

Word of God Ministry Church Under The Son

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Demons

Some Christians are fearful of the power of Satan and his messengers, demons. But, the Bible assures us that through Christ we have power to defeat any foe. Further, the Bible tells us that Christ's death and resurrection have already provided ultimate victory over Satan (Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8). Christians have nothing to fear but need to be wise in dealing with these very real enemies.

- Demons Are Real

1 Timothy 4:1 'Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.'

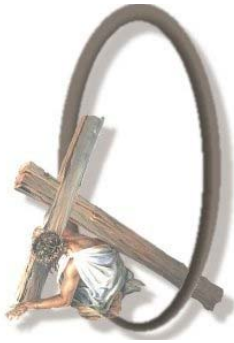
The Bible tells us that demons are part of a whole spiritual hierarchy of evil headed by Satan. Like Satan, demons are God-created beings that fell from heaven because of pride. They are now adversaries of both God and people. Demons, also referred to in the Bible as "unclean spirits" (Luke 4:36), are only interested in destroying us.

Though real and active, the devil and his demons are often blamed for many things for which they are not responsible. Some Christians tend to blame all kinds of sinful behavior on evil spirits - "The devil made me do it!" In reality, however, much of it is the result of our own sinful nature.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:10-12).

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- Demons Are Limited

Mark 1:32, 34 ³²At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. ³⁴Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

The Bible tells us that people can be inhabited, or possessed, by demons. Jesus healed many such people by casting out these evil spirits. Though Satan and his demons can tempt and attack Christians in various ways, there are many reasons to believe that Christians cannot be “possessed” by them:

1. As believers we belong to God and the Holy Spirit lives in us; our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20).
2. “He who is in you [the Holy Spirit] is greater than he who is in the world [Satan]” (1 John 4:4).
3. “The wicked one does not touch” anyone who has become a child of God (1John 5:18).
4. There is no record in the Bible of any believers being possessed.

Demons may communicate what appears to be truth but is distorted. The New Testament writer John gives instructions about this deception. He says in *1 John 4:1, 3*, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world . . . and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.”

- Demons Are Defeated

1 John 3:8 ⁸He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

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Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross and resurrection from the dead defeated Satan and his demonic forces. The Holy Spirit lives inside of us when we belong to God. In Him we also have the power to defeat any influence of demons in our lives. God has provided us with resources that we can use daily to fight against spiritual enemies. Those include:

- The name of Jesus (Luke 10:17)
- Watchfulness (1 Peter 5:8)
- Prayer (John 15:7)
- The armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18)

If you are concerned about demonic activity, pray for wisdom and discernment and seek the counsel of the Pastor or other mature Christians. Christians do not need to fear Satan or his demons: *“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:37-39).*