and the demonic kingdom. Even though we cast out demons, the devil has no power to retaliate or harm us in any way. Jesus said: "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions, and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you" Luke 10:1

### **Deliverance Is For God's People**

When a Gentile woman requested deliverance for her little daughter, Jesus refused her and declared that deliverance is "the children's bread" Matt. 15:26. Only after she expressed faith in Him did He comply with her request, saying, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted" Matt. 15:28. Likewise, all others, who through faith in Christ become God's children, are qualified to receive "the children's bread".

A person who has not acknowledge Jesus Christ as His Lord and Savior, rarely seeks or submits to deliverance. He has no interest in the provisions of the Cross. His eyes are blinded and his heart hardened. He is dead in trespasses and sins, following the ways of Satan through, "the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air" Eph. 2:1. He cannot benefit from deliverance because, without filling himself with the virtues of the Holy Spirit, the evil spirits could come

back seven times stronger than before. "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first" Matt. 12:43-45.

#### Can A Christian Have A Demon?

No distinction is warranted between Christians and non-Christians having demons; the New Testament makes no such distinction. Our hearts are grieved by those who contend that Christians cannot have demons, thus robbing believers of a valid ministry purchased for us by the blood of Jesus.

Can a Christian be demon possessed? Herein lies much of the confusion. "Having" demons and being "possessed" by demons are entirely different matters. Possession denotes ownership. A Christian belongs to Christ. He has been purchased by the precious blood of Jesus (I Cor. 6:19, 20).

The King James Bible, and a few other versions, have translated the Greek word *daimonizomai* as "demon possessed", whereas the word specifically means "to act under the control of demons". "Those who were thus afflicted expressed the mind and consciousness of the demon or demons indwelling them" (Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words). Christians can be influenced and controlled by demons who indwell them, but demons cannot "possess" (own) a Christian. Demons dwelling in Christians are trespassers without ownership rights; therefore, they are subject to eviction in the authority of the Name of the One who has redeemed such believers unto Himself by His blood (I Pet. 1:18).

Some have questioned, "How can an evil spirit dwell in a person who has the Holy Spirit within him?" The answer is made clear by remembering that "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit" I Cor. 6:19. The Temple in Jerusalem had three parts: Outer Court, Holy Place and Holy of Holies. The presence of God dwelt solely in the Holy of Holies. The three compartments in the Temple correspond to man's tripartite being: body, soul and spirit. For the Christian, the human spirit corresponds to the Holy of Holies, which is the dwelling place of The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit desires us to submit every area of our "temple" to His control. Other temple areas include the mind, the emotions, the will and the physical body.

Jesus found defilement in the Jerusalem temple; however, the money changers and the merchants with doves and cattle were not in the Holy of Holies, but in the outer courts of the temple. Jesus proceeded to "cast out" all who defiled the temple (Matt. 21:12). This is a perfect analogy to deliverance.

Defilement is not in the spirit of a Christian but in the "outer courts" of his mind, emotions and body. There can be defilement in the Outer Court while the presence of the Lord remains in the Holy of Holies. Jesus is highly displeased with such a condition. He wants His temple cleansed and every defiling demon cast out.

#### Balance Is A Key Factor

Not every problem is demonic. For example, Jesus healed people without casting out demons. Not every demonic problem is exclusively demonic; there are also fleshly attitudes and activities which must be crucified. Corrupt flesh and uncleanness are companions; you rarely find one without the other. Any one who receives valid deliverance cannot expect to retain his deliverance apart from disciplined living. His tongue, mind, emotions, will, physical appetites, finances and his spirit-man must remain rigorously disciplined. "Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control" Prov. 25:28. The enemy has ready access to the life of one whose walls of discipline are not solidly constructed.

#### Why Seek Deliverance?

Why should a person want deliverance for himself? Is needing relief from torment, defilement, addiction or compulsive behavior a valid motivation? We know our Lord wants us to be free from every oppressive bondage, but seeking to be conformed to Christ's likeness is always the highest motivation. We should hate everything in us that detracts from this process and gives advantage to the devil.

#### Prerequisites for Deliverance

The Word of God lays down three absolute prerequisites for those who seek deliverance from oppressing evil spirits.

First, one must repent of all sin. Repentance is a firm resolve in the Lord to forsake sin and turn about to walk in the way

s of God. Ongoing sin in one's life is an open invitation to demons. Yielding to sin is yielding to a "whom", a person: namely, the devil. "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are the one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness?" Rom. 6:16

Second, there must be unqualified forgiveness toward all others no matter what they have done, how many times they have done it, or whether they continue to offend. Forgiveness of oneself is also mandatory. Anyone who has any reservation about forgiving any other person is turned over to tormenting demons until he pays the debt of love's forgiveness. "In anger his master turned him over to the jailers until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart" Matt. 18:21-35 (Brackets ours).

Third, there must be a complete separation from every association no matter how casual with the occult, cults and Eastern Religions. This separation includes the destruction of all books and paraphernalia associated therewith. (Deut. 7:25-26; 18:9-13; Acts 19: 19-21).

#### Judged By Its Fruit

One day a group of proud, pious Pharisees challenged the validity of Jesus' deliverance ministry. They accused Him saying, "It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons" Matt. 12:24. In the midst of a particularly pointed response, Jesus challenged His critics with these words: "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit" Matt. 12:33. Indeed, let deliverance be judged by its fruit! After three decades in deliverance ministry on four continents, we have found that deliverance is a VERY fruitful ministry. In the books we have written, we have shared many examples of persons who have been set free from bondage in their minds, emotions and physical bodies.

Some of the most dramatic and instantly recognizable fruit of deliverance has occurred in children to whom we have ministered. Many parents have said to us, "Our child is not responsive to training, discipline or love". It is not unusual for all such negative traits to be completely reversed after only one thorough session of deliverance. This change is tangible fruit of deliverance!

It is a tremendous benefit to children when, by casting out oppressing demons, those resistant to discipline become pliable; those who could not be cuddled are now receptive to touching love; the rebellious and stubborn become governable; the devious are made trainable in truthfulness and honesty, and the restless and agitated become peaceful. Consider the quality difference that deliverance can make in a person's life.

Parents, too, are greatly benefited by the changes that deliverance makes in a child, for many frustrations and hassles are terminated.

Each child that is born into this world is a unique individual. God has designed each one with a personality all his own. One of the greatest challenges parents face is training and nurturing each child so that the full potential of his special personality is developed and channeled in the ways of God. When evil spirits hinder or block this process, conscientious parents can become perplexed and discouraged.

Children are the most valuable assets that a family, church or society has. Our objective as Christian parents and ministers should always be to lead our children to love and serve Jesus Christ so that they will not be captured by the Antichrist system of this world.

If we expect to be free from the oppression of evil spirits, we must engage in spiritual warfare, utilizing every resource which God provides. He has counseled us, "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes" Eph. 6:10-11.

We have been given three offensive weapons by which to cast out every oppressing spirit:

The name of Jesus. "Jesus" is the name of absolute authority. His name is above all other names. The authority of Jesus' name is given to every one who believes in Him for salvation through the forgiveness of sins. Thus, every believer has the right to say to demons, "Go! In the name of Jesus", and the demons must obey.

The power in His blood. The blood that Jesus shed on the cross is incorruptible - it never dies and never loses its power. To use the blood of Jesus as a weapon, tell the devil and his demons what His blood has done for you. It has ransomed, redeemed, atoned, justified and sanctified you.

The Word of God. His Word is called "the sword of the Spirit" Eph. 6:17. We use the Word in warfare when we read or quote aloud applicable scriptures to the devil. This is what Jesus did in the time of His wilderness temptations. He said, "Satan, it is written...." In times of battle against the devil, the anointing of the Holy Spirit should be sought and anticipated. The power channels for the Holy Spirit's anointing are the gifts of the Spirit. Of special importance in spiritual warfare is the gift of "discerning of spirits". By means of this gift there comes a supernatural insight in the spiritual realm so that one is able to know the presence, nature and activities of evil spirits. The gift of discerning of spirits guides the deliverance minister in his work. He need not call upon lying spirits to identify themselves, for the Holy Spirit has already revealed to him who they are. (See: Acts 1:8; I Cor. 12:7-11).

Furthermore, the gift of "faith" arms one with strength to speak to evil spirits with absolute assurance of victory over them. Jesus taught that by speaking in faith one can remove a mountain. Demons indwelling a person represent a mountainous problem that demands removal. The Bible says, "Covet earnestly the best gifts" and "desire spiritual gifts" I Cor. 12:31; 14:1.

An effective way to begin a deliverance ministry is for the person seeking deliverance to verbalize specific prayers and confessions. Such prayers will affirm the candidate's relationship with Jesus Christ, make definite request of God for deliverance and serve the forces of darkness their eviction notice.

#### **Deliverance Prayers and Confessions**

##### **General Confession & Prayer**

"Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are the Son of God. You are the Savior who came in the flesh to destroy the works of the devil. You died on the cross for my sins and rose up from the dead. I now confess all of my sins, known and unknown, and repent of each one. I ask You to forgive me and cleanse me in Your blood. I do believe that Your blood cleanses me now from all sin. Thank You for redeeming me, cleansing me, and sanctifying me in Your blood."

##### **Forgiveness Prayer**

"Lord, others have trespassed against me, but in obedience to Your command I now forgive each person who has ever hurt me in any way. As an act of my will I now forgive (name them, both living and dead). Lord, bless each of these; I love them with Your love, and I ask You to forgive them also. And since You have forgiven me, I also forgive and accept myself in the name of Jesus Christ. The curse of unforgiveness has no more power in my life."

##### **Occult Confession Prayer**

"I confess as sin and seek Your forgiveness for every occult involvement. I confess having sought from Satan the help that should only come from God. I renounce every occult activity; I renounce Satan and all his works. I loose myself from him, and I take back all the ground I ever yielded to him. I choose the blessing and not the curse. I choose life and not death."

##### **Loosing From Domination Prayer (Breaking Soul Ties)**

"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I now renounce, break and loose myself from all demonic subjection to my mother, my father, my grandparents and any other human beings, living or dead, who have dominated and controlled me in any way. I thank You, Lord, for setting me free."

#### Psychic Heredity and Bondage Prayer

"In the name of Jesus Christ, I now renounce, break and loose myself and my family from all hereditary curses, and from all demonic bondage placed upon us as the result of sins, transgressions or iniquities through myself, my parents or any of my ancestors. I confess the sins of my forefathers."

#### Loosing From Witchcraft & Related Powers

"In the name of Jesus Christ I now rebuke, break and loose myself, and my family, from any and all evil curses operating through charms, vexes, hexes, spells, omens, jinxes, psychic powers, mind control, bewitchments, witchcraft or sorcery, that have been put upon me through any person, or from any cult or occult source. I command all such demonic powers to leave me in the name of Jesus. I am the head and not the tail. I am above and not beneath."

#### Come To Jesus, The Deliverer, Prayer

"I come to you, Jesus, as my Deliverer. You know all my problems -- the things that bind me, that torment me, that defile and harass me. I now loose myself from every dark spirit, from every evil influence, from every satanic bandage, from every spirit in me that is not the Spirit of God, and I command all such spirits to leave me now, in the name of Jesus Christ. I now confess that my body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed and sanctified by the blood of Jesus. Therefore, Satan has no place in me, and no power over me, through the blood of Jesus."

#### Breaking Curses Confession

"In the name of Jesus Christ I confess all the sins of my forefathers, and by the redemptive blood of Jesus, I now break the power of every curse passed down to me through my ancestral line. I confess and repent of each and every sin that I have committed, known or unknown, and accept Christ's forgiveness. He has redeemed me from the curse of the law. I choose the blessing and reject the curse. In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, I break the power of every evil curse spoken against me. I cancel the force of every prediction spoken about me, whether intentionally or carelessly, that was not according to God's promised blessings. I bless those who have cursed me. I forgive each person who has ever wronged me or spoken evil of me. In the name of Jesus, I command every evil spirit of curse to leave me now."

#### Commitment to Christ

"Heavenly Father, I am your child, redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. You have given me life, and I now give my life to you. My heart's desire is to glorify your Name. I am an ambassador for Christ and a minister of reconciliation. In Your strength I will love, obey and serve You all the days of my life. Amen!"

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**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/19 16:33**

Hi all,  
Abide in him this is what I have been basically believing, that the Holy Spirit is resident in the Spirit but also wants control of all areas of our life.  
Some of the other posts are longer and I will take a while to look at them and ask some questions.  
Sarah's reverse question sums it up as well,  
thanks Staff

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/19 17:09**

Just a question that has cropped up after reading an article.  
If from Mark 9 we know a demon can cause deafness and dumbness;  
Is there anyone out there who had this problem before being saved and was healed on the day they were saved ?  
My point is shouldn't all illness or problems caused by demons cease on the day the persons are indwelt. It would be interesting to hear from anyone out there?  
yours staff

**Re: - posted by mikey2, on: 2011/7/19 17:24**

I never looked at it that way.

Mar 9:17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

then later,

Mar 9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

So, it looks like Jesus actually says that the man had a deaf and dumb spirit and He cast them out.

I also find it interesting that the people were aware of dumb spirits and Jesus confirmed it. The people said, "he hath a dumb spirit", Jesus says, "Thou deaf and dumb spirit".

It sounds spiritually reasonable to believe that if no demons can occupy any part of a Believer that once they are born-again and filled with the Holy Spirit that they should all be healed and delivered from spirits of infirmity. So, I see what you are saying.

But, I don't think that is the overall experience in the Body of Christ... so that must mean...

Mike

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/19 19:25**

Hi Davym,

I think you also have raised valid points,

I have noticed that in recent years that to overcome the problem of peoples experiences including mine their has been a change in terminology from demon possession to oppression etc which as you said are so similar.

Also I agree with your statement about our experiences must meet the test of scripture,there are no ifs ,maybes or buts.

Through this thread,A question has arisen that I never thought before which is this.We see that often Jesus cast out spirits and their were manifestations as they were leaving.When Christians come to Jesus and have demons on the day they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit,how is that their are no manifestations?Is it because the indwelling process is different than taking authority externally?

Also to reiterate my earlier question.If a person with a deaf and dumb spirit that causes deafness and muteness comes to Christ and is indwelt with the Holy Spirit shouldnt that person hear and speak at that very moment?

What do you think?

Yours Staff

**Re: , on: 2011/7/19 23:46**

Good post davymn.

On another thread there's a discussion of what type of teaching/preaching is sorely lacking in the Church today.

I'd have to say exegetical, because when one truly gets into the Greek of the N.T. and learns to do an exegesis on verses / word studies and comparing all verses containing the same word etc, etc - That is the only true way to come up with sound doctrine. We don't see that much anymore. The Church is not being taught how to truly study the Bible on their own. The e-sword is so easy for anyone to use. To download the KJV numbered to the Strong's is a simple but good beginning. The resources for doing complete word studies are available to anyone with a computer - yet our doctrines have gone through more changes in the last 30 yrs than in the last 2000. It is heart wrenching to watch.

What I fear is for those of us who will live through the days that are ahead.

If we think we're living in an extremely immoral demonic world now - we haven't seen anything yet.

If people give demons more power than they Scripturally have Now - How on earth will they make it through what's coming?

I don't believe anyone needs to go into all the Scriptures that describe the last-days-world, but Jesus implied that it would be worse than anything ever seen on earth; morally and demonically.

The Church desperately needs to be teaching the Saints 'who' they are IN Christ. What power is within them.

Grieving for the shape that the Church is in now, because the teachers that they've preferred & followed have stripped them of His power by watering down His Word and throwing out exegetical teaching.

We're mesmerized by men's words and have lost interest in the words that were penned by His Apostles - the foundation layers, in the language that He chose for a very specific reason. The most exact language in human history. But we don't know that or don't want to know that. It doesn't relieve itching ears. It lays too much responsibility on the "Christian" to learn and live out The Word of GOD.

We need sensationalism in it's stead. GOD have mercy!

**Re: , on: 2011/7/20 1:29**

I respectfully and strongly disagree with this statement.

Quote:

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Do you know whose Greek you are reading? Do you know where it came from?

You can start by studying Gerhard Kittel. Liberal theologian and Nazi War Criminal, who worked for Hitler in penning "The Jewish Question".

[http://textus-receptus.com/wiki/Gerhard\\_Kittel](http://textus-receptus.com/wiki/Gerhard_Kittel)

If all Bible versions are good enough, why do we have leaders in the pulpits explaining (away) the Word to us by pulling out the Greek.

No thanks. What the KJV says, is good enough for me. I will show you more later regarding, H.G. Liddell - A Greek-English Lexicon, Bauer and Danker of A Greek-English Lexicon of the NT, Brown, Driver and Briggs of A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the OT and Gesenius of A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the OT.

Most people don't know what they are doing when using these men's works.

The Church blindly accepts everything and does no research.

Julius

**Re: , on: 2011/7/20 2:38**

Have you studied Greek in college, Julius?

Do you know that you need not use any of those authors that you've listed? I'm well aware of Kittel's background. Does that mean we throw out Greek exegesis?

Are you suggesting that we not even use a Strong's or others that are not on your bad list?

Are you suggesting that none of us should know Greek definitions or grammar?

You can read your KJV, but if you read the one that is numbered to the Strong's, you may get a true hunger to study for a much deeper understanding. And if you learn Greek grammar - you may be able to go deeper still.

He made certain that we have that language, to prove 'His' points. Finding a few authors of lexicons that we can't go by is no excuse to fault anyone or try to dissuade them from learning His Word in the language He wanted it written in, for a very important reason.

Your arguments against Greek exegesis are contrary to 'His' sole purpose for choosing that language for His New Covenant.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/20 9:40**

Hi Jesus is God,

Do you have an answer to the questions that I asked, Thanks Staff

**Re: , on: 2011/7/20 9:47**

Yes, I do know some Greek.

I don't want to hijack staff's thread, but you need to know what you are talking about when using these other sources. And if you can't answer staff's questions it is disingenuous to say, he doesn't understand doctrine because he doesn't know the Greek. The KJV and the Holy Spirit (ed) is all he needs.

Let's briefly take a look at some more.

Vine's definitions or text is from the Revised Version of 1881 and it underlying Westcott-Hort Greek text. Not the Textus-Receptus text.

Vine's definitions are the very words used in new version. Vine's also follows corrupt lexicons such as Gesenius, Thayer and the Egyptian rubbish of Moulton and Milligan.

I can go in detail but again won't hijack this thread.

Vine's use of our Revised version (R.V.) and its corrupt Greek text sometimes skews his theology. His essay on "the blood" is heresy.

It appears at times that Vine cannot read Greek and does not know the differences between his corrupt Westcott and Hort Greek New Testament and the pure Textus Receptus. Note the following example. Vine states that:

"workers at home, - this R.V. rendering represents the word oikouros, found in the most authentic manuscripts" (The collected writings of W.E. Vine).

From that his readers are meant to gather that:

"oikouros" is the word underlying the R.V. rendering "workers at home" and the manuscripts underlying the R.V. Greek text use the word "oikouros".

He is wrong about the meaning of the word and he is wrong about the Greek word in the text.

The facts are that the Greek word underlying the recommended R.V. translation (and all corrupt Greek texts including the UBS and Nestle-Aland) oikourgos. Notice the extra "g"? The word oikourgos (not oikouros) means "workers at home".

The first root oikos, means "home" and begins both words. The second half of these words contains two completely different words, although they appear similar except for a gamma (g). The ending of the R.V. Greek word, oikourgos, comes from the Greek word "ergon" meaning "work." You may have seen the phrase ergonomic design, that is, designed for work. The KJV translates the pure Greek text which has oikouros. It ends with the word ouros, meaning "KEEPER." Hence the KJV has "keepers at home" and Vine's R.V. and new versions have "workers at home".

Vine is neither an expert in Greek nor in the Greek textual variants. Throw his books out.

Vine's text continually promotes "works." In Titus 2:5 it cracks the whip with a guilt trip over disabled and elderly ladies. It charges ALL women to be "workers at home." He does not tell his unsuspecting reader that the majority of the Greek manuscripts have oikouros, which is perfectly rendered by the KJV as, "Keepers at home." The KJV word encompasses all women and also includes all of the spiritual senses that are involved in KEEPING A HOME. Being "keepers at home" is possible for all women. Working at home is not always possible for the aged and disabled.

When Vine gives a word's "meaning," he is defining the Greek word in the Westcott-Hort text, not the Textus Receptus.

In Col 4:13 he says "toil, but it is "zeal". The word is zelos not ponos as he uses.

Vine uses the corrupt Greek text again to define "king of saints" (hagion) which he says comes from "inferior MSS". He defines it under the "AGE" according to the corrupt Greek texts followed by the R.V. which say "King of ages". Rev 15:3

The word "saints" has been completely omitted from the new TNIV so that only dead Catholics can be called "saints", now.

Vine "corrects" the KJV "alms" (eleemosune) with his corrupt Greek (dikaiousune) which the R.V. translated righteousness).

Vine's "...are ye not men?" gives a hearty compliment! The KJV's "...are ye not carnal" is a reality check!! Vine pretends, "The best texts have anthropoi, "men" here. The A.V. "carnal" translates the manuscripts which have "sarkikoi".

The KJV's "not being mixed with faith" is falsely criticized by Vine in favour of "they were not united", which he pretends is used in his manuscripts which have the plural of the participle.

There is so much more it boggles the mind.

In Acts he recommends the use of the R.V.'s word "bishop", instead of the KJV's "overseer". This is strange since "overseer" is a direct translation of epi (over) skopeo (see).

Now, I have already taken too much room in this thread, as there is much more to Vine and I would like to tell you something about Strong's too.

Strong was a member of the Westcott and Hort Revised Version Committee of 1881 and worked in masterminding that corrupt version.

Strong was also a member of the American Standard Version Committee, finally published in 1901. It said that Jesus Christ was a creature not the Creator.

Strong's Greek text is not always that which underlies the KJV. Strong's various definitions may not give anywhere near a literal translation of the Greek.

Some of the latest editions of Strong's Concordance are not even Strong's original. In the Greek and Hebrew lexicons in the back section, they contain even more corrupt definitions from new version editors. In the main body of the concordance, which originally was correct, new editions omit important KJB usages of the word "Jesus" in order to match corrupt new versions.

Strong's concordance has been elevated to the position of the 4th member of the Trinity by many. His corrupt Greek and Hebrew definitions pepper today's preaching, as if his lexicon was the final and 67th book of the Bible. His liberal definitions are used as quick and weak patches to fill a void in sermons. The space would be better filled by a laborious looking up of all the Bible's usages of a word.

Are there any TOTALLY reliable Greek and Hebrew lexicons or dictionaries? NO

Man-made lexicons and critical editions are not an authority above the Holy Bible.

What is the result of the use of Greek and Hebrew study tools?

Elevate the English words in lexicons by unsaved liberals above the English words in our Holy Bible.

Demote the words of the Holy Bible resulting in a loss of confidence in it.

Establish an elevated priest-class of a few Greek and Hebrew scholars and incite a rebellious anarchism in the pews where "everyman's" own interpretation, taken from stacks of software, supersedes that in the Holy Bible.

Give false doctrines and the heresies of history past a voice (hell dissolved, women deacons, the end of the "world" updated to the end of the "age", Jesus reduced to a servant not a Son, et al).

Bring Christians in contact with pagan and secular interpretations, thoughts, views, heresies and translations.

Provide a dangerous shortcut which leads Christians to believe that understanding the Bible is a linguistic feat, not a time when they meet with God as they "labour in the word" (1 Tim 5:17). "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another..." (Col 3:16). This has been replaced by solitary surfing in dangerous software, books and on the web.

Leads to time spent away from the Holy Bible.

Isn't it strange that the only current weak and carnal Laodicean-type church is the one that has had wide access to Greek and Hebrew study tools (Rev 3:14)?

Could it be they are weak for this very reason? The martyrs throughout history loved the word of God and actually died rather than re-define it.

Staff, thank you for any grace you can extend to me. I want people to know that they don't have to be intimidated or shut down by the "scholars" and that their KJV is very reliable.

Julius

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2011/7/20 11:30**

An old Cherokee told his grandson, "My son, there's a battle between two wolves inside us all. One is Evil. It's anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies, and ego. The other is Good. It's joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy, and truth." The grandson thought about it and asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

**Re: , on: 2011/7/20 11:48**

Hi Staff, I'm trying to give an answer and did on the bottom of page 1.

To your last question - not all "deaf or dumb" folks have those disabilities due to demons.

Julius, I don't use the Vine's and posted here before against it.

No one is trying to "intimidate or shut down" anyone, Julius. That's getting a bit far fetched now.

Also not saying that we all must know Greek Grammar, but definitions of the Greek words from the TR is very helpful in determining the meaning of a passage.

I've never seen anyone come against that as you have.

With the Greek, you learn the language by the parts of the words themselves. It's not impossible to get an accurate definition. I don't know where you are coming up with that because for every belief that you have, that you've learned since being in the Church, someone went into the Greek to come up with that belief - if you go back far enough into the history of church doctrines.

How was even the KJV written and how did they come up with the meanings of the words that you're reading if not from Some Source of Greek translation.

Very strange argument and one I've never heard. Not understandable nor qualified stance, seeing that you're reading a version that was translated from the T.R..

Well, back to demons - in these last days - we are certainly seeing them pull down sound doctrine, and tearing down the old foundations of the Church with "arguments":

the word that Paul used that the KJV translated as "strongholds" of a mind that's holding onto stubborn but unscriptural beliefs and thoughts.

"Sound doctrine" is now a word that we must fear to use, though quoting those words From His Word, and this is just one more sign that we are indeed living in the last days, as Paul spoke so much of - with doctrines of demons, the apostasy from His truth, the falling away, the fall in morality, etc..

How one will get through these last days is determined by what they believe.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/20 11:59**

Strong's does not get off the hook that easily, either. I started going into Strong's and there is much to say about it and many examples to give. But, in deference to staff, as I said before I don't want to hijack his thread. You can start a new thread if you would like to delve into this. If I start it then it will appear that I have an agenda and since this website seems to be antagonistic against the KJV and the Textus Receptus the thread will probably be attacked quite swiftly so all I can say is do some research into Strong's source of information.

The fact that you are asking "how was the KJV written", shows that you don't really understand this issue.

Sorry and thanks again for your patience and grace, staff. I won't take the discussion off topic again.

Julius

Re: , on: 2011/7/20 12:12

How does one settle on a certain "doctrine" - in this case, the discussion is "demonology"?

To go to the foundation of where and how a "doctrine" is formed, one should know where it came from and what words in the TR are used and their definitions.

So none of what has been brought forth is "off topic".

2Ti 4:3 ForG1063 the timeG2540 will comeG2071 whenG3753 they will notG3756 endureG430 soundG5198 doctrine;G1319 butG235 afterG2596 their ownG2398 lustsG1939 shall they heapG2002 to themselvesG1438 teachers,G1320 having itchingG2833 ears;G189

2Ti 4:4 AndG2532 they shall turn awayG654 their earsG189 fromG575 (G3303) theG3588 truth,G225 andG1161 shall be turnedG1624 untoG1909 fables.G3454

Seeing that I prefer the KJV and because the TR was used - my question does still apply, Julius. How did they translate the Greek to come up with their version of the N.T. - from where our foundational doctrines have been formed.

That's not off topic in the least, as the verses above, just for one, set the tone of the last days when doctrines will be turned on their head by people using 'whatever' definition of words that they 'choose' -- obviously, in 'these' days.

To be concerned for what others believe in 'these' days and where they get their beliefs from, does not make one a "wolf" -- but something that I expect out of a good shepherd of His Sheep. A man of GOD who cares what his Father's Sheep graze upon and eat to keep them healthy.

He Loves His Sheep.

Re: , on: 2011/7/20 12:25

Like I said, start a new thread Jesus-is-God and I will answer your question. I think this is off topic and I have no problem answering your question in how KJV translators came up with the NT. It is not a short answer.

Yes, He loves His Sheep,  
Julius

Quote:  
-----from where our foundational doctrines have been formed.  
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Many "foundational doctrines" have been formed from corrupt greek texts. That is why the church is weak and sickly, today.

Re: , on: 2011/7/20 12:38

I have no questions for you, Julius.

"Foundational" doctrines are those that the Church have held for near 2000 yrs. They are not corrupt - those of this new 'church' era are and that's the point of why I brought up the need for men to study and teach exegetically.

"Demonology" is a "doctrine of the Church" and has been corrupted since the Apostle's penned the N.T. and the earliest of the Early Church Fathers that were their contemporaries wrote "against heresies", etc. prior to approx 300 AD.

An inaccurate, non-Biblical Demonology can do great damage to the young in Christ or the Biblically illiterate and the Witness to the world of what True Christianity does for a soul.

Sound doctrine is thrown in the streets in these days and by that I mean the "foundational doctrines" held by the early Church.

I pray that GOD would raise up more men that will get the burden for exegetical, foundational teaching of His Word and

at this moment, mainly on this topic of demonology.  
Amen.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/20 12:53**

I know what foundational doctrines are, but thanks for the lecture. I see that you don't really want to have a conversation.

Julius

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/20 12:58**

His Jesus is God,  
I think you have side stepped the question in my opinion.  
In regards to your comment in brackets, of course not all folks that are deaf and dumb have those disabilities because of demons. The question only pertains to those that are deaf and dumb because of demons.  
On the day that a deaf and dumb person who are deaf and dumb because of demons are saved and indwelt do they begin to hear and speak?  
(To your last question - not all "deaf or dumb" folks have those disabilities due to demons.)  
Yours Staff

**Re: , on: 2011/7/20 13:09**

Hi Brother Staff, according to the works of Jesus and His Apostles and seeing that I've always loved reading the stories of Missionaries, yes - we see numerous accounts of those who were saved and healed simultaneously, when their infirmity was demonic. Bless GOD!!

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/20 13:31**

Hi Jesus is God,  
Do you have scriptures to show that in particular after Jesus had ascended. And are you saying all people with illnesses or infirmity that are caused by demons are healed when they are saved and indwelt immediately?  
And can we take into account these missionary stories as that would only be experiential doctrine wouldn't it?  
Yours and thanks Staff

**Re: , on: 2011/7/20 16:32**

Hi Staff. "after Jesus had ascended" would be the book of Acts, Brother.

It is interesting to note that when Jesus or the Apostles "laid hands on" one who needed healing - that the laying on of hands is never used with those who have a demon, neither by Jesus nor His Apostles -- showing that healing and "casting out devils" are not one in the same.  
The illnesses that are not caused by a "demon" are just to be prayed for - as we see in James 5:6 with no mention of demons.  
Afflictions that are not from "demons" but allowed by GOD can be seen in 1 Cor 11:30 on those who take communion in a way that doesn't acknowledge the Body.  
GOD can send afflictions - as we see with Job. Job did not need the demon-of-boils "cast out of him" - GOD just allowed Satan to inflict him.  
Job is a Christian's best picture of how GOD will utilize Satan with one of His own.

Many times we read that they "healed all who were sick and cast out demons" - implying that not all that we healed had demons. Some were just sick and GOD wanted them healed for the propagation of the Gospel .... as the missionaries did, that I spoke of. Are we to imply that these Missionaries are liars? I don't believe they are or were.

Two types of 'sicknesses'. Some by demons, others not ...

Act 5:16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, 'and' them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.



Act 8:7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: 'and' many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

Act 14:8-10 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: the same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

Act 28:7-10 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously. And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed: who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laden us with such things as were necessary.

Paul is seen raising the dead in Acts 20.

You can start with Acts 3 for the first healed "after Jesus had ascended" and there were those who were either healed of their illnesses and those who had demons cast out of them when Jesus sent out His Disciples while Jesus was still on earth.

It's rather clear that not all diseases are from demons.

Yes, I believe that if a person has "a foul spirit", as the man did in Mark 9:25 had that was "deaf & dumb", that that foul spirit must leave when the HOLY Spirit enters a human.

I see no accounts of the Apostles "casting demons Out of" true Believers in the Bible.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/20 17:12**

Hi Again your not answering the questions asked,

Everyone knows Jesus ascended in Acts. Also it is clear that not all diseases or illnesses are not demonic as I said earlier myself

Even at the end you didn't answer the question clearly as the Mark 9.25 doesn't deal with salvation.

What I would like your opinion on is when a person with a demon is saved that demon has to leave all of the time? yes or no.

Also and more importantly you side stepped the issue of missionary stories of people being saved and demons coming out of the same time. Isn't that experiential doctrine?

The account of demons being cast out are mainly to do with evangelism accounts that may be the reason it is not mentioned. If there were no accounts of the church expanding there would be no accounts of demons being cast out full stop. Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2011/7/20 17:30**

Quote:

-----Staff to JiG:

What I would like your opinion on is when a person with a demon is saved that demon has to leave all of the time? yes or no.

I'm not trying to butt in here AND I am not trying to put words into JiG's mouth but I've been down this road with her and others... If I am correct, I believe that they do not believe a saved person can have a demon, anyone who does have a demon is obviously unsaved. (Forgive me if I did not get it correct, JiG; I mean no harm).

That is my take on it, so brother they just might feel (I'm presuming again) that you are not asking them the right question!

God bless us all as we try to walk together and find something to agree on!!!

Lisa

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/20 17:44**

Hi Lysa,

I think that what Jig believes this as well but what I am asking is a little difficult to answer for some one with that belief. What happens to the demon and its effects at the moment of Salvation and Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

And at that moment of salvation and indwelling are their demon manifestations for those that have a demon?

The answer to the first question seems to be just experiential doctrine to me. ie missionaries have seen it happen.

It is important because if they are wrong in their belief they are denying christians a valuable and life changing resource.

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/20 19:53**

There are more people today than Jesus' time, and more demon possessed people than Jesus' time, so why is this so hard to figure out.

We should be seeing miraculous manifestations all the time.

Unless, of course, something else is afoot.

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: , on: 2011/7/20 23:08**

Thanks Sis Lisa. I Do appreciate you answering for me and I know you mean no harm - it helped that I didn't have to repeat all of that again. Bless you!

Staff - I don't have tv at home and Dad's a huge Yankee fan, so I have to sit there and watch the games now that I've moved here, if I want to be with him.

Never fails that I get some 'spiritual' lesson out of watching these games with him. I knew very little about baseball until this season - watching it with him.

You know those people keep the most accurate statistics on each player. Even on the tiny things that they do. Keeping count of how many times they've done this or that in their career, right down to things that don't even matter that much to the game itself.

Then I thought -- What type of statistics have we kept on Jesus' and the Apostle's ministries?

If they didn't do it - why do we believe it?

Easy to answer I suppose, but if it's not in the record of Christ Himself while on earth or in the record of the Apostles and the first Church, I just won't go beyond their statistics.

I really believe that the N.T. is our 'Owner's' Manual on all that we'll ever need to know - if we look into it hard enough.

Yes staff, I do believe that when a person is truly saved, that demons cannot cohabit with The Holy Spirit or vice versa and that there are many more diseases that are caused by many factors other than demons. That is what I see in His Word, statistically speaking.

I believe if you preach that true Christians can have demons indwelling them, that it's a very bad witness to other 'religions' out there and even to the non-religious but mainly I must stand on the statistics of His Word - it's just not Scriptural.

GOD allowed Satan to "touch" Job's flesh, but not enter him.

I think we need to be more of statisticians with His Word than with other men's words or experiences.

I guess that wraps it up.  
Thanks for your patience.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/21 11:35**

Hi Jesus is God,

You failed to comment again on your earlier comment

This comment below is basing your understanding at least in part on experiential doctrine isn't it?

(Hi Brother Staff, according to the works of Jesus and His Apostles and seeing that I've always loved reading the stories of Missionaries, yes - we see numerous accounts of those who were saved and healed simultaneously, when their infirmity was demonic.)

If all the people that have demons are saved and indwelt by the Holy Spirit have demons expelled at that same time where are the demonic manifestations? And why are they not recorded in the scripture after the birth of the Church?

Of course only a portion of people saved may have a demonic affliction and perhaps even a percentage of that portion may manifest itself. But what about that portion where are the manifestations?

Also you keep raising non issues.

I also believe the Holy Spirit cannot be indwelt with a demon as well and Job was touched only and not entered and yet a gain almost every Christian I know believe that only some illness are demonic not all.

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/21 11:48**

Ok, so just thinking aloud, through everything here.

Jesus says, don't clean someone's house (deliverance, casting out of demons) if you don't have something to replace them with (Holy Spirit) or else things will be worse for them than before.

But, as this thread is saying, the minute someone is saved all demons are expelled because the Holy Spirit will not let them stay in the body, even though the Holy Spirit is joined to our Spirit.

The conclusion would seem that when people are saved, if they have a deaf and dumb spirit or spirit of infirmity that they would be healed instantly.

Am I on track with all of your thinking?

So, it would seem that there is no need for casting out demons anymore. Right?

You don't want to cast out demons in an unbeliever because you have no assurance they will accept Christ. And if demons are automatically expelled at salvation, then this verse really does not apply anymore.

Mar 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mar 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

New tongues apply but not the casting out of devils.

Not saying I agree, just trying to follow your logic.

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: - posted by bowmyknees, on: 2011/7/21 12:41**

Where do demons occupy?

In unbelievers

**Re: , on: 2011/7/21 12:42**

Quote:

-----Where do demons occupy? In unbelievers

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This.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/21 12:51**

Amen!

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/21 15:12**

Hi Sarah,

That is an expanded better version but thats the logic. Thank you for listening. May I just add that in some cases their would have to be manifestations of demons leaving at the point of indwelling by the Holy Spirit, What do not agree on or are you mulling it over,  
Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/21 15:22**

Hi Jesus is God,

If you dont want or cannot answer my questions about your missionary comment that is ok but the comment by bownyknees is just unedifying to say the least.

I have genuinely tried to bring a different aspect to the discussion that hasnt been on other threads about the subject. And I welcome anyone out their to explain away my thoughts on the subject. Although Sarah doesnt say she believes either way what I am saying her post probably best represents what I am saying. I think anyone on this forum that believes that a christian cannot have a demon occupying in some way not nessacarilly in the spirit should be able to answer my few simple questions. I think that is fair, yours staff

**Re: , on: 2011/7/21 20:25**

Quote:

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You are right. In Africa when a Christian brother gets delivered from a demonic spirit it's no big deal. The brother may shake or have other manifestations, but it is no big deal to the congregation there. This is what I have been told by guest speakers from Africa.

**Re: - posted by sprinkle, on: 2011/7/21 22:17**

Because we live in a fallen world, that is influenced in "all areas" media, government, education etc., by satanic activity. We attribute everything to demonic activity. Most often, what we see is the fruit of a cursed humanity. Be assured, those same demons that Jesus cast out, over 2 thousand years ago, are still walking the earth today. More wise and more effective than ever before. They have had more time to perfect their destructive skills. Satan and his angels were active during the ministry of Christ, because God, in human flesh had appeared, and they knew full well who He was. Our culture is so entrenched in wickedness, by its own volition, satan can rest with this generation. I don't see in scripture, where believers are possessed, oppressed, yes. Paul was sent a buffer from satan. So God allows satan to "touch" his children, but not to take over their will and abide in their souls.

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/21 22:26**

Quote:

-----So God allows satan to "touch" his children, but not to take over their will and abide in their souls.

Chapter and verse, please on the second part of your statement.

It's not about what God allows or not. It is what man allows and who he gives himself to.

Read James 4.

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: - posted by sprinkle, on: 2011/7/21 22:29**

The people who were delivered from demonic activity, were not saved. They did not have the ability to choose. That is the reason that we want to liberate people from satan's shackles. They must be free to hear the message of grace and choose of their own volition. Everyone that refuses to listen, is not possessed by demons. They are simply blinded by the power of the devil. Some of the habits that the new convert will exhibit, may not shed immediately. But may carry over into christiandom, where the Holy Spirit will remove them, through the process of sanctification.

**Re: - posted by sprinkle, on: 2011/7/21 22:45**

I beg to differ with you. We give too much credence to the power of man, while we detract from the power of God. 1Cor. 5:4 Paul admonished this church to deal with an immoral believer, by ostracizing him and "handing him over to satan", so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord. All that satan was "allowed by God" to do to Job, He was not allowed to take his life or his will. Job still was given the ability to express pure emotions, in spite of his physical and spiritual attack by satan himself.

**Re: - posted by sprinkle, on: 2011/7/21 22:56**

Thank you Sarah for the good dialogue. Have a blessed night.

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/22 9:48**

And thank you, Sprinkle.

Perhaps it is also good to remember that sometimes God has to give us a revelation by way of experience before we actually "SEE" it in His Word.

We should not be so quick to always say, "IT'S NOT IN THE WORD".

Why?

Take the story of Peter and Cornelius. God had to give Peter a dream (experience) to explain to him what was already in

His Word concerning the Gentiles. Something, Paul saw by the Holy Spirit and writes about in Galtians and other books.

“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and ALL PEOPLES ON EARTH WILL BE BLESSED THROUGH YOU.” (Genesis 12:2-3)

Israel, a Light to the Gentiles

“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.  
(Isaiah 42:6)

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit UPON ALL FLESH; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Joe 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Remember how adamant Peter was about not eating any of the unclean food that came down on a sheet out of heaven?

He was very dogmatic you could say about what he thought was "IN THE WORD" and what He thought was taught by God.

In Christ,  
Sarah

We know very little and the little we know we have not even mastered.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/22 10:34**

Quote:

-----The people who were delivered from demonic activity, were not saved  
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False

Quote:

-----They did not have the ability to choose  
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That is obviously false. The Bible tells us that the demoniac that had thousands of demons came and threw himself at Jesus feet. The is the man where Jesus cast all these demons into the pigs that were nearby. I can promise you that demonic spirits would not willingly come and throw themselves at Jesus feet. This was the man's own will.

**Re: - posted by StarofG0D (), on: 2011/7/22 10:42**

Endzone are you saying that, when someone is delivered from possession they are saved i.e. born again?

There are numerous accounts of those who were healed, cured, and fed yet did not follow Jesus. They reaped His benefits but did not turn to Him in full faith and surrender, but instead left Him. John 6:66

**Re: - posted by bowmyknees, on: 2011/7/22 11:42**

Sorry staff you were offended and not edified by my answer to your question.  
Truth is Truth.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/22 12:08**

Quote:

-----There are numerous accounts of those who were healed, cured, and fed yet did not follow Jesus. They reaped His benefits but did not turn to Him in full faith and surrender, but instead left Him. John 6:66  
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Sad but very true Sis Star. This fact has always amazed me, in a sad way. I wonder how many have been touched by GOD in our day and have rejected Him when the going got tough.

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Sis Sarah, the story of Peter 'is' in the N.T., so it does make New Covenant theology.

Casting demons "out" of Truly Saved Christians is not in the N.T. and one would think that something THAT important would be, if it were a fact or something that we needed to know and remedy.

The only reason I would stay on this topic is not because I like to 'argue'. I haven't the desire to do so and limit the threads I get onto and try to only get on those that can affect someone's view of what Christ has done for us by His finished work.

Why any Christian would want to believe or insist that Spirit filled Christians could have a demon or demons that need to be "cast out" is beyond me - except for that they've read it in some man or women's book, because there's no way that they'd come to that conclusion from just the N.T. alone.

1 - That teaching lessens what Immanuel did for us.

2 - It opens the new converts or those who have not had time to truly study His Word with His Spirit to any manifestation that they experience, into the delusion that what they're experiencing is an indwelling demon.

3 - GOD has called our body - "His Temple" and to say that a demon can live in His Temple, borders on blasphemy because it also disregards the great sacrifice of The Saviour.

4 - with the future in view, when things shall become increasingly immoral and demonic, unless a child of GOD knows where they stand IN Christ and if they believe that demons have access 'into' them in anyway - it will be a frightful time instead of the time when GOD's people will be strongest.

It cost so very much for our Freedom and for GOD to dwell IN man. The teaching that demons can indwell His Temple minimizes His Great Sacrifice.

We can take authority over 'attacks' of the enemy - if GOD gives us the discernment that some thought, temptation, bodily pain, etc is indeed coming from the enemy.

We do have power over Satan through Christ's Authority.

To answer your other post - we are more than conquerors through Him that Saved us and do have the authority to cast 'out' demons from those that He leads us to, that are not saved.

We have much more power and authority than we are aware of but that power of authority comes when we die to self - and that's the bottomline of being used by Him as He would desire to use us, especially in these last days, as Daniel wrote that the Saints will be doing "exploits".

Someone who's demonology is off will experience many unnecessary hardships, and that's a fact, because it's a lie against the Life, the Cross and the Resurrection of GOD in the flesh, Who stands as our mediator and High Priest now and

until He returns.

If a person persists in this unBiblical belief - the LORD will allow them to experience what they wouldn't have, if they just believed His Word alone.

And that's why I've stayed on this topic, whenever it comes up. I don't want anyone to suffer the things that I saw happen to young and gullible Christians in the first few years that I was saved and believed this nonsense along with them.

I have no fear of demons nor the full blown demon possessed now and that's how we'll all need to be in the days ahead and what I pray for all. Amen!

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/22 12:25**

Jesus-is-God,

Do you have a lot of experience in casting out demons? You sound as though you are an expert on this subject. Have you cast out demons from anyone and what happened afterwards?

Have you ever seen a spirit-filled Christian decide to cavort with unclean spirits? Of course many have and received dire consequences in the flesh and spirit for it.

We see Ted Haggard for one prominent example.

We are New Testament Christians as Peter was and I am just wondering what you base your solid belief on? Peter was convinced that he was basing his belief on the Word.

Is it possible that a Christian can choose to be filled with the Holy Spirit, but if he decides to be filled with an evil spirit, it just won't happen?

So far your answers don't really stand up and I have yet to see you answer staff's question about the missionaries you talked about.

Bless you,

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/22 12:39**

Jesus-is-God,

Just a follow-up.

I would be interested in knowing how you explain that when someone does give themselves over to unclean, evil spirits and if no measure of possession takes place in their body or soul (we definitely know it cannot happen in the spirit), how is it that they are seldom able to break away on their own from the sin and often it brings them into worse sin. Even, as some have testified that they cried heartfelt tears of repentance.

Is it just a simple struggle with sin and the flesh as you believe?

Just asking. I always asked questions as a little girl and I guess I have never stopped. Staff's thread has piqued my interest in this subject as I don't see what you see in the Bible.

In Christ,  
Sarah



**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/22 13:31**

Hi Bowmyknees, Not offended but I asked a few simple questions and they were not at all answered. Truth is truth but it has to be backed up with answers.

I asked

1. Isn't quoting stories from missionaries experiential doctrine?
  2. The moment a person becomes a Christian or indwelt a demon has to leave that body according to Christians who believe that Christians can't have demons. Yes or no?
  3. If this is the case in percentage of these cases there must be demonic manifestations as a person becomes a Christian?
  4. Why are such manifestations not recorded in Scripture after the birth of the church?
- Maybe you could have a go at answering, Thanks Staff

**Re: to Sarah, on: 2011/7/22 13:32**

These people who you ask about that "give themselves over to unclean, evil spirits" - how do you know that they had a Genuine conversion or are regenerated?

Those who, of their own freewill, enter into 'that' much sin willingly, are now in Satan's turf and if they are among the 'saved' - GOD will give their flesh or mind over to Satan and they will need to truly repent, so that their spirit may be saved, "as in 1 Corth 5."

I left a series of teachings by an English man who is a missionary-teacher to Africa on page 1. If you care to read just #4 of that series, you'd see what I believe as well - and would save a lot of my repeating myself from other threads.

I've studied this and when needed, have been used in this area for 35 yrs. I do not feel it would help in the least to go into 'my' experiences - if you don't even believe His Word on this topic. And if the stories from "missionaries" has not been excepted by Staff nor you - how on earth would any experiences I've had in demonology change your mind?

If "you don't see it" in the Word of GOD, I can't make you see it. Christians having demons "in" them, is just not in the Bible. Not even the Saints of the Old Testament, as we brought up Job already.

Heresy in the Greek means "the opinion Chosen - Choice", so no one can change another person's mind, regardless of how much Scripture is given, if that's what they've decided on.

I doubt that you're Biblically illiterate, or else I'd post more and more Scripture. Your posts reveal that you have 'chosen' to believe what you have and neither I nor anyone else will be able to move you from your desired belief.

As far as the "missionary" reports go - I believe we've probably all read about these, at one time or another, so I don't understand why that's still a question or why these accounts are not being accepted.

As far as these "manifestations of deliverances" that is in question - if we all have Bibles and would only do our own research, we'd find that not all that Jesus delivered had "manifestations" when the demons left the child or person. There doesn't 'need' to be any manifestations. Not all are filled with a "legion" of demons nor possessed from their "infancy" as the deaf and dumb son did who had a foul/unclean spirit since "infancy".

Many who get saved have had people report that their entire countenance had changed completely. That's evidence enough for most of us.

If we'd just do a search on our Bible programs on maybe just the word, "unclean or foul" and look at each deliverance we'd not expect each deliverance to manifest in the same way nor believe that every deliverance must "manifest" in some way.

If we "go beyond what is written" - we are then in dangerous territory already.  
And That Is the bottomline here.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/22 13:56**

Hi Jesus is God,

With due respect you have not stayed on topic of the thread

I asked

1.Isnt quoting stories from missionaries experiential doctrine?or someones countenance for that matter or the amount of years you have been looking at a subject.Yes or no

2.The moment a person becomes a christian or indwelt a demon has to leave that body according to christians who believe that christians cant have demons.Yes or no?

3.If this is the case in percentage of these cases their must be demonic manifestations as a person becomes a christian?(These are the ones that have a legion or a deaf and dumb spirit from birth)

4.Why are such manifestations not recorded in Scripture after the birth of the church?This is important because we are talking about christians not old testament saints

May I add what is the point of casting out demons at all if they are going to leave when a person becomes born again anyway?

Thanks Staff

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/22 14:05**

Jesus-is-God,

I have many questions for you, but will withhold further ones so as to give you a chance to answer staff.

In Christ,

Sarah

**Re: Hi Sarah,, on: 2011/7/22 19:00**

Hey sister good to catch you on some other threads. So do you think a believer can be inhabited by a demon? I always thought the Holy Spirit and a demon could not occupy the same temple. Does the New Testament teach this? I see in the writings of the N. T. we war against a sin nature. What says the Bible?

**Re: , on: 2011/7/22 19:08**

Actually if I read my Bible right Christ has defeated the demonic forces at the cross. Paul writes to the Colossians that at Jesus defeated and triumphed over the powers and principalities at the cross. Both Hebrews and 1 John say the works of the devil have been destroyed.

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/22 19:53**

Hi Martyr,

It is an interesting study to me.

btw, Sin Nature was non-existent until the NIV.

Also, consider this:

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Satan is defeated, no longer having the keys of death, but Paul says we still wrestle against him.

2Co 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end

d shall be according to their works.

If Satan is not to be overcome, then what does this mean?

Rev 12:11 And they overcame HIM by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Who is the "him"?

I think we can find out who "him" is in the previous verse.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

It's a great study. I am enjoying it. I have not arrived at a conclusion yet, but it is not glaringly obvious to me as it seems to be to everyone else, especially in the face of the current health of the church, today.

I would then have to conclude many who name the name of Jesus Christ as not saved. That would make many things for me quite tidy and convenient, but I am not yet convinced that the Devil is not able to get some kind of foothold, somewhere. What kind of foothold? I don't know, but it seems that if one opens up a door to sin, they are potentially opening up a door for him and what does he do with that open door? Just stand there?

We should probably bow out for now as Staff is awaiting an answer from Jesus-is-God.

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: , on: 2011/7/22 20:13**

Hi Staff. With the same respect back to you - I do feel I've answered the questions of this thread and feel I've exhausted more than necessary on this.

Each person must come to their own decisions on Biblical Doctrine. No one will change their minds if their minds are made up already.

Sarah, I do feel that we all come to our own understanding by reading His Word and with prayer and by living the Life.

I feel at this point that we're going around in circles and it would be wiser to use our time in seeking Him and what He's died to give us - as I've said so many times now. That's what "Living the Life" is. That's when it's just you and Him in that place where you would bank your life on what you believe is true.

We'll need that absolute assurance as the days grow more desperately evil.

That Relationship with Him that knows His Voice and His thoughts.

I don't see how we'll make it through the future without that type of Relationship. But it's not forged into us on a forum - it comes through being willing to suffer for Him - through fasting - by being on our faces and praying as if our very eternal destinies depend on it - because it does.

Pardon me if I drop off of this topic now. I sincerely do feel as though I've exhausted it and have posted enough on this topic this year. It took years of learning by experience and crying out to Him to come to my conclusions. I could have never learned what I believe now through a forum. It's a long story that I'm not feeling free to go into.

Maybe next year we'll hit this topic again :)

In the mean time - there's 9 messages that are way beyond their weight in gold here -

[https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id=40117&forum=34&11](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=40117&forum=34&11)

GOD Bless.

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Amen, Brother Blaine! You'd have to know that if you'd desire to go on many Mission trips ... say, to Haiti or similar countries, that are not for the doubtful. :)

GOD Bless you!

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/22 20:39**

Hi All,  
My next question was going to be what part of a person did demons occupy in the old testament and is there any scriptures? Put in another way did demons occupy people in the old testament in the body soul or spirit or all three?

One other question about casting out demons nowadays in the western world in particular. How does a person (non christian) recognise they have a demon and have them cast out when nobody except christians believe demons exist? If any one has insights .....Yours Staff

**Re: , on: 2011/7/22 23:39**

"Sorry staff you were offended and not edified by my answer to your question.  
Truth is Truth." -bowmyknees

Again, this.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/22 23:44**

I leave this discussion to the experts. For me the more immediate concern is what happens after Aug. 2. Have fun folks. Hope you get it figured out.

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**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/23 13:07**

Quote:  
----- Each person must come to their own decisions on Biblical Doctrine. No one will change their minds if their minds are made up already.  
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Amen! Each person is bound to go with what the Spirit has shown them.

Quote:  
----- Sarah, I do feel that we all come to our own understanding by reading His Word and with prayer and by living the Life.  
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Thank you. I am trying to come to an understanding of His Word coupled with real life events.

Quote:  
----- as I've said so many times now. That's what "Living the Life" is. That's when it's just you and Him in that place where you would bank your life on what you believe is true.  
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I was hoping that you would share some of your experiences to back up what you say the Word says.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/23 13:56**

This is certainly a heart-breaking situation, Sarah.

Drug addiction doesn't need demons involved. And not all "hearing of voices" is demonic neither.

Between the drugs and his own conscience bothering him about being addicted can cause what they call "conflict" between what a person desires and is forced under - in this case - he's being forced to crave drugs because his body is demanding them and I'm sure that being saved and having an addiction can cause the conscience to go on over-drive or hay wire.

Top that off with these Drs treating his drug addiction with more drugs, psychotropics, that play with the brain's chemistry and he's now got a cocktail of chemicals in his system and believe me, even without enemy attacks on his vulnerable state, the chemical addiction and affects alone would make someone act this way.

I don't know how you could ever get him off of these drugs. The normal course of action with a willing patient is to wean them off - but 'willing' is the key word there.

I've known people who being addicted to just nicotine to turn almost savage when they couldn't get any and prescription drugs as well. Physical addictions of chemicals are hell on earth for the person and if they're a Christian, their conscience is tormenting them alone, even without the accusations and taunting of our enemy.

Prayer and fasting is the way to go - aimed at him coming to the point of being willing to try a gradual withdrawal. Guaranteed, if he can see that his behavior is because of the addiction to chemicals alone and that if he could wean off of them and get with other Christian men for support and fellowship, he would see relief and freedom and victory besides getting his walk and confidence back in The LORD.

I sure will be rooting for you all.

This dispensing of drugs is epidemic now and many are going that route in the Church, believing the lies that antidepressants are needed because they have a "chemical imbalance". There's much data that contradicts this theory.

We all get depressed at one time or another or can't sleep for a period of time but Drs are giving these things out for handouts now, as we say.

There are some very good websites out there that expose the lies of how Drs are prescribing that which does more damage than one can imagine. [antipsychiatry.org](http://antipsychiatry.org) is just one of them. I don't have them all in this computer but there are others. You could do a search on 'anti-antidepressants'.

I believe you'd be amazed at what these psychotropics do to normal people that are labeled either as bi-polar or schizophrenic. Normal, as in someone who just initially became addicted to pain meds.

Very sad but a very hopeful case, if he ever becomes willing to wean off the drugs with Christian support.

Praying, Sis!

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/23 14:02**

Hi Jesus-is-God,

Thank you for your reply and for "rooting" for us.

Sarah

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/23 19:32**

Hi Sarah,

Feeling your pain and desperation. Addiction in my opinion of any kind can be demonic. I will pray for you and yours. When I got saved the meetings I went to for a few months were healing and deliverance. The gentleman who held the meetings sold everything he owned including a very successful business and gave it to the needy when he became saved aged 65 or 70 approx. He walked the walk and talked the talk and made no profit whatsoever. I can only give my personal testimony but every week people would give testimony about how they were healed or delivered including addictions. This man had a very powerful ministry and I don't feel my prayers would have the effect that his had but I will pray. The Lord can heal and deliver directly without ministries or churches as well.

I honestly didn't think much about that time till the last week or so but I felt like I wanted to revisit it and understand it better.

Lord Jesus we pray for Jack for healing and for Sarah we pray for your direction and insight in her prayers. Amen

regards staff

**Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2011/7/23 20:44**

JiG Wrote...

"Sad but very true Sis Star. This fact has always amazed me, in a sad way. I wonder how many have been touched by GOD in our day and have rejected Him when the going got tough."

Ya, puts a fear of God in me for sure! :)

**Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2011/7/24 3:40**

QUOTE:

"I don't know how you could ever get him off of these drugs. The normal course of action with a willing patient is to wean them off - but 'willing' is the key word there".

Psychiatric drugs should not be aimed in bringing cure to mental illnesses, but they facilitate in bringing a psychological state where the desired behaviors could be learned.

So in the interim psychotherapy is instituted by psychiatrist and other related professionals. For a Christian who fell in to certain form of mental illness for example OCD, we introduce or re-introduce the gospel with the help of prayer and other related endeavors.

It is only when the gospel is realized by an individual and the caring persons that the true healing will occur.

A very meaningful realization of some aspects of the gospel could take years so that in cases like OCD patience both by the sufferer and caring persons is needed.

During those moments where the disturbing behaviors is most florid a prayer could make a person calm but then again without a clear grasp of the gospel those disturbing thoughts tend to recur.

**Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2011/7/24 4:06**

Psychiatric drugs also help in making the sad ordeal of a mental illness bearable not only by the patient but also by his family and community.

Are those drugs really indispensable?

Let me answer this way, how much do we really realize or want to realize these verses:

Jam 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

Jam 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

Jam 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Jam 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Jam 5:17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

Jam 5:18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

Jam 5:19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;

Jam 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/24 16:14**

I began my studies in conventional psychology/psychiatry but thankfully, under the teaching of one Psychiatrist, I was introduced to Dr. William Glasser.

Dr William Glasser is not a Christian, but proved that "mental illness" is a misnomer and the drugs that are being given now, do more harm than good.

There is plenty on the internet to be found about or by Dr William Glasser - besides the "antipsychiatry.org" website given earlier is also excellent, but here's just one quick article about OCD from someone who also follows Glasser's "choice theory and reality therapy" -

<http://calldrmatt.com/AskDrMatt-1224.htm>

**Re: , on: 2011/7/24 23:57**

Posted on the run up there. Did a quick search for Glasser and others on OCD and read this link quickly. It goes along with the antipsychiatry.org site and Glasser but it's not to be taken as a born-again Christian site.

When we release the responsibility for our actions to anything - we're in a huge danger zone.

I remember a huge conference of psychiatrists that was televised many years ago. The one at the podium said, that if anything, their profession had done more harm than good.

Within 10 yrs of that conference, antidepressants came out.

Is it 'Biblical' to put the blame on anything other than ourselves for our behaviors?

The secular world has their 'disorders or mental illnesses' and some of the Church has the devil to blame ... but again - do we find it in the Bible - that anyone or anything else is to blame for our behaviors, once we've been born-again?

Look in any dictionary under "self" and all of the words with "self" as the prefix.

Self-gratification is just one of the very many. The list seems almost endless.

We don't want some or any "responsibility" - and that's the root of many, if not all of our problems. There's got to be somebody or something to 'blame' for our behaviors. There must be a way to escape this or that responsibility.

That blame or escape game started with Adam.

The Last Adam did it All for us, if we'd only take the responsibility and turn our focus onto Him and His Word alone for help, out of ourselves and to do what we must, responsibility wise, according to His Word.

The sad part is, we've forgotten the Power of His Word as well and have only focused on His Spirit or using His Name, without realizing what His Name was and still is, from eternity past. He was and always will be, The Word of GOD.

Bless GOD!

**Re: , on: 2011/7/25 0:38**

I agree with you Sarahsdream. Your brother-in-law has opened a door to demonic attack by habitual use of these drugs . There are many brothers in Christ who have had to battle through to deliverance from demonic attacks because of illicit drug use. And schizophrenia is the medical term for people who are suffering from demonic problems in their mind. It's not the occasional sin that leads to demonic problems, but it's the habitual sin that usually leads to demonic problems. It is one way the Lord uses to get our attention. The Lord even uses the enemy to accomplish His good purposes in our lives. So:

1. He must be willing to give them up.
2. Find a good deliverance ministry to cast out these spirits. No two deliverance ministries are the same, and some are definitely better than others. But going through deliverance will be futile if the door which allowed these spirits entrance in the first place isn't closed. I could recommend a lot of books.

God bless,  
EZ

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2011/7/25 9:11**

The source of the problem has to be dealt with in order to obtain deliverance.

Sin has to be confessed and cleansed by the blood of Jesus.

The flesh must be crucified by appropriating Romans 6:6.

Demons must be cast out in the name of Jesus.

As EZ said in his post. Habitual sin, yielding to the flesh in any area repeatedly, opens the door to demons and will result in bondage.

Praise God that Jesus Christ not only paid the price for our sins. He also defeated the enemy and has given the Christian authority over the powers of darkness.

Mike

**Re: , on: 2011/7/25 12:55**

I feel the need to maybe make clearer what I believe on this topic and pray I can express it all clearly enough. I probably should have had another cup of coffee first though. :)

My firm conviction is that in order to help a person that is not "behaving properly" or has problems stemming from sin in their life, is that the gifts of the Spirit desperately need to be operating.

None of us can diagnose. The LORD Himself gives the gift of "discerning of spirits" before He uses someone in "deliverance".

With the unsaved world - their cure-all is always the same answer - "Medication".

I fear that the Church is beginning to go to a one-size-fits-all "help or cure" as well - "Cast out demons".

A familiar spirit can work through ANY Christian, but of course the spirit is not "in" them. A familiar just speaks a suggestion into someone's mind and they speak out from what they have received into their thoughts. It could work through a manipulative type personality or it can speak right to the heart of someone who is hurting emotionally in one particular area.



a. Demons are 'familiar' with everyone who's ever lived and would know how to Really Hurt another person by speaking a lie through someone else that hits a very tender spot in the person's already wounded heart - a wound that may have been hit since childhood but only the spirit knows that tender spot. This is not fighting "flesh and blood" when it comes out of the mouth of a "fellow believer", but this is just an example of one time that a Christian would need that "discerning of spirits" to know that a fellow Christian was just used as a mouth piece for the enemy. This would be a milder case of demonic activity within the Body of Christ, of course.

As you know, I do not believe that a truly Saved and regenerated Christian can have demons "in" them, but can be influenced by the demonic in many ways. 'Doctrinally' - just for one way, as it is written in The Word.

If every thought is not taken captive to the obedience of Christ and the mind is not renewed by His Word, the mind is open to demonic suggestions. Whether the person follows through on those suggestions is the crux of whether they'll have victory over the enemy or not.

Irrational behavior coming out of a Christian can be caused by "oppression" by the enemy but all "oppression" stems from believing a lie against His Word. This is broken By The Word of GOD and the renewing of the mind. Resist the devil and he will flee. The mind is the battle field and only His Word renews the mind and the reason that the Spirit of Truth was given to us - to lead us into all truth.

We must still and always take responsibility for our own thoughts and actions. That was the point of my last two posts and not to take away from demonic activity.

But the main point I felt to say again, as I said on an earlier thread - that the gift of 'discerning of spirits', a 'word of knowledge and or wisdom' are very much needed in the Church, so that we don't become like the world with a one-size-fits-all "cure" for every phenomena.

I very strongly believe in the gifts of the spirit, but because they've been so mangled and counterfeited in the last couple decades, I've shyed away from openly discussing them that much.

Only The Holy Spirit can diagnose exactly 'what' we're dealing with. That dependence on GOD is so essential in these last days and the days to come.

There are no 'pat answers' when in the ministry. As in the Bible - Each Case is Different and only the Holy Spirit of GOD can give the right 'diagnosis' of what is troubling someone.

IF they are a true Believer and we say that they need a demon "cast out of them", we can destroy their faith or confidence in the Love and Keeping Power of Jesus Christ.

IF we know for certain that a person is 'still' saved, despite the level of sin that they've allowed themselves to sink into - to "cast demons out of them" would be "blame shifting" and weaken them spiritually rather than helping them.

But if the person is not showing any sign/fruit of salvation - then we know that the Holy Spirit can be trusted in this situation as well, to determine what we're dealing with and we have the "Authority" of Jesus to "cast out demons".

I just fear that we're becoming like the world with a one-size-fits-all solution to every man's problems.

That we're neglecting total dependence on The Holy Spirit and not seeing each person as the individual that they are and how Jesus and His Apostles dealt differently with each individual with 'knowledge' directly from The Holy Spirit.

That we're losing that total dependence on the Holy Spirit to give that word of knowledge or discernment of exactly what is wrong with each person, individually, and are coming up with basically pat-answers to all.

IF we tell someone that they need demons cast 'out' of them and that is Not the case - we've done much more damage to that person's mind and spirit then we can even begin to imagine and that is a Biblical fact. We may not be with them after the "deliverance", to see what happens to their minds, down the road, but GOD will hold us responsible for going beyond What is Written and HIS wisdom on that individual.

IF the person is still saved, despite their 'problems' and we tell them it's a demon 'inside' of them - I can't begin to tell you how many have been permanently affected by this approach. I've said it before, but many have lost the faith and were institutionalized by this one-size-fits-all approach to sin or problems in a believer's life.

What makes the true workings of the Church different than any other belief system on earth is the working of The Holy S

pirit, with words of knowledge, wisdom, discernment and a Sure word of what exactly is going on with an individual - as each individual is as different as each snow flake is.  
HE knows the type of life and childhood, from the womb, that each person has had. He knows where any demonic influence came to a person through lies that they believed.  
He knows the person's thoughts. He knows if the person is being genuine or not. He knows every secret of the heart of each of us. So only HE can diagnose/discern anyone's 'problems'.

IF we begin to minister without that total dependence on His Spirit of Truth and His working knowledge of each individual that we minister to - then we're ministering in the flesh and dealing with demons in the flesh and that is dangerous to all concerned -- even the loved ones of the individual who needs HIS help.

We're to be as a little child in complete dependence on Him and what He knows about each individual, in order to deal with such weighty spiritual phenomena and that's what I fear in some of these "spiritual warfare" teachings that we've seen crop up, but that are not from His N.T. - our only Hand Book for Spiritual things.

Just speaking generally here and not about anyone mentioned on this thread that needs His intervention. Just what I've seen go on in the "deliverance ministries" that are not fully broken themselves and do not depend solely on The Spirit of Truth to 'diagnose' each individual's 'spiritual or physical' problem and how horrendously dangerous it is to not do so.

Praying for complete dependence on Him and His Living Word.

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2011/7/25 16:28**

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There are no 'pat answers' when in the ministry. As in the Bible - Each Case is Different and only the Holy Spirit of GOD can give the right 'diagnosis' of what is troubling someone."

I agree with you on two main points that you made in your last post.

We need to be totally dependent on the Holy Spirit in helping people. Without trusting Him, and leaning to our own knowledge we are sure to miss it. Anyone who counsels people should pray for wisdom and the gift of discernment.

When we go to the doctor, we want him to get the diagnosis right, because if he doesn't he could do more harm than good. Just as you made the point that if a Christian is not being oppressed by demons when there is some other root cause to his problems, and he believes wrongly that demonic oppression is the source, then he will not get any help or deliverance. On the other hand, if there is demonic oppression taking place, then the axe must be laid to the root. All of the counseling in the world will not help one that is being oppressed by evil spirits. Demons do understand the power of the blood and the name of Jesus, and the one that is oppressed must know his authority in Christ.

Mike

**Re: , on: 2011/7/25 16:54**

Quote:

-----When we go to the doctor, we want him to get the diagnosis right, because if he doesn't he could do more harm than good  
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I understand what you mean, but if you want a guaranteed wrong diagnosis, go to a secular psychiatrist or psychologist and tell him you're hearing voices in your head and that they are telling you evil things to do. I guarantee you will be diagnosed as "Schizophrenic" and given some kind of drugs thereby assuring that you will remain in bondage. Very few people

ple in the medical community have any understand of the working of the demonic. The reason is because there isn't any thing they can do to treat it, so they tend to discount it if not outright deny it. The medical community does not specialize in the casting out of demonic spirits by the power of the Holy Spirit. And really not a whole lot of Christian ministries are willing to get involved with this ministry.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/25 17:51**

Hi Endzone, Your post brings me back to a question I had earlier below in brackets.

(One other question about casting out demons nowadays in the western world in particular. How does a person (non christian) recognise they have a demon and have them cast out when nobody except christians believe demons exist?)

The point being how can an unbelieving world come to have a demon cast out unless they are a minor brought by a gau rdian. Where does that leave casting out a demon out of a non christian?

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/25 18:03**

Hi All,

Thank you all so very much for the discussion and prayers.

Sarah

**Re: , on: 2011/7/25 19:29**

Sarah, I wonder if you could just share the State that he lives in?

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/25 21:50**

Jesus-isGod,

I'd rather not if you don't mind. We are able to travel, if need be.

Sarah

**Re: , on: 2011/7/25 22:09**

Understandable.

I wanted to give you my email address, but can't with no PMs.

Praying for him, Sis, and have been. Read Mark 7:29,30.

GOD's Blessings to you & All of yours, in Christ Jesus our LORD.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/26 4:43**

Sarah

I have been reading through your posts and the replies, and took the matter to prayer and here are my thoughts for you to consider and discard if no good.

The matter is very complicated with psychiatrists being involved.

There are a lot of deliverance ministries which are harmful - they do not have the authority they think they have and I believe, after being involved with one for a time, that demons sport with them.

Casting out demons without replacing them with the Spirit is asking for trouble and there is a lot of wrong teaching on how to be filled.

The Lord can do the work directly and He does not need a ministry to do it, I just don't believe in these ministries.

The major issue is just how desperate is this man? He may be saying he wants help for various reasons but not actually at the point where he begs God to help him and is willing to do anything because the Lord will demand everything from him to take him out of the pathway he is in of increasing damage from pharmaceuticals.

If he is not at this point then you can only pray for him and try to get him in touch with a Spirit filled believer and I can tell you that there are not many who can handle this.

To be filled with the Spirit, involves the man being desperate for more of God in his life and not just relief from his present problem which he has brought upon himself because he was not filled previously and protected. So there must be repentance and consecration to Christ whereby the man will put himself in a committed place of absolute obedience.

I know that Christ can work in an instant to bring healing in these type of bondages and He wants to do it. So the first step for the man if he is ready is to get aside with Christ and cut out distractions to start to get really serious with his walk.

I hope I have been of some help. Don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further help. I will keep him in my prayers. Brenda

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/26 8:28**

Thank you, Brenda.

I really believe only Christ can deliver and He will set free any man that wants to be set free. I had not realized until this thread how little experience the Church has in this area. I do appreciate all the good-hearted advice and prayers.

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: , on: 2011/7/26 15:11**

Sarah I hope you are able to find a ministry locally. A big part of deliverance is being submitted to authority and walking it out. According to Ed Murphy, only 20% of Christians keep their deliverance. I would suggest a read of this book. It's one of the best, and this man is a very level headed Christian. "The Handbook for Spiritual Warfare" by Ed Murphy.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/26 16:19**

Amen Sister Krautfrau.

Could it be, that is why Teen Challenge has such a HIGH percentage of success?

Because this whole "Deliverance Ministry" nonsense is based upon Heresy - a blatant lie against Scripture?

Where is "Healing Ministries" and "Deliverance Ministries" found in our New Testaments and what is the background of those who are promoting these things?

Any believer can be used of GOD to be a channel of HIS healing, restoration, deliverance from possession in the unsaved and HE can use even a babe in Christ in the gifts, if they've come to a true saving knowledge of Christ, dedicated their life and actions and thoughts to HIM and have died to self-confidence and are totally dependent on Him for His "leading"/discernment into anything spiritual...

Mar 16:17,18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

I'm posting this link from this Missionary to Tanzania, Africa again and praying that it will help somebody ... especially #4 of this Series.

<http://www.bereanstudies.co.uk/>

Take it from those on the front lines, as this man is and as countless other missionaries are, in very pagan nations.

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/26 16:47**

Thank you very much for the book, EZ.

In Christ,  
Sarah

**A picture to contemplate ... - posted by Panin, on: 2011/7/26 19:30**

In 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, the Apostle Paul refers to Christians as God's Temple. I submit to you that Ezekiel 8 gives the imagery of a person who claims to be a Christian but has never repented of sin - Luke 24:45 indicates repentance is necessary for forgiveness of sin. Without repentance, implying you refuse to welcome an evil spirit in your inner court (your thoughts), permanent deliverance will not occur. With repentance comes forgiveness of sins and the Holy Spirit will cleanse the Temple. An example of repentance that would lead to deliverance is as follows - at the start, you see nothing wrong with secretly toying with pornography in your mind (Ezekiel 8:16). Through reading and hearing the Word, and through the conviction of the Holy Spirit, in your heart you begin to consider that secret sin wrong and you confess it as wrong. Applying James 4:7, you then begin to submit to God (being in agreement with Him), and you resist the evil spirits who keep delivering the pornographic images to your brain. After a time, your faithful Creator takes care of business, and shuts the mouths of the evil spirits - driving them from the Temple (YOU). That is why the Lord includes repentance as leading to forgiveness of sin. Teach repentance as the Lord instructed in Luke 24, and deliverance will be an end result.

**Re: A picture to contemplate ..., on: 2011/7/26 21:42**

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Panin repentance and obedience are certainly a prerequisite to deliverance, but that is not the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When he encountered a man possessed of a demonic spirit he did not tell him that he needed to repent and obey and then he would be delivered. He cast out the demonic spirit.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/26 21:56**

Panin is referring to "Christians" and you are referring to unsaved demon possessed individuals.

Wanted to ask ~ when did you first read this book that you've recommended, Endzone?

**Re: - posted by Panin, on: 2011/7/26 22:14**

What I am trying to express is that if you cast a demon out of a person who has not repented, you will be casting the same demon out again and again - plus more - Matthew 12:43-45.

FIRST repentance, then effective deliverance. Repentance is what makes the deliverance remain in effect. Deliverance is certainly a ministry of those who believe - but the Lord is not limited to that.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/26 22:57**

I think I understand what Endzone is saying. It is like this verse.

Mat 12:29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

Many Christians who have opened themselves up to evil spirits through sin and are expressing a need for help are actually repenting because they are humbling themselves and asking for help. They are saying that they need some body ministry and for someone to stand with them and bind the demonic forces and cast them out or off.

Think of it. A person who is not repenting is not asking for help. He is happy looking at his pornography and not searching out Christians to help him.

Julius

**Re: , on: 2011/7/27 0:19**

I just got a heaping helping full of the references that this man uses for this book.

Cindy Jacobs, C. Peter Wagner, John Wimber mixed in with Calvin, Wuest and any other reputable men that can be thrown in to give this trash credence.

Pg 586 gives "mental illnesses" the same "chemical imbalance" theory as the secularists do - just for one thing that would "bury" a person.

And one thing that you see repeated often is that this type teaching hasn't been in the Church, in the past. I wonder why.

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils

Albert Barnes Notes on "Doctrines of devils" -

""Greek, "Teachings of demons - &#948;&#953;&#948;&#945;&#963;&#954;&#945;&#955;&#953;&#769;&#945;&#953;&#962; &#948;&#945;&#953;&#956;&#969;&#957;&#953;&#769;&#969;&#957; didaskaliais daimon&#772;nio&#772;n. This may either mean teachings "respecting" demons, or teachings "by" demons. The particular sense must be determined by the connection. Ambiguity of this kind in the construction of words, where one is in the genitive case, is not uncommon; compare Joh\_15:9-10; Joh\_21:15. Instances of the construction where the genitive denotes the "object," and should be translated "concerning," occur in Mat\_9:25; "The gospel of the kingdom," i. e., concerning the kingdom; Mat\_10:1; "Power of unclean spirits," i. e., over or concerning unclean spirits; so, also, Act\_4:9; Rom\_16:15; 2Co\_1:5; Eph\_3:1; Rev\_2:13. Instances of construction where the genitive denotes the "agent," occur in the following places: Luk\_1:69, "A horn of salvation," i. e., a horn which produces or causes salvation; Joh\_6:28; Rom\_3:22; 2Co\_4:10; Eph\_4:18; Col\_2:11. Whether the phrase here means that, in the apostasy, they would give heed to doctrines "respecting" demons, or to doctrines which demons "taught," cannot, it seems to me, be determined with certainty. If the previous phrase, however, means that they would embrace doctrines taught by evil spirits, it can hardly be supposed that the apostle would immediately repeat the same idea in another form; and then the sense would be, that one characteristic of the time referred to would be the prevalent teaching "respecting" demons. They would "give heed to," or embrace, some special views respecting demons.""

Seeing that this teaching of demons being "in" Christians and need "casting out" has not been a part of The Church's teaching until just this last generation - I'd say Albert Barnes nailed it on this translation.

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and doctrines 'regarding' devils

Since one of the first books I read as a baby Christian was the Original "Pigs in The Parlor" and others like it and have a feel for When this teaching began - I do believe it applies here, that this is one of the teachings that Paul actually "propheesied" would come into our midst in "the latter times."

That book and the others like it have and will definitely bury people.  
The reason their percentage of full freedom is so low is because those who receive this teaching remain ever Anti-Scripture about what Christ did on the Cross.

Anyone coming against what Christ has done on that Cross will have a very difficult time getting through the remainder of the "latter times" and will see judgment and great fear in those days, according to The Word of GOD.

Only "Truth" will set anyone Free.  
This teaching is not His Truth - therefore it is sinking sand and most especially in the days that are ahead of us.

Christ's work has been mocked by these authors and Satan has been elevated to a position that Jesus would never permit.

If sin and heresy are both "choices" and we see people that we truly care about excusing both by enlisting Satan - what do we do? Can we just walk away from those we care about and leave them to destructive beliefs? Do we stop caring?

**Re: , on: 2011/7/27 11:10**

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Thanks for the clarification. There is so much bashing of the deliverance ministry, that I am skeptical of what people say.

Julius21, you're right, we need someone to walk with us in deliverance. A lot of deliverance ministries have the idea that deliverance is only the casting out of the spirits, but deliverance must also be walked out. That is why Ed Murphy (The Handbook for Spiritual Warfare) says he has like a 45/10/45 rule or something close to that. There must be preparation for deliverance, then deliverance, and then walking it out and staying free. That is an excellent book if you have any more interest. It has great reviews on Amazon. Thanks.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/27 12:34**

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-JIG

This here ^ is good stuff.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/27 18:32**

Hi All, In fairness to Jesus is God you did make an effort to answer my question earlier but there must be more out there with a view that Christians cannot have demons.

So I will repeat the question for them.

If Christians can't have demons then at the moment of indwelling by the Holy Spirit the demons have to go immediately. Shouldn't there be demonic manifestations in some cases as the demon leaves (not all cases some!)?

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/28 18:35**

I would think so. That would also agree with the NT (manifestations). Demons don't seem to go quietly. They are whiners and manipulators.

Also, I don't think the enemy respects a Christian that opens a door to him through habitual sin. Why should he?

Sarah



**Re: , on: 2011/7/29 14:39**

If the door is "opened" long enough and wide enough for demons to 'enter' a person, are they "Saved" if they die in that state?

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/7/29 15:19**

I have a simple question; How can a demon spirit and the Spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit live in the same temple?

It seems like mixing oil and water, it may seem the two mix, but wait 5 min and manifested, we see the two won't mix.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/7/29 17:28**

I have a few questions, too.

In the Bible, how could Israel's enemies invade their borders when their God was the Living God. Why would God let that happen?

Why did Jesus need to clean out the Temple and what were the different things He was He trying to tell us.

And, if a born-again Christian dies with unconfessed sin, will he be saved?

Sarah

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/29 18:05**

Hi ,I think this was answered earlier when a poster described the temple with holy of holies as the spirit and the outer court a persons body.The demon cannot reside in the holy of holies or the spirit.

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/7/29 18:37**

Hi I want to put my question another way.

Jesus said that a certain kind of demons would leave only by prayer and fasting.If all demons have to leave when a person becomes indwelt with the Holy Spirit why didnt Jesus teach along these lines- that when a man becomes born again these demons leave.?

Also if you keep strictly to the text prayer and fasting should be nessacary for this kind of demon to leave before a person could become indwelt by the Holy Spirit or born again,that is if you believe that a christian cannot have a demon.

Matt 17:21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2011/7/29 20:11**

There is a controversy regarding Matt 17:21, this is not found in manuscripts which are considered more reliable by many translators.

However, a similar passage is recorded in Mark 9:29 but the word 'fasting' is missing.

Some commentators note that the 'subject' is not about casting demons but how to increase one's faith, and that is by prayer.

Many times (or most of the times) a believer does not have amount of faith as demonstrated in this verse:

"Mat 17:18 And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly."

But to which the believers have a recourse of obtaining the desired results and that is through prayer.

**Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2011/7/29 22:35**

Here are the complementary verses of Mat 17:18:

Mar 9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

Mar 9:26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

Mar 9:27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

Note this\_" and enter no more into him "...

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/1 16:53**

Hi Passerby,

I think that is correct its about faith and the demon being cast out is only secondary.

In the verse below we see that the Spirit Cried and rent him sore. That would have to happen when this man became born again or indwelt by the Holy Spirit if a christian cannot have a demon.

Mar 9:26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead

Are there any verses that say directly a demon possesses the spirit of a man other than using greek or hebrew concordance?

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/1 21:23**

Quote: Staff

""Matt 17.21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.""

These were before the indwelling of the promised and prayed for Holy Spirit came. If a person is born again who had a demon, the demon must leave. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit will cancel out all demon possession. The Spirit of Christ in the believer takes the spirit of our old father and casts him out, we are possessed now by the Spirit of Christ who is our life and gives us His Father as our Father. "We will come and make our abode with you". Now satan and his followers can only stand off and throw fiery darts at us. That is why we need the whole armour of God.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

2 Corinthians 6:14-16 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

2 Corinthians 6:4-7 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By the word of truth, by the power of God, by

the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

Armour of Righteousness is Christ, whom God has made unto us. 1 Cor 1:30

Christ is the whole armour.

Ephesians 6:12-18 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth (Christ), and having on the breastplate of righteousness; (Christ) And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; (Christ) Above all, taking the shield of faith, (Christ) wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, (Christ) and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: (Christ) Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, (Holy Spirit) and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2011/8/1 23:33**

It is my understanding that demons in cases of demon possession occupies the body but in doing so it has to bind the human soul and spirit that the demoniacs present with a new personality and those bizarre psychological and physical manifestations.

The 'man' then has lost control over his mind and body though it seems that those mental and physical manifestations are still subject to the physiological or neurochemical pathways so that we see that drugs for example can tranquilize these people.

I can not at the moment think or remember of any verse that directly tells that demons occupy the human spirit.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/2 9:59**

Hi Christ in you,

I agree with all the scriptures quoted but none say that a demon has to go but only that the Holy Spirit comes in and dwells. It doesn't either that a demon dwells in the spirit of an unsaved person.

There is considerable examples of certain types of demon manifesting itself as it leaves when cast out there is no examples of this either in the word or by experience (that I know of) happening when a man becomes born again or indwelt.

Also why cast out a demon out of an unsaved person other than a minor under the authority of a guardian? They will end up 7 times worse than they were before. It would better to invite a man to become saved (because the demon has to leave according to that teaching) and if he didn't then leave him with the demon he has,

Yours Staff

(These were before the indwelling of the promised and prayed for Holy Spirit came. If a person is born again who had a demon, the demon must leave. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit will cancel out all demon possession. The Spirit of Christ in the believer takes the spirit of our old father and casts him out, we are possessed now by the Spirit of Christ who is our life and gives us His Father as our Father. "We will come and make our abode with you". Now Satan and his followers can only stand off and throw fiery darts at us. That is why we need the whole armour of God.)

Re: , on: 2011/8/2 10:18

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Where do you get this understanding that the if a demon is occupying the body that it "has to bind the human soul and spirit"?

What does that mean?

Certainly if the enemy is occupying some part of a Christian there would be oppression, but that does not mean that the Christian would not have some control over their soul (mind, will, emotions).

I am just trying to understand what you mean by "bind the human soul and spirit".

Thanks,  
Julius

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/2 19:20

"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."

If we are born of God, whose Seed is giving the rebirth that makes us sons'.

1 John 3:8-9 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

So Christ in us cannot commit sin? Correct?

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So how do we reconcile the two? If Christ is in us and we are born from above and He cannot sin. How is it that He is our advocate with the Father? Even the Born Again can sin? Correct. So it is no longer I who live, But Christ who liveth in me. He is the One that cannot sin and that is who the Father trusts for my salvation, for how could Grace give me the Son and then trust in me to keep Him by not sinning? This won't work, I must trust Him and what He did on the Cross for my salvation by Grace through Faith, that I might be called a son of God.

It is the Christ Seed in us that cannot sin, He is our new life in Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is bringing new life to our soul/mind, by giving us the capability of renewing our mind to the Mind of Christ. So the old man mind can still sin, and some day it will be not in the flesh of the old man and the old man mind and flesh, but some day it will be just like His and we will never sin for we are as He is. Even now we can but most don't, even as He is in this world so are we.

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Every thought must be caught into captivity to the Spirit and Mind of Christ by the Holy Spirit, which is a hard thing to do. But it is there.

The wicked one cannot touch the Son of God that is in us, we can allow by our own minds to believe satan can and his demons hurt us, Don't believe it and we won't serve satan ever again.

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In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/2 20:04**

Hi Christ in you,

That a nice verse but it doesn't answer the questions asked.

For instance I could take this verse to mean that if you sin you are not born of God and that the wicked one can touch such a person. Even though we know that all born again, indwelt believers sin but are born of God. So taken out of context this verse can say what is not meant and in no way proves or disproves that a Christian can or cannot have a demon.

I still put it out there that if a Christian cannot have a demon then why are no manifestations recorded when Christians become indwelt?

Yours Staff

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In Christ: Phillip

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"Christ in you the Hope of Glory"

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"It is my understanding that demons in cases of demon possession occupies the body but in doing so it has to bind the human soul and spirit that the demoniacs present with a new personality and those bizarre psychological and physical manifestations."

This refers to 'demon possession'. I am aware that some believe that Christians can be possessed and that they have rather different definition of demon possession.

Mat 12:29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house and spoil his goods, unless first he binds the strong one, and then he will plunder his house.

Who is in control of one's body or self if he is not possessed?\_ and unless the demon put that in bondage how can it manifest.

Even in cases of 'demonic oppression', there is a bondage whether through temptations, false accusations, confusion, fear, or deception.

**Re: , on: 2011/8/2 23:40**

Of course we are suppose to be in control of all of our faculties and we surrender them to the service of the Lord. Even as we surrender them to God's service, we are the ones in control of our faculties. God does not take us over. We work with Him aligning our wills with His.

So, you did not really answer the question about "binding the human soul and spirit". And that's ok. I don't know anyone that actually knows the mechanics that take place when a demon takes advantage of the open door that is presented to him by a Believer in disobedience and rebellion.

Yes, there are bondages of the mind when believing lies and accusations. There is the bondage of fear and deception that can maim believers.

But, if it is true that demons look for a body as it appears in scripture, does that mean that they know that they cannot have a man's spirit but will settle for the body? That can bring tremendous oppression upon his soul and spirit.

Especially since he that is joined to the Lord is joined to Him in his spirit.

I think Satan is jealous and that he wants all praise and honor and glory. But he cannot be joined to a Believer in the realm of his spirit (that is where we have sweet communion with God). At best he can only try to enter the body if the right door is open to him such as porn or adultery or fornication or even habitual thoughts of hatred and bitterness which could lead to thoughts of murder. Remember, every physical act always takes place in the heart, first.

So, he is jealous of our relationship with God and vice-versa and he could never hope to have such a oneness with humans. First of all, the relationship he wants with humans is not based on love and secondly, he is coercive and works through subterfuge and is manipulative and a liar. So, these are the ways he seeks to have a "relationship" with us, except that this is no relationship at all. It is oppressive and dark and controlling and if he can get a small door opened in a believer's heart he will then seek to drive that believer into deeper and deeper sin and thus bring in more of his friends.

This is exactly what Israel's enemies did to them in the OT.

These tactics are common knowledge on how the enemy works and he does this whether you are saved or not saved.

What protects a Believer who, instead of "possessing His temple in honor", decides to "possess His temple in dishonor"?

Can a Believer sin in terrible and habitual ways and yet count on the Holy Spirit to continue to protect him/her?

I like Sarah's question earlier. Why did God let Israel's enemies invade their country when they had the Holy of Holies there? Why didn't God say, "Hey, I live here and since I am here, you cannot be here?"

And why did not God let the Philistines steal the Holy of Holies (His presence) out of Israel?

So, it seems that God did not lift a finger to stop their enemies who did battle and came in to possess Israel when they sinned.

So, why would God lift a finger and keep the enemy out today if his child decides to have an adulterous affair?

Does his child who is in sin get to still enjoy the protection of the Holy Spirit? Is not the Holy Spirit then complicit in this man's sin. Protecting him while he enjoys his sin. Do we have no responsibility in protecting our body. The Holy Spirit is protecting our spirit but I don't think He will protect our body regardless of what we do.

I say no. I say the Holy Spirit will let us suffer the consequences of our rebellion just like He allowed Israel to suffer the consequences.



There is nothing magical and automatic about having the Holy Spirit and then expecting him to protect you when you engage in gross sin. I think this is a deception in the church and many are believing in this false security and that is why they have no fear of God when it comes to walking after the flesh.

God knew how to put His fear into Israel. It was called being possessed by their enemies and having their lives ravaged and even destroyed.

God uses Satan the same way today to judge sin in His children and will use him to chastise his children. But we don't believe this so we have no fear of God today. We just believe all hardship is just a Job experience and we have no clue it is really about our sin.

We call ourselves blessed when Satan beats us up because of our theology. We say that we are just being persecuted for being a child of God when the real issue is our sin.

I know very few on this site believe this, but I find a perfect congruity between the OT and NT on this subject. And I see evidence all around me in the church today.

Julius

**Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2011/8/3 0:17**

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I don't know if you have children, but will you easily give up your children just like that if they have offended you.

I know you don't mean any harm but these statements can misrepresent or be misrepresented.

I am sorry brother, I mean no offense, I am just bothered by what you said.

**Re: , on: 2011/8/3 0:53**

Oh no, I am not saying that God will give us up. I am saying if you touch the fire you will get burned.

No offense at all taken. I know talking through text on a screen is very imperfect.

Julius

**Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2011/8/3 1:11**

A christian who is in adulterous affair is in danger of losing his salvation unless he repents, and may receive severe discipline from the Lord to save him from hell.

Likewise a christian who abuses his body may incur sickness and injuries because of his foolishness.

But these don't mean that he has lost protection from the Lord though this verse maybe made to effect:

1Co 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.



**Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2011/8/3 1:39**

I have been concerned because we are talking about demonic bondage. Many Christians who are in demonic oppression especially those who are living in fear, anxiety, spiritual trauma, or panic are continually oppressed because they are confused about the lovingkindness or the gospel of God.

I know it could have started because of some sins they have committed and they got the full dose of them but now they long to go back to God but those demons won't just let them.

And we fast and pray, we rebuke, we preach the gospel, and rehabilitate the wounded.

**Re: , on: 2011/8/3 2:23**

Well, passerby, we are not going to solve it but nice talking to you. I guess you just have to take it case by case and ask the Lord to help you.

Julius

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/3 4:49**

Ro 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

2Co 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Php 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Col 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

2Th 1:11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

2Th 2:17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

Yes He will chasteneth His own children.

Deuteronomy 8:5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

Proverbs 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Hebrews 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Who's are we? In Christ and Christ in us to do the work in our lives that is God's will. He will do it. We have nothing to do with Satan unless God uses him for our benefit and chastening bringing us into conformity with Jesus Christ.

How much does this mean to you, "IN CHRIST"?

In Him that has overcome the world: Phillip

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/3 10:23**

Quote:

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We also have nothing to do with him unless we open doors to him through sin.

I believe that Satan has plenty to do with us if we open a door through rebellion to him. Not submitting to God is rebellion . Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and it is what brought Lucifer down.

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/3 18:38**

Hi Christ in you,

I still havent seen your answer to my questions:

If demons have to leave at the point of Indwelling of the Holy Spirit,where are the demonic manifestations that would hap pen in some cases recorded in Scripture?or in experience?

What is the logic of casting out demons out of unsaved people?Christ and the disciples did it but the comforter had not c ome yet,so I can see why it happened before the cross but not after.

Also in regards to below where are the examples of scripture that say a demon could ever live in the spirit of an unsaved person?

(Believing that satan has access to the spirit that is Christs' is sin and giving satan his place in the believers life that Chri st overcame at the Cross.)

Yours Staff

**Re: , on: 2011/8/3 20:51**

Julius21, I agree with your assessment. I'm a man who has had to battle with demonic spirits in my mind for the past 34 years of my life. They came in through extreme rebellion when I was a teenager. Though many spirits ahve been cast o ut over the years, there is still a spirit of music nuisance or distraction that is there all my waking hours. I believe it is a r uler demon of mockery, but I'm not sure.

I also think only Christians who have had to deal with this really understand about demonic oppression/possession in a Christian.

**Re: Christ in you dated 8-3-11 @ 15:38:33 - posted by DN326, on: 2011/8/4 0:38**

Demons do not leave us when we are indewelled with the Holy Spirit. Even Jesus was tempted by Satan right after John baptized him. Matthew 3:13; John 1:32 Jesus being tempted by Satan; Matthew 4:1-11. Satan entered into Judas while eating with Jesus. John 13:2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; also read Luke 22:3; John 13:27. The indewelling of the Holy Spirit helps us to resist the temptations of Satan and his demons by the word of God. If a person that has not or does not except and believe in there heart in G od and the one he sent Jesus Christ as a sacrifice for our sins for all the people that live in this world.

What is the logic of casting out demons out of unsaved people? You cannot unless they; 1Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. Christ and the disciple s did it but the comforter had not come yet,so I can see why it happened before the cross but not after. This may help: L uke 9:1 ¶ Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure d iseases.

Matthew 10:1; Mark 3:13; Mark 6:7.

Your question where are the demonic manifestations that would happen in some cases recorded in Scripture?or in expe

rience? I am not sure what you are asking.

**Re: , on: 2011/8/4 1:13**

Hi Endzone,

I think we are on the same page for the most part. I also am aware how more powerful demons can hide "under cover" of the weaker demons and "push them up", you could say to run interference for them. That is why Jesus addressed the demons and asked them their name. He wanted to show us that we can address them with authority to find out what we are dealing with.

Julius

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/4 1:28**

Staff I really don't understand your questions.

Is satan spirit, are demons spirit? Where will they occupy?

If this flesh is the a temple or a clay pot, then I guess whoever is living in the temple is the controlling entity.

If Christ is now my spirit, how could light and darkness dwell in the same place, Christ and satan. If your question is why are there no demonstrations of satan and demons being kicked out of this temple when Christ comes to make His and the Fathers and the Holy Spirit abode, I don't know why we don't see it in the Word. It looks like it would be common sense that Christ and satan cannot live in the same temple. It would seem by simple deduction that demon possessed persons would be not born again. Demon oppression is something else. I don't know how far a demon can go in their profession, I would guess they can go only as far our God and Father allow them to go. I can only look at Job, never possession as far as I can understand, but outward oppression up to not taking Jobs life as God gave permission to the devil, withholding Jobs life as satans boundries.

I don't know how far satan and his demons can go, only what I see in scripture. Mostly outward physical oppression, I don't see spirit possession in the saved, only the unsaved, that is satans dwelling place before we are born again, which like God the Father sends His angels to help His children, satan can send his demon angels to do his dirty work.

What are you trying to say, by asking the questions, just come right out and say where you think we disagree, which is completely ok, for then I can take stock and study what you are saying and make a judgement for myself from the way I see scripture, that is where by revelation I can change my mind or stand firm in the truth.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/4 1:33**

Why Judas and not the other 11? Only to fulfill scripture.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/4 20:02**

Hi Christ in You,

Thats fine if you dont understand my question.My fault.I will try and say it a bit clearer and say what I think about it all.

I think now that a demon may not be able to possess a persons spirit unsaved or saved.This came to my mind because the demons asked to go into a herd of swine which have no spirit.

I think that a demon can attach or occupy some part of a persons body or soul whether saved or unsaved.

I think that if a christian cannot have a demon then all demons have to leave at the moment of indwelling by the Holy Spirit.

Some demons manifest themselves greatly when leaving,so I think that those demons would have to manifest themselves also just has the Holy Spirit is indwelling the new Christian.

I think the problems that that demon caused would have to dissapear at the moment of indwelling of the Holy Spirit in all cases.

e.g the deaf and dumb man could hear and talk

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ffects the view that a christian cannot have a demon attached to or occupying some part of a christians body or soul.(i said earlier that a demon may not be able to occupy a person saved or unsaved in their spirit)  
Also there is no record as far as I know of demonic manifestations for instance at Billy Graham crusades where large amounts of people are being saved and indwelt.

I think both sides of the debate on whether a christian can or cannot have a demon have in some way to use experiential doctrine as I have with my Billy Graham comment.  
To a certain extent casting out a demon of an unsaved person is pointless and has no logic as far as I can see.

To sum up I think that a christian can have a demon occupy or attach to the body and soul but not the Spirit because I don't think the demon can occupy an unsaved person's Spirit.

I hope that that makes my muddled up mind clearer on the subject,

Yours in Christ.

Staff

P.s After saying all that maybe I just asked a tricky question and someone has an answer to it.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/4 20:15**

Hi Dn326,

I didn't ignore your post but I think that my answer to Christ in Your answers the last part of your post, Hi by the way Yours  
Staff

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 3:44**

It wasn't a tricky question - it was a slick question because you already answered your own question, which shows you had an agenda behind asking and the conclusion you had already come to is Anti-Scripture or Anti-Word-of-GOD or Anti-Christ in the sense that this belief tramples the Finished work of Christ on the cross on behalf of those who come to Him by Faith.

This is your own answer to your own question that you want us to believe as well ....

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Was this posted out of ignorance or was this the agenda of the OP, as in - where you were headed from the beginning?

A very unfortunate thing if you or anyone else believes this.

**Re: - posted by mikey2, on: 2011/8/5 11:17**

I don't think he had an agenda and so what if he did?

I think he brought out some important understanding.

Many here will post a topic wanting to "teach us something".

Haven't you Jesus-is-God? Look back at your one world order posts. Boy, those got very heated and you were accused of having an agenda. It's not a good feeling is it to be accused of having an agenda?

Cut staff some slack.

Just because you always say "it is not in the Word", doesn't mean it is not. It just means you are not seeing it for whatever

er reason. You are not the authority for what is in the Word or not in the Word. Did you know that you come off that way?

Let people converse and discuss without trying to shutdown their quest for truth.

Clearly, "It is not in the Word", is not a good enough answer for these people and they wish to search the scriptures some more. So let them.

Mike

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 11:28**

Sure, O.K., Brother Mike. But can I contribute a website?

I could recommend this one for starters.

<http://www.spiritualwarfaredeliverance.com/>

No, I was not told that I had an agenda, but talking about the NWO makes some folks nervous, that was for sure. I have a good memory Brother of any "rebukes" - and accusations of an "agenda" was not one of the many.

Back on topic ... with these beliefs, we must ask ourselves, what will we do, believing that demons can indwell us, and have since we've been saved - as Staff has implied - when the days become SO evil that men's hearts will be failing them for fear, If we cannot trust that Christ has completely set us totally free when He entered our lives?

What will we do when the forces of hell are coming against us in horrific attacks on our minds, if we believe these things about them being able to indwell a Spirit-filled Saint?

Praying that no "foothold" may twist His Word in our hearts & minds, either by false beliefs or the 'bitterness' that defiles many.

{eta} We SHOULD know His WORD to us well enough to be able to say with confidence, "It is not written", and in that belief I cannot and will never shy away from, saying "It's not in His Word" is something that we should all be able to say with confidence if we've been serious in studying.

He has called us to KNOW His Word in order to "Stand" on it, without any doubts of what is in His Word and what is Not, so that we can discern good from evil and false doctrine from Truth.

When would GOD ever tell us to not be Sure of His Word and what HE has written in it?

Only Satan would ask or demand that we say, "Did GOD Really say?"

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come,  
He will guide you into all truth:  
for He shall not speak of Himself;  
but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak:  
and He will shew you things to come.

Standing on His Word that was written for a child to understand.

**Re: - posted by mikey2, on: 2011/8/5 12:06**

Jesus-is-God,

What will we do? Have we forgotten that Jesus Christ is our Deliverer?

Could this be why so many are in "chains" today in the Church? Because the Church does not know how to minister in the Power of the Holy Spirit and the name of Jesus, to deliver one from bondage?

The Word shows that demon spirits seek a body (pigs), not a spirit, because they know that is off limits. It is the Holy of Holies.

But they are happy to dwell in the outer court. The entire Temple must be kept clean for the Lord.

I am standing on His Word, too.

We are the ones responsible for bringing the "idols" into the Temple. Easy to bring them in, not so easy to kick them out, but not impossible.

We all have much more to learn, don't we. I can confidently say, I don't know His whole Word. Can you confidently say that?

Mike

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 12:08**

GOD says that "our body" is the Temple and though GOD may 'allow' the enemy to 'touch' our bodies, as He did with Job --- No demon may 'enter' His Temple.

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 12:12**

Quote:  
-----Could this be why so many are in "chains" today in the Church? Because the Church does not know how to minister in the Power of the Holy Spirit and the name of Jesus, to deliver one from bondage?  
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Many are in "chains" today in the Church because the church does not know HIS WORD nor it's Power, which is what His Spirit of Truth was given to us to learn the Truth of.

The Spirit without The Word of GOD is no more true Christianity than The Word without His Spirit.

**Re: - posted by mikey2, on: 2011/8/5 12:19**

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So, you agree with me. Great!

Mike

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 12:37**

Where do we agree so far? You'll have to show me where.

Many are in "chains" because they Do Not know His Word and cannot say with confidence, "It is NOT written" as well as "It Is written" because we Know His Word.

The N.T. is only about a half-inch thick book. Why don't we know it or use it?

Our bodies are the Temple of GOD and no demon can indwell the temple.

1Co 6:15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

1Co 6:16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith He, shall be one flesh...

1Co 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

1Co 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Eph 5:29-32 "For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: for we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones.

..... and they two shall be one flesh.

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church."

THAT is why "fornication" of all sins is mentioned the Most in the New Testament.

Every aborted baby was created by the lust of a man as well. We seem to focus mainly on the sin of the woman with abortion.

When the Pro-Life group found a dumpster filled with dead aborted babies -- each of those babies had a father. Every man who lusts after a woman should get a mental image of that dumpster filled with dead babies in his mind instead.

When a father leaves a woman he's impregnated through lust only, there is more fatherless children on earth, which GOD takes Very seriously.

How many reasons can we give of why just "lust" alone is a horrific sin against His Creation?

GOD says that the one that does such things shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

A man cannot live in fornication and enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Re: - posted by mikey2, on: 2011/8/5 12:39**

I am in agreement with your statement.

Quote:  
----- Many are in "chains" today in the Church because the church does not know HIS WORD nor it's Power, which is what His Spirit of Truth was given to us to learn the Truth of.

The Spirit without The Word of GOD is no more true Christianity than The Word without His Spirit.  
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**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 12:46**

Where we have disagreed is with your first post moderating this thread.

This was the statement by Staff that I was addressing him about when you stepped in with your accusations:

Quote:  
-----Staff wrote:

There is no record of demonic manifestation as a Christian is being saved in scripture therefore I think that this greatly affects the view that a Christian cannot have a demon attached to or occupying some part of a Christian's body or soul.  
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So back on topic. Jesus did not "die to set us Free" to leave demons in a body that has become His Temple.

Again, That is Not In His Word and none of us should feel intimidated by a human being to Not say that that is Not In His Word.

Back on topic.

**Re: - posted by mikey2, on: 2011/8/5 13:14**

Quote:  
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Again, That is Not In His Word and none of us should feel intimidated by a human being to Not say that that is Not In His Word.  
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EDIT

I can agree with that. Jesus does not want demons in our body. That is not His will.

I also believe that once a Christian is saved that he can open doors through sin to the enemy.

Mike

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 13:37**

The man who slept with his step-mother had his "flesh given over to Satan that his spirit might be SAVED in the day of the LORD Jesus."

Satan was permitted to buffet this man so that he would be saved. He was not saved, as we see Paul's rebuke to those in Corinth in 1Corth 5,6 and elsewhere.



If the body of the truly regenerated is His Temple - HE will not co-habit with demons.

A person who lives in sin to where he is inhabited by a demon is not saved, as it is written.

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 13:42**

Quote:  
-----Just a question that has cropped up after reading an article.  
If from Mark 9 we know a demon can cause deafness and dumbness;  
Is there anyone out there who had this problem before being saved and was healed on the day they were saved ?  
My point is shouldn't all illness or problems caused by demons cease on the day the persons are indwelt. It would be interesting to hear from anyone out there?  
yours staff  
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I have to agree with mikey2. That is not the overall experience in the body of Christ. Some things just fall off. I know in my life cursing just completely fell off in a matter of hours. I used to say F-this or that in every other sentence. After I really became a Christian I wasn't even tempted to use profane words. But other things, oh man, they have been a battle, and I think this is just about every Christian's experience. Why this is, no one seems to know. All I can guess is that the Lord is building sons and daughters and character is being built.

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 13:55**

Satan will gladly let his influence off of a person with less lethal sins if that person will give in to the much larger sins ... as in, instead of using the curse word - to make that curse word a way of life instead.

If 'we' don't submit to obedience to His Word, our conscience becomes seared as with a hot iron. It takes our co-operation with His Word and His Spirit, and we don't sin against our own will. We don't sit and wait for GOD to deliver us from stealing - we are told to just 'steal not'.  
We don't quit stealing by stealing a little less each day neither.  
If we continue to steal for decades after any 'profession' of Christ's indwelling - we need to learn His Word on living a life style of sin.

1Co 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,  
1Co 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

And if Fornication is mentioned much more in His Word than any other sin - we need all the more to know of His Word on these things.

Obedience does not wait for decades and tempt GOD against His Own Word on these issues.

The word "delivered" is being misused in these circles that teach this particular "demonology" and "obedience" is a much neglected directive.  
Easier to blame the devil and that GOD "hasn't 'delivered' yet" than to know what His Word says about obedience - such as ....

1Th 4:2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.  
1Th 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:  
1Th 4:4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;  
1Th 4:5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:  
1Th 4:6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.  
1Th 4:7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.  
1Th 4:8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

**Re: - posted by mikey2, on: 2011/8/5 14:04**

Jesus-is-God,

Nice try, but you are twisting the Word to fit your theology. This has never been the view of these scriptures. This man was being punished that he may repent and recover. We see later that Paul instructed the church to forgive and receive him.

That verse does not say that he was not saved at that time, but that he might be saved instead of lost in the day of the Lord Jesus. (lose his salvation).

Paul, was not in the habit of turning over unbelievers to Satan and the NT does not teach us to do that. That is ridiculous. At the least, he would have preached the gospel to that lost soul and cast that demon out of that man. Otherwise, if the man was lost and somehow been allowed in the fellowship of believers and rejected the gospel, Paul would have just said have no fellowship with him. Basically, kick him out.

I don't see believers going around and delivering unbelievers to Satan. They are already delivered to Satan!

This does not mean that the man was to die under the infliction of this punishment, for the object was to recover him if through his punishment he would repent; and it is evident that, whatever he suffered as the consequence of this, he survived it, and Paul again instructed the Corinthians to admit him to their fellowship, 2Co\_2:7.

Mike

P.S. When Christians are partying with demons (living in sin as you say) through their sin, do they lose their salvation? You are setting yourself up as judge that they were never saved.

As I said, Paul never delivered the LOST to SATAN. He delivered Christians to Satan that were in gross, unrepentant sin, but it was always towards a view of repentance and recovery.

1Ti 1:19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:  
1Ti 1:20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Paul was excluding these men from the fellowship of the Church and it was with a view to redemption.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/5 14:26**

How can any satanic force stand against God?

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

If God wants to save a person, and Jesus to be born again in that person and they have a demon, there is no necessity of outward appearance or any pomp or circumstance all Jesus has to say is "Go".

Even the devils know when Jesus is present, they will be cast out.

Matthew 8:31-32 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

Devils must yield in the presence of Jesus, they have no thought of how are we going to keep this person demon possessed, they must flee and be destroyed as the pigs.

No Christ born son of God can have a demon possession.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 14:34**

No Satanic force can stand against God. However, we can, because God will not violate our wills. If we welcome sin and Satan, then they are happy to oblige us. But it will be painful and God knows that it will turn to our judgement and chastising and we will soon want deliverance because of either our willfulness or plain ignorant stupidity of the forces of darkness and what kinds of doors sin will open in our lives.

That is why Paul says, "we are not ignorant of his (Devil) devices". In other words, Don't Be Ignorant!

As a roaring lion, Satan wants to devour you.

Julius

**Re: to Mike, on: 2011/8/5 14:35**

Paul instructed that Church in 2 Corth that they should except this man's 'Repentence'.

You don't "cast a demon out" of a man who is in WILLFUL sin.

You're talking in circles without the Word.

You need to read this whole chapter again Mike.

1Co 5:1 "It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

1Co 5:2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

1Co 5:3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed,

1Co 5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1Co 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1Co 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

1Co 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

1Co 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1Co 5:9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

1Co 5:10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

1Co 5:11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company,

**\*\*if any man that is called a brother\*\*** be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

1Co 5:12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?

1Co 5:13 But them that are without God judgeth.

Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person."

To put a "wicked person" away from us is enough to not try to lighten the state of his soul at that point.

Regardless of how you see this - this man would not have been saved at the day of the LORD Jesus had he not repented.

Combine with the next chapter, where he goes on to say ...

1Co 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

1Co 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1Co 6:11 And such WERE some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Quote:

-----P.S. When Christians are partying with demons (living in sin as you say) through their sin, do they lose their salvation?  
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Is that a real question - considering what The Word says?

Again, if the man in Corinth did not repent, he would not have been saved on the day of the LORD Jesus.

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 14:53**

I think you missed what Mike said.

That is why they did not cast the demon out. Because he was unrepentant. His was willful sin and he would not repent. Instead, they cast HIM out. Excommunicated him from the fellowship.

Paul is clear, without this man repenting and being restored to fellowship with the church, he would have been lost in the day of the Lord.

Mike is not disagreeing with you that this man would have been lost in the day of the Lord, if he continued in his willful sin.

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: Where do demons occupy?**

Christians living in willful sin and rebellion are unrighteous people and that is right, unrighteous, people, unrepentant, should be cast out. You cannot call a Christian living in willful sin a righteous person. You call him a backslidden person just like Hosea talks about when talking about backslidden Israel. He did not call Israel righteous, he called them backslidden. God even calls them worse. Whores, adulterers, etc.

A little leaven, leavens the whole lump.

In the early days of the church, believer's fellowships were for believers only not like today.

Julius

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 15:01**

Quote:

-----That is why they did not cast the demon out.  
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Friend, where does it ever say in 1 or 2nd Corinthians that this man had a demon?

They turned his flesh over to Satan to be buffeted - not to be possessed. There's no where that the sin in this case is blamed on an indwelling demon and no where that any demon that was sent to buffet his flesh needed to be cast back out after he repented.

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 15:04**

My observation is that this is the fork in the road where you and others disagree that a Christian can open himself up through gross sin to demonic attacks and possibly demons lodging in his body.

Quote:

----- Friend, where does it ever say in 1 or 2nd Corinthians that this man had a demon?  
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It does not have to say it. There are some Christians who believe if you commit fornication or adultery you have already welcomed a demon into your life and this is supported all throughout scripture if you have eyes to see.

Julius

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 15:10**

Yes, that's right Brother, because our body is the Temple of The LORD and He will not cohabit with demons and I see that through these verses ....

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Eph 5:29-32 "For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: for we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones.

..... and they two shall be one flesh.

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church."

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/5 15:43**

Will anyone answer my earlier question?

When the very presence of God (the ark of the covenant) was in Israel, why did God let Israel's enemies inside their borders to attack and ravage them? Why didn't He keep them out because His own presence was within Israel?

Thank you,  
Sarah

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 15:56**

External attacks as chastisement are not the same as what is being propagated here.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/5 15:57**

It all comes down to; is God in control or man.

The will of man is not to choose God, no not one.

So God has to violate our will to save us and birth His Son in the believer. 1 Peter 1:23-25 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

The Word of God is Christ. John 1 and ReÂ 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. Jesus is the Incorruptable Seed of God that He has birthed in us, He did not ask us if we wanted to be Born Again, He just did it. That violates my will, praise God. He chose me, I did not choose Him and all I have to do is believe Christ is in me and the Holy Spirit begins His work in our soul/mind to teach all that Jesus said in His Word, says and will say. Hebrews 3:6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Jesus is the true God and He is our eternal life, "Not my will but yours be done".

JohÂ 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

JohÂ 17:26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

It is His will and work in us. Colossians 1:29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/5 16:01**

Philip, God does not violate our will. We are not puppets.

Jesus-is-God, you are saying that God allows chastisement from Israel's enemies? That He allows Israel's enemies to invade them?

Did Israel do anything to open this door to chastisement by their enemies? If they are being chastised, they must have done something, right?

Thank you,  
Sarah

**Re: , on: 2011/8/5 16:14**

I've held off saying this on any thread on demonology or the "mental illness" thread lest someone's imagination take over and they believe that this is what is presently happening to them, but one reason I hang on with such persistence, praying that we'll see that as long as we are His temple, we cannot have demons 'in' us, Scripturally, is because of what is coming and what is already here.

We haven't seen anything yet, concerning all types of "warfare" and not only of the spiritual type.  
We haven't seen anything yet, concerning the types of Deceptions that will be coming out and causing many to fall.

I recommend, just for one article, that you do a simple Search for this 'older' article -

"The Mind Has No Firewall" by Lieutenant Colonel TIMOTHY L. THOMAS - From "PARAMETERS, US Army War College Quarterly" - Spring "1998", pp. 84-92.

Contrary to the title of this report - A Spirit filled Christian who has their mind Filled with and renewed by The Word of GOD, DOES indeed have Him & His Word for a mental firewall.

If we continue to believe that the enemy of our souls has access to us beyond what is written - we ourselves have punched a hole in that firewall and are open to believe even more lies that will deceive us further in the end.

Please understand the days that we're living in and what He said will come, and know that no weapon formed against you shall prosper.

Eph 2:4-7 "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus ."

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/5 16:19**

Dear Sister,

You mean well but you are changing the discussion.

Quote:  
----- Contrary to the title of this report - A Spirit filled Christian who has their mind Filled with and renewed by The Word of GOD, DOES indeed have Him & His Word for a mental firewall.  
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We all agree about this, I am sure.

If we continue to believe that the enemy of our souls has access to us beyond what is written - we ourselves have punched a hole in that firewall and are open to believe even more lies that will deceive us further in the end.

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We are exploring "what is written". We do not believe that the enemy has any access to us unless we allow it, or unless the Lord sovereignly allows it as in the case of Job.

What we are exploring is how much access the powers of darkness have to a Christian in willful, habitual sin. And not to take away from staff's questions, either.

Thank you,  
Sarah

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/5 17:03**

Quote:

"Philip, God does not violate our will. We are not puppets."

No we are just clay pots.

Quote: ""What we are exploring is how much access the powers of darkness have to a Christian in willful, habitual sin. And not to take away from staff's questions, either.""

None, it is all on me when I am carried away by my own lust. Which if you want, Satan is the author and perfecter of my sin. I don't need a demon to sin, I handle that all on my own.

Romans 9:14-23 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

The violated will of man is the only way we can be saved, Christ in you the Hope of Glory.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/5 17:09**

Again, Philip, we never said, "we need a demon to sin".

Thanks for your opinion.

In Christ,  
Sarah



**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/5 17:28**

Jesus-is-GOD

You are right, I fear we are giving Satan what he loves, recognition.

Ephesians 6:12-18 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

This is my prayer that we all know where we stand, God having provided the whole Armour of God, Jesus Christ, as He stood, so do we. 1 John 4:17-19 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us.

The love of Christ casts out all fear, that includes demons

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/5 17:43**

"In Christ,  
Sarah"

Amen

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/5 18:51**

Hi Jesus is God,  
Whether I have an agenda or not is irrelevant, Jesus asked slick questions as well to help people think and understand. He had an agenda.  
In fairness I was asked by Christ in you to say what was on my mind.  
I have brought up points that you refuse to engage with.  
Again I ask the question that I think all people who believe that a christian cannot have a demon should be able to answer.  
When a person that has a type of demon that manifests itself like the deaf and dumb demon becomes indwelt by the Holy Spirit why do we not see these manifestations recorded in the word or even why do we not hear of such things happen at for instance at Billy Graham crusades?  
Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2011/8/5 19:53**

Quote: Will anyone answer my earlier question?

When the very presence of God (the ark of the covenant) was in Israel, why did God let Israel's enemies inside their borders to attack and ravage them? Why didn't He keep them out because His own presence was within Israel?

I think one answer lies in the Book of Judges:

Jdg 2:1 And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

Jdg 2:2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?

Jdg 2:3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.

King Saul also did that:

1Sa 15:9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

1Sa 15:10 Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,

1Sa 15:11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

When we came to Christ we may need to forsake a lot of things; music, movies, friends, jobs, ideas, relationships, etc which can be a big snare for us, they keep the door open for enemy attacks.

But like Saul we can make alibi or alibis and make them for example a sacrifice or instruments for the Lord.

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/5 19:58**

Quote:

----- You are right, I fear we are giving Satan what he loves, recognition.  
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We have nothing to fear. And one reason the Church has so many problems with seemingly no answers, is that they choose to remain ignorant about their adversary.

They have been falsely taught that if you study your adversary and how he works you are giving him glory.

That is complete... well, I won't say.

The problem with the church is that she has ignored the Enemy to her detriment.

Paul was not ignorant about the Adversary and counseled us not to be ignorant.

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/5 20:23**

Hi passerby,

I did not see your post. Thank you for answering it. I think you are touching upon something that opens doors to the enemy. We are not to make any league or covenant with them and we are to throw down their altars in our heart and destroy all idols.

Nothing has changed in that respect. Only the place of the temple and the presence of God.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/6 2:42**

Revelation 2:24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

Giving Satan recognition is like looking through a hole in the fence that says don't look.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/6 8:29**

Philip, does that mean I should cut out all the scriptures in the Bible that teach about Satan, now?

That would be a big part of the Bible. When you ignore Scripture, you have basically cut it out and that is what the Church has done. When you study and learn about the Adversary from the Bible you are not giving him recognition. That information was given to us by the Holy Spirit for a reason. You give him recognition when you receive a spirit of fear regarding him and are afraid of him. When you are paralyzed by fear and doubt is when you have given him recognition.

It is important that you understand the distinction.

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: , on: 2011/8/6 10:08**

sarahsdream, here's a verse I would like to add:

1 John 5:18  
King James Version (KJV)

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

He that is begotten of God keepeth himself (FROM SIN) and then the evil one can't touch him. But if you don't keep yourself from sin (especially habitual sin), guess what?

And some folks will interpret this verse to mean that if you sin after you became a Christian that you weren't really ever a Christian--you weren't ever born again. Well if that's true, I guess we are all going to hell because who among us hasn't sinned AFTER we became a Christian?

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/6 10:18**

Hi Endzone,

That is a great companion verse to:

Joh 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing IN me.

Jesus was begotten of God and He kept Himself (From Sin).

That is why He was able to say, "The prince of this world hath nothing IN me". Not with me or for me, but IN me.

And what happens if we don't keep ourselves from sin?

The Holy Spirit is trying to show us the LINK between keeping ourselves from sin and the enemy having nothing IN me, and vice-versa, if we don't keep ourselves from sin.

Let's find some more verses. :-)

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/6 18:43**

Quote:

Sarah wrote: ""Philip, does that mean I should cut out all the scriptures in the Bible that teach about Satan, now?""

We don't study satan to know satan, we put on the whole armour of God to keep him out.

We don't study the counterfit to know what is a lie that deceives, we study the real that is truth, Christ; to know the count erfit and lies and scheems of the devil.

"He whose mind is kept on me, I will keep him in perfect peace".

We don't study the thief when he come in to steal and destroy, we call on our protection and apply it however we are instructed.

Do we blame what we do wrong on satan. That is the deception.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/7 5:45**

Hi Christ In You,  
Look at this Scripture

.....  
22 Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. 23 All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" 24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons." 25 Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. 26 If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? 27 And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. 28 But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 "Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can rob his house.  
.....

It is clear that Jesus learned/studied from the scripture about Satan and demons. He also taught others about Satan and demons. So to say that we are not to study the whole bible every jot and tittle is not scriptural. If it is in it we can study, learn and teach about it as the Spirit leads. If he hadn't studied about the subject he wouldn't have been able to refute the lies that were thrown at him.

If as you say Christians can't have demons may I ask again if this blind and mute man became indwelt at a Billy Graham meeting would he be able to talk and see, straight away? yes or no

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/7 9:11**

Christinyou,

I see no where in Scripture that says, "I cannot study anything but Christ". That would contradict the Scripture because it teaches us about many things in addition to Christ.

If you don't have any answers, that is ok. No big deal. But, don't revert to telling people what they can or cannot study just because you don't have any adequate answers.

Why was Paul "not ignorant of the Devil's devices"?

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/7 15:34**

Quote:

""If as you say christians cant have demons may I ask again if this blind and mute man became indwelt at a Billy Graham meeting would he be able to talk and see, straight away?yes or no""

I don't believe a demon possessed blind and mute man would come to a Billy Graham meeting unless someone bound him in chains and drug him to the meeting for salvation, then Yes there would be outward appearance of exorcism and if God allows, he would see speak and hear.

"He whose mind is kept on Thee, Christ will keep him in perfect peace."

opposit; He whose mind is kept on satan will be kept in turmoil, depression and all the other schemes of the devil which the whole armour of God when our mind is kept on Christ will protect us from. Where is our mind to be kept?If we keep our mind being renewed to the Mind of Christ, He knew satan personally and even He when confronted with satan up front and personal gave all the answers needed to put satan to flight. example; man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.

I know my Savior lives in me and the Holy Spirit will give me that life understanding to keep me in perfect peace. The only thing satan has to do with me is if God allows me to be confronted or have a thorn in the flesh, His Grace is sufficient and I rejoice even in this.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/7 17:43**

Hi Christ in you,

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.....

Thank you for answering straight.I do think this is has to be a "yes" answer for if you feel that a christian cannot have a demon.

The problem with this is obvious however thousands of thousands of people have been saved and indwelt by the Holy Spirit in Billy Graham crusades and to my limited knowledge I have not seen any exorcism happen nor heard of them happen either at a Billy Graham crusade.(I stand corrected if there is anyone that has other information and I would welcome input)

I could then say

1None of the thousands maybe millions of people that came to the crusades that were saved had a type of demon that manifested itself--unlikely

2. Nobody ever really got saved and indwelt at a Billy Graham crusade----Highly Unlikely
3. The Holy Spirit does not necessarily cast out a demon when he indwells a christian (most probably because the demon cannot reside in a person's spirit)
4. Therefore a christian can have a demon that resides in the body or soul

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by mikey2, on: 2011/8/7 18:34**

Thank God, during Jesus' 3 year ministry on earth He did not just hold seminars and conferences and crusades and make people come to Him. He went to them.

He was a homeless man that went to people's homes and walked the streets. He went to the people that needed Him because they would not have been allowed into His seminars and conferences.

The establishment could not handle him. Certainly did not want to associate with somebody like Him. No education, not good looking, just very normal, was not born in a good town and may have even been considered a bastard. He owned nothing and had no place to sleep.

He was not ceremonially clean when He ate and He hung out with dirty people.

Jesus did not come to judge, but nevertheless He had harsh words for those that did judge.

And what really blew their minds was when He cast demons out of good, weekly, synagogue goers and Sabbath observers.

Are we all sure, we are following this same Jesus?

Even in the book of Revelation, do we still think of Him as the everyday man that comes to people, or are we thinking of Him as some big powerful Messiah who is about to get His vengeance as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah?

Well, I will tell you what. He has not changed. In Revelation 3:20, he is knocking on someone's door and saying, "Hey, let me in, I want to talk with you".

On the Emmaus Road, they did not recognize Him until He broke bread. It was this mark of hospitality and serving others that caused them to recognize Him. After He resurrected, He was found having a barbecue on the beach with His disciples. The disciples all knew about His love and care for them. He demonstrated it every day.

That's our Jesus. Never pleasing Himself (Romans 15), but always looking to please others and bring them closer to Him. He is always coming to us, He always takes the initiative.

Today's "leaders" are very insulated and not found amongst the common everyday people that need God. They are found at the Christian seminars, conferences and crusades which are mostly made up of "church" people.

You can make a living writing books and making DVDs on what is wrong with the church. I am tired of reading those books and listening to sermons from anyone that spends all their time insulated from the Lost. I don't care anymore to even read or listen to great revelation from someone that spends all their time to themselves, "praying and seeking" God.

Why are we (the Church) not found amongst the lost? For the same reasons that the Pharisees were not found amongst the lost.

Think about what that reason is.

Mike

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/7 19:03**

Hi Mike,

What you say is probably all correct and greatly important but I am not sure of the relevance to the discussion but I stand corrected.

The questions I posted I believe also have great importance

and are very practical in nature to the church. If the doctrine that Christians cannot have demons is incorrect I think it has achieved a great win for the enemy.

There is no other way except to discuss the topic and see what the word of God says,

In your experience evangelizing among the lost have you seen a demonic manifestation as a person was accepting Christ and being indwelt by the Holy Spirit?

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by mikey2, on: 2011/8/7 19:27**

Hi Staff,

I have evangelized amongst the lost and found demonic manifestations many times. Most of these manifestations were irrational and angry and vulgar and the people could not be reasoned or talked with.

I will say, however, that there have been some that received the good news of Jesus Christ and they manifested a deep whimpering turning into deep crying and that is a real and valid manifestation and a sign of deliverance taking place and I have experienced this several times, especially with alcoholics and drug addicts. The whimpering was strange and in retrospect I see it as a demon knowing that he is about to be kicked out of his home (body) and he whimpers in self-pity.

I have also come into contact with religious demons in the church (much the same that Jesus came into contact with in the Pharisees) and their manifestation is very aggressive and one of a spirit of hatred and murder. They want to cut you off as soon as they possibly can.

I am sure there are many testimonies of people coming to the Lord and being delivered from demons as they came to Him. I think you would just have to talk to people that go out on the streets. I have been to Mardi Gras and Gay Pride Week in San Francisco and most definitely you will see and hear demons and they don't go quietly when they know they are about to lose their habitation.

These experiences took place in our everyday world, not in a religious setting. Religious spirits are more quiet and calculating and not openly aggressive as sexual, fleshly demons. They always try to marginalize you by making you look foolish and stupid. They are very prideful and gravitate to control and greed.

This has been my experience.

Kindly,  
Mike

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/7 20:04**

Thanks Mike, I was hoping some one could tell me whether or not they have experienced some deliverance taking place when a person is just coming to Christ. I think that the Holy Spirit can obviously deliver people as he is indwelling. I am sure that there are testimonies as well of this but I am sure that there are testimonies of Christians being delivered from demons also.

When I became saved the meeting I went to was a healing and deliverance meeting. That was in 1988 and since then I have more or less forgotten the experience. I felt prompted to revisit this time and learn what was actually said in the Bible. What I have learned is that it doesn't actually say that a demon inhabits a person's spirit. Mark 9 the demons inhabited pigs that have no spirit. The pigs probably ran over the cliff because the demon caused blindness and they stampeded.

Also I noticed that every demon would have to leave a persons body the moment they became saved if you believe a christian cannot have a demon. If this were the case there should be alot of manifestations at Billy Graham Crusades which there is no evidence of. Nor other baptist evangelists. Nor even pentecostal meetings. I think that there are times that the Holy Spirit delivers people at the time of indwelling and there are times that he does not but does it later.

I therefore believe as I did in my ignorance in 1988 that a christian can have a demon but he does not occupy the spirit. People will say that what both of us are talking about is just experiential which is true. However as the new testament doesn't show a demon being cast out of a believer it also doesn't show manifestation of demons as they get saved. I think from acts on casting out of demons is just shown in context of evangelizing,  
Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by mikey2, on: 2011/8/7 20:40**

Hi Staff,

People will say what fits their theology even though they have no experience.

A demon in someone's body does not prevent them from being saved.

Being saved is an act of the will not the emotions and not the body. Unless a person's will is completely and totally passive and unuseable then they can exercise their will and believe on the Lord Jesus.

Once a person is saved, Jesus will begin to be their Deliverer in greater and greater degrees, just like with Israel.

A demon that may be causing some kind of physical sickness if not cast out at time of salvation, may be cast out afterwards, once it is recognized.

You have to remember that demons don't like to be found out. So they hide and they have various ways of hiding from people. One way, is to give us a theology that they don't exist in Christians.

Mike

**Re: , on: 2011/8/7 21:02**

"You have to remember that demons don't like to be found out. So they hide and they have various ways of hiding from people. One way, is to give us a theology that they don't exist in Christians."

Well done!

Without having a show of hands, most everyone here has and continues to have some area of their lives that they seem to have no control over. In that area of your life that is most weak that is causing you to sin there is a demon spirit in operation. That doesn't mean your demon possessed. If you were, no one would be able to reason with you, you'd be crazy.

There are a lot of people that have a fit of anger, a rage that just controls that believer and afterwards, he sits in agony over what he just said or did. That is a demon spirit in operation.

When Jesus was casting out demons, He was casting out from His own people. These were God's chosen people to whom He was casting out devils, it is no different today.

We say that the Holy Spirit and a demon can't reside in the same place, maybe not in the specific place where the Holy Spirit dwells, but there are other areas of a man that they can dwell. And if not, what is the purpose of the Holy Spirit being that two edged sword if not to search the heart of man?

But we have the power to overcome these if we get desperate enough to want change. A lot of people can get freedom just by prayer and fasting and you would never have known that you had a demon spirit. But don't be a hindrance to others who can't understand why they can't overcome a certain sin by telling them that all they have to do is just pray and re



ad the bible. We will need to equip ourselves with a little bit more understanding than that.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/7 22:38**

Can a demon occupy in the presence of God? I don't believe a demon could occupy in the temple of God, physical or in spirit. If we are His temple, how can a demon occupy.

Are we not a brand plucked out of the Fire.

Zechariah 3:1-2 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

I don't have to rebuke Satan, the Lord has already done it.

In Christ, His temple: Phillip

**Re: , on: 2011/8/7 22:55**

When God's presence (Ark of the Covenant) was in Israel, why did He allow enemies to occupy the land?

God's presence was there, yet He allowed it. Why?

What object lesson is He teaching us?

This was earlier brought up by Sarah.

Julius

**Re: , on: 2011/8/7 22:57**

Philip, you have to resist Satan, sometimes it means you rebuke him with truth.

**Re: , on: 2011/8/7 23:08**

"Where do demons occupy?"

Demons can only "occupy" what The Creator GOD ALL Mighty allows.

There is only one place that demons cannot "occupy" and that's a Saint of The Most High GOD!

Amen, Brother Philip.

The body of the Blood bought & washed Believer is The Temple of The LORD and we're seated in Heavenly Places 'with' Christ, Himself.

Every New Testament Church forms their "Statement of Faith" upon New Testament Scripture Only.

Not one New Testament Scripture has been given to Prove their point - that HOLY Spirit Filled people can be demon "occupied" ... because there are No New Testament Scriptures Proving their belief.

Again, "Heresy" in the Greek means "choice, the opinion Chosen".

This thread has an Agenda. To force this heresy on us because it's going on and on to many pages now, with No Scriptural proof - yet Much Scriptural Proof has been given to prove that a Christian cannot have a demon "in" them. Not in their body, soul or spirit.

All attacks are external, as they were with Job.

The mind is the battle field. The enemy can just lie to us, but we have The WORD of GOD to counter those attacks.

Whether a person is saved or not, depends on the degree and length of time that a person lives in a lifestyle of serious sin.

Even the Barna polls show that the vast majority of "christians" don't fully believe The Word of GOD, nonetheless live by it.

If people 'choose' this opinion, that demons can "occupy" them - they can keep it and suffer whatever the enemy of their souls is permitted by GOD to accuse them of or do to them - especially in the last of the last days.

When a person believes a lie of this magnitude - they don't have The Scriptural Armor on and error breeds more error.

This teaching always leaves a person blaming their sin on Satan and never fully gives them any assurance that they'll always be "demon free".

Sin is never blamed on a demon in the Bible.

And those He sets free at the time they put their life in HIS Hands, will never have a demon occupying them from that day forward.

If you want to believe the opposite - that's your own anti-Word-of-GOD choice and we'll see what your victory record over fear is, as the years go by.

But He died to set men 100% free from demonic occupation the moment HE moves in.

Take your pick.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/7 23:24**

I was set free when I became born again. Free in the spirit. My spirit is born new, and it is the Spirit of Christ, but my flesh is still the same old man, even as it has been quickened to be the temple of God. My spirit has eternal life but my body is still dying and rotting to the core and my old man mind can still want the pulls of the flesh, which are body pulls, they can be influenced by who I used to be as my father was Satan, I can as Paul says not do the things I should and the things I should do I don't. If you want to call these demonic or satanic oppression, I agree, but it is from my old man mind. Demons may be able to give suggestion to my old body pulls and I may sin, but even Peter when Satan wanted to sift him, before Peter was indwelt by the Spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit, Jesus said He had prayed and when Peter returned to Jesus, he was to strengthen his brethren. But now we are indwelt by the Spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit in our soul/mind, That is all I am trying to do here, is to know the Christ in me is stronger than he that is in this world and with my mind I can defeat Satan at any turn because of the Christ in me, and the leading of the Holy Spirit. I may slip and waver at times and be carried away by my own lust and conceive sin, even if Satan does tempt, but we have an advocate with the Father who knows already what has happened and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness in our confession. That is what the Cross is all about, where Satan was defeated and I entered God's Rest, which is Christ.

In Christ, In Christ, In Christ and He in me: Phillip

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/7 23:25**

Correction: Demons can occupy what man allows, too.

Jesus-is-God is always pushing that Christians who believe that demons can establish strongholds within them are blaming demons on their sin. Yet, I have read time and time again, that these Christians say that is not the case. The truth is that Christians OPEN doors to the enemy to establish strongholds in their lives THROUGH SIN. I don't know how many times everyone has to keep saying this for Jesus-is-God to stop misrepresenting their statements.

Amen, Staff, Julius, Mikey and Approved.

Awesome post, Approved.

You see it is quite academic isn't it, whether you are demonized, demon oppressed, or demon possessed somewhere in your body? Does it really matter? No! The demon spirit has established a stronghold in you and this is a weak area of your life that is constantly causing you trouble. Don't stumble at terminology when the enemy has established a stronghold in you or on you. Many of you think that since the Holy Spirit is joined to your spirit that nothing else can come inside your body. Well then, why would the Holy Spirit let anything come ON your body? Say on the outside? You see, that won't hold up either. The fact of the matter is that Christians open doors to demon spirits through sin and their body is also attacked by spirits of infirmity.

So, the enemy needs to be cast out, cast off or cast away. Who cares what you want to call it. It is really academic, because the main thing is that you need to be delivered from its hold on you and its power over you.

Approved is right. As you pray and fast and draw close to the Lord, you will obtain freedom from the Lord concerning the stronghold in your life and many times you won't have any manifestation except the joy of the Lord will return to you as you are once again filled to overflowing with Spirit of God and His peace. Other times, there will be manifestations.

I really thought Christians knew about this sort of thing until I started reading this thread.

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: , on: 2011/8/7 23:28**

Prove it with Scripture Sarah!

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/7 23:31**

It's already been done many, many times, Jesus-is-God.

You don't like our proof, or you just don't want to "see" it for some reason. It makes me wonder what happened in your life that prevents you from seeing the obvious.

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: , on: 2011/8/7 23:35**

There has been no Scriptural "proof" that a demon can "occupy" a truly Saved human being.

**Re: , on: 2011/8/7 23:40**

The Book of Job is all we'll ever need to know. That GOD is in COMPLETE control over demons and they can't budge without His allowing it. And we see that there are no instances of demons being expelled from Born Again Christians in the Bible.

And the word "stronghold" is only used once and in context of what Paul was saying when he used that word, he was defending his ministry and the "stronghold" in that church was their "arguments" against Paul's authority and why he spent three chapters there defending himself.

You are using that word Un-Biblically.

"Foothold" is the word that you 'can' use, where it comes to these problems.

eta - but the word in the KJV is "advantage".

"Foothold" is used in other versions.

**Re: , on: 2011/8/8 0:06**

Quote:  
-----Sarah wrote: "So, the enemy needs to be cast out, cast off or cast away. Who cares what you want to call it. It is really academic, because the main thing is that you need to be delivered from its hold on you and its power over you."  
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Yet you say that you're not blaming demons for this sin that you are calling a "demonic stronghold"?

Academic?

Still waiting for Scriptural Proof of Christians needing demons "cast out, cast off or cast away" because they've chosen to sin.

Scriptural Proof has not been given.

You wondered about what happened in my life to cause me to believe what I do. I studied demonology from the Bible only for the last 35 yrs - after reading books that believe as you do, and found that those books contradict and misuse Scripture or don't bother to use any at all.

It was easy to understand Satan's limits, when reading everything that GOD wrote into His Book about Satan and demons.

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/8 0:15**

Jesus-is-God,

No, I am not blaming demons for our sin.

Again, just like Israel of old, we sin and rebel and this opens doors to the enemy and it is basically God's judgement, if you can handle that.

I stopped being impressed a long time ago at how much people studied or how many books they read. Real life and what

t works, is where the rubber meets the road and it either proves or disproves God's Word.

Going to bed, dear sister.

Sleep well,  
Sarah

**Re: , on: 2011/8/8 0:40**

I stopped being impressed a long time ago by people who make up doctrine without the proper Scriptural backing, Sarah, and that's why I'm still looking for some on this thread.

Satan can only do what GOD allows.

If, as Paul did, a person's body is turned over to Satan that their spirit may be 'saved', all they need to do is repent - as the man who slept with his step-mother did. There's no record of demons being expelled from him, he only repented and was forgiven.

We cannot make up doctrines of demons without depending solely on what is written.

Going beyond what is written is a sin. That sin leads to deception and deception or lying against what is written can lead to being given over to believe a lie in the last days.

We need desperately to know where we Stand In Christ in these perilous times and the much worse days to come.

If we are sinning - we are told to confess our sins and go and sin no more - that's it!

When it comes to temptations - we're told to resist the devil and he'll flee.

We are shown that Jesus only used The Word of GOD against Satan's temptations.

If the "stronghold" theory was true - there would be Scripture to back it up and there isn't.

The unsaved are held captive by and are slaves to Satan, but not true Believers. True believers may stumble but they need only to "confess their sins" and He is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse them.

If a backslidden person dies without repenting, they won't be saved.

Are these verses talking about a person who will go to Heaven if they died at this point they're at? ...

2Ti 2:25,26 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

**Re: - posted by bowmyknees, on: 2011/8/8 7:43**

Where do demons occupy?

In unbelievers.

Be careful what you believe

**Re: - posted by mikey2, on: 2011/8/8 10:39**

Staff,

I am currently reading Arthur Zepp's E-book on Demon Activity In The Last Times.

It is one of the best books I have read on the subject.

Written in 1921. Many case histories in it.

<http://www.swartzentrover.com/cotor/e-books/holiness/Zepp/Demon/DALIndex.htm>

And some of his other books.

<http://www.swartzentrover.com/cotor/e-books/holiness/Authors/Arthur%20Zepp.htm>

From Chapter 6

"Again for demons to gain possession, they must have ground, a point of entrance. Paul terms it giving place to the devil . "Neither give place to the devils." Disobedience is the great source of demons gaining entrance. "The God of this world has blinded the minds of them that obey not."

Much of the so-called backsliding is by the entering in again of the former evil spirit, accompanied by reinforcements of s even other evil spirits worse than himself, so that the last state is worse than the first. Yet the faithful Christ will rescue Hi s own."

From Chapter 8

"But why should demons obsess, possess, and rule the personality of man? Is there any advantage to the demon? Evid ently there is.

Possession by demons of the body, mind, or soul of man (for we conceive .they possess either separately or dominate a ll) relieves or rests the demon. Some unaccountable demon instinct is gratified thereby. Jesus' contact with the poor Gad arene demoniac shows the advantage to the demons of possessing or indwelling the human body.

Hear the demon's language: "I adjure thee by God, that thou torment est not." For Jesus said unto him, "Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit." See here double or dual personality, the second personality, the demon's usurping the man's normal personality, and dominating it, and speaking through his organs of articulation. See also the confession of the de mon indirectly that he was resting from torment temporarily while he possessed the man and was undiscovered and that his discovery by Jesus and calling oat, or exorcising, was torment to him and the end of his rest! "I adjure thee by God, t hat thou torment me not." How? By casting out.

That demons find rest by dwelling in men is shown by Jesus' account of the unclean spirit being cast out of a man. He, t he unclean spirit, goeth about in dry places. What does the demon go about for? Jesus says, seeking rest. How? In the disembodied state? Nay! In the dry places? Nay! But by seeking some human being whom he can obsess or attack and deceive into giving him entrance, or possession.

Then he finds the coveted rest. And so insistent is the demon on finding the rest that he gets reinforcements from seven other spirits worse than himself, and beats down or overpowers the man's defenses, the man's unrest beginning at the s ame time with the demon's rest. Disembodiment, or casting out the demon from the man, reverses this state-it torments t he demon, ends his rest, and rests his victim (e. g., the man who, after he was delivered, was found clothed, in his right mind, at rest at the feet of Jesus). By indwelling men demons gain temporary rest from torment before their time."

These are short and concise chapters.

Mike

**Re: , on: 2011/8/8 11:53**

"Case histories" are not what we base our doctrines on. Todd Bentley and others like him are a prime example of this.

What does His Word say about backsliders?

Where in the Word do you find a "Christian" having demons cast out of them?

Where in the Bible is one instructed to address a demon in a backslider or anyone who makes a lifestyle of sin, that professed to be a Christian?

Simple enough questions.

Why is it that we cannot accept 'experiences' as doctrine - except for this one theory and possibly some of the other non sense that goes on in some of these "healing services"?

Sensationalism that goes beyond what is written is what will take down "most" in the last days and not just iniquity.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/8 15:27**

Quote:

""If a backslidden person dies without repenting, they won't be saved.""

""If, as Paul did, a person's body is turned over to Satan that their spirit may be 'saved', all they need to do is repent - as the man who slept with his step-mother did. There's no record of demons being expelled from him, he only repented and was forgiven.""

Isn't this a contradiction? If the spirit is saved and the body is turned over to Satan, and God to save the spirit, how can they not be saved.

If they are saved, they are saved. If sin is too much in a saved person's life, I believe God will take His child home.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/8 17:30**

Hi all, just had a really tiring day and want to catch up at the posts.

I was thinking about it on and off today and I can't get away from why at the likes of Billy Graham crusades that we see no demon manifestation which we should do according to scripture if a Christian cannot have a demon.

I think but correct me if I am wrong but I think both sides of our discussion agree that there should be demon manifestation in some cases not all when a person becomes indwelt by the Holy Spirit if a Christian cannot have a demon,

I will take a further look at what has been said,

Thanks Staff

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/8 18:18**

No where in scripture, after Antioch where Saved Persons were first called Christians is there one instance of a Christian being Demon Possessed, maybe that is why there is no manifestations. Even if there were, the demon would have to confront the Spirit of Christ, no fanfare, "Go" the demon must leave. Now we are possessed with the Spirit of Christ, the Holy Spirit and even God the Father with Christ makes their abode with us. Pretty good protection from the enemy.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: , on: 2011/8/8 18:53**

Hi Brother Philip. No, I don't see the two quotes you posted of mine as a contradiction. I don't believe in Unconditional eternal security.

I do believe a person can turn away from the LORD completely and HE won't force them into Heaven.

The man in the church at Corinth repented and he was saved because he did. Some don't.

I won't debate that though. Too many of my dearest Brothers and Sisters believe in OSAS but not in Unconditional eternal security - which are sometimes, two different beliefs.

Thanks for your posts. The Resurrection power of GOD is what makes a difference when folks get saved. That book that was recommended today said that every unbeliever is "possessed". Wrong! Misapplication of the term. The book has errors in it, that aren't in The WORD.

Peace!!

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/8 21:19**

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/9 19:07**

Hi Philip,

In fairness the subject is not covered in depth after Antioch full stop either non christian or christian.

I am not talking about manifestations in Christians but in People who are just at the moment of indwelling. There is no scripture to say that demons stopped behaving differently (manifesting in some cases) than previously when confronted by Christ, unless you are saying Christ didn't have enough power and authority.

Also why at the likes of Billy Graham meetings do we not alone see no manifestations but we don't see blind seeing and deaf hearing and the mute talking as people are just coming to Christ and being indwelt?

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Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/9 21:01**

Staff,

Here is an example of delivering someone from demonic possession. Why doesn't it happen in America. Do we know that it does not happen? Maybe not in Billy Graham crusades but Billy Graham crusades are not the litmus test, necessarily.

<http://www.spiritablaze.com/deliver.htm>

Here is this Pastor's testimony.

Since childhood, the call to help those who are suffering from all kinds of sicknesses and diseases, those poor ones who were so desperate for help, stayed with me.

As a young pastor, I made the following statement that shocked some of the older and more mature pastors, "Unless G



od moves in power and confirms His Word by healing the sick whenever I pray, I will quit the ministry. I refuse to be in ministry unless God answers in power.Â” Their dissatisfaction of this young and immature man was obvious.

Read more...

<http://www.spiritablaze.com/testimonies.htm#louw>

In Christ,  
Sarah

**Re: , on: 2011/8/10 2:55**

Sarah, that video - I've seen that manifestation in churches and the pastors and congregations thought it was "the spirit of God".

I've seen women running through the churches, screaming at the top of their lungs and the pastor and the congregation didn't pay them any mind, because they thought it was a move from God. Then we have them barking like dogs or squaking like chickens and them thinking that too is from God. You name it - it's in the church.

I have slow dial-up but I waited for this one video you posted to download and wondered - where did it show a "deliverance"? I didn't see any ministry as part of that video.

I can't go through all the videos with this pokey dial-up, but I did read the written page.

Maybe I'm missing something in what he wrote, so where exactly does he say that 'Christians' need demons cast out of them that are IN them? Could you pull the exact quote or the one video that says that, so I can try to download it?

{eta} ... who is "prophet T.B. Joshua"? I'll do a search, but wondered if you know.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/10 18:42**

Hi Sarah,

I think thats exactly why Billy Graham crusades are the litmus.

The thing is he doesnt do casting out demons etc and thousands and thousands have been saved at his meetings.

It would be ridiculas to think that over all his meetings over all the years that not one person came to christ that didnt have a type of demon that manifests or not one person with demon that causes blindness, deafness or lack of speech at a Billy Graham crusade. Their must be thousands.

The only better litmus would be a successful evangelist that is totally anti a christian having a demon theology.

Are their any on sermonindex?

Your staff

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/10 18:49**

Hi Jesus is God,

I didnt get to look at Sarahs link yet,so I wont comment on that.

I agree with you totally the last thing we want to do is confuse a move of demons with a move of God.

God is a God of order and the whole deliverance tv evangelist thing is a sick joke.

Even if I am right and christians can have demons,the whole process must be handled carefully and correctly,Yours Staff

**Re: , on: 2011/8/11 0:56**

This is chapter One. It's a nice introduction. I loved reading it. Turn off the critical eyes first. :0)

Demon Activity In The Last Times

By Arthur Zepp

Chapter 1

MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST

Dr. Weymouth, in his translation of Romans 8:38, says that through Christ who loved us, we are more than conquerors over the whole demoniacal host: "The higher orders and the lower orders of evil spirits." More than conquerors: that is, victors or conquerors with a margin. This implies, that if those demons who were so vile as to merit being now bound with chains of darkness, were released, there is victory over them through our Conqueror.

In Philippians 1:28, Paul tells us, "In nothing terrified by your adversaries." Note the plural; demons are many, Satan is one. There is nothing to fear from evil spirits so long as we look to Christ the Triumphant One, who, on the cross, threw off the hosts of evil spirits. "And the hostile princes and rulers he shook off from himself, and boldly displayed them as His conquests, when by the cross He triumphed over them." (Colossians 2:15, Weymouth translation.)

John assures us that "greater is He (Jesus) that is in you than he (Satan) that is in the world." So we need not get panicky because of these evil hosts. Our Champion defeats them for us as we trust Him.

Lewis Chafer's book on Satan gives Jude's account of Michael, the archangel, contending with Satan about the removal of the body of Moses. Moses appearing on the mount of transfiguration necessitated that his body be resurrected, glorified and removed from its burying place. Michael, as the angel of the resurrection, had something, under God, to do with that removal. Michael, though an attendant around the throne of God, and endowed with vast powers, yet recognizes in Satan, in his fallen state, such dignity and power that he durst not bring a railing accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke thee." In substance, Michael said, "Satan, you are too great for me; in my own strength I am not able to rebuke you, but I know One who can --

"The Lord rebuke thee." Oh, that we all may learn the futility of trying to fight Satan and his fallen hosts, the evil spirits, in our own strength, and, following the lead of, the archangel, confess our weakness, and turn Satan over to God. He assures us, "Ye shall not need to fight in this battle." But we may witness it -- "The Lord shall fight for you" -- and through Him we shall do valiantly. "For He it is that shall tread down our enemies before us." "God shall bruise Satan shortly, under your heel." "In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." "Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might," was given in connection with the warfare against the evil principalities' and powers (which refers to Satan and demons) in the heavenly or high places above us. -- Eph. 6:12.

Jesus only can sustain. Shibboleths, slogans, blessings, or historic experiences, identification with movements, terms, or modes of interpretation are powerless in the wrath Satan is letting loose against the church. It can only be met by dependence on Christ. Satan fears nothing we seek to anchor in short of Jesus.

"More than conquerors?" What can that mean but conquering with ease and having reserve power to conquer more? Christ conquering with a margin for us, defeating the whole Satanic host and able to defeat more if they exist.

The two aviators who made the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic were not conquerors with a margin. Their oil and gas was gone before reaching the Irish Coast. They were compelled to volplane to make the landing at all. Had they been in a condition in machine endurance, fuel, oil, and human power, to start back to Newfoundland, or go on to London, they would have been more than conquerors; they would have crossed the ocean and could have done more. So Jesus defeats for us the prince of evil spirits and also the "higher and lower orders of demons" and more than does this -- we are conquerors and "then some" as one Chinese translation reads. (Romans 8:38.) Thank God, and fear not this terrible host. They are defeated and conquered for us by our mighty Champion. Accept the fact. When Jesus said, "I have won the victory over the world" (John 16:33, Weymouth), He included the world's prince and all the hosts of evil spirits in league with him.

### Victors in the Enemy's Territory

Satan is the god of this world. He resented Christ's first advent to it, resented His remaining in it. He hates Christ's followers because of their relation to Christ. He would kill every one now who names Christ's name if he could get God's permission, as he will, during the Great Tribulation. God's children are victors in the enemy's country, conquerors in his camp. It is as if, during the war, an allied officer had walked boldly into the presence of the German General Staff. They threaten, but are powerless to injure him. An invisible presence gives victory among his enemies. So we are in the presence of countless demons who are our enemies. They resent our being on their territory, try to eject us, shoot us, shoot their fiery darts at us, but God has ordained that we shall not weary where Satan rules. When we lie down to rest, it is in the enemy's country-territory where Satan's seat is.

We are surrounded by countless thousands of evil spirits but our life is "hid with Christ in God" and into the place of security.

urity Satan can not enter. Praise the Lord for victory through Christ in a hostile country!

One morning in the post office of an Ohio city a company of little boys and girls were having great fun pushing and riding around in the revolving door, Finally the postmaster, much vexed, and annoyed, came out of his office. He did not speak a word. The sight of him was enough to send them scampering in every direction. We could not repress a smile as we saw the parallel between those children and the scampering demons who have sought to annoy us. A simple reference to Jesus, and at the sight of his towering, majestic Presence, they cry out as of old, "We know thee, Jesus, who thou art," and away they scamper.

May the blessed Jesus teach us we are not sufficient of ourselves but our sufficiency is of God in whom is everlasting strength. We are without strength in ourselves but we are strong in the Lord.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/11 16:18**

Hi Approved,

I enjoyed that article thank you.

If I had a pleasure of talking to Billy Graham, I could ask him the question,

Mr Graham you have seen hundreds of thousands come to Christ in your life time, Have you seen thousands and thousands of demonic manifestations and people seeing, hearing and speaking after the demons leave?

What would his answer be?

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2011/8/11 17:44**

Quote:- I think but correct me if I am wrong but I think both sides of our discussion agree that there should be demonic manifestation in some cases not all when a person becomes indwelt by the Holy Spirit if a christian cannot have a demon.

There are two different ways demons can work demonic possession and demonic influence.

Possession is where you are controlled by a devil whereas demonic influence is where you are influenced to act a certain way..

For example if there is an area of your life that is Unsanctified the Devil will see that area and he will attack you in that area. If you fall and sin you have manifested what you were being influenced to do..

Demonic influence operates through what you think, by what you hear, what you see and what you feel (your emotions)..

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2011/8/11 18:49**

Hi Murrcolr,

Nice to hear from you, I am talking about demon possession that causes deaf, blindness and lack of speech and that manifests itself as it leaves yours staff

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/8/12 17:12**

Question; Does anyone know of any angel of God possessing a person?

2nd Question; Why is it that we have demonic angelic possession?

3rd Question; If God the Father births His Son in us and exchanges our spirit from Satan to Christ in the believer and the Holy Spirit also, who is in charge, God or Satan?

Christ in you: Phillip