

## Can Christians have demons?

At one time I believed that Christians could not have demons, but I have learned some things since then. Now to me this is almost a ridiculous argument, because I myself have had demons leave me after I was saved. I knew I was saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit, but none the less, I have had to be delivered from some things from my bloodline and past sinful activity (sexual sin, drugs, alcohol, occult involvement, etc...). Also, my beautiful wife has had to be delivered since her salvation. She was saved 12 years before I came into the picture and no one ever walked her through complete deliverance. This was not necessarily some people's fault, they just didn't know how to help her. I am so thankful for the training God gave me before I came into her life. There were several demons that would enter her and at least two that dwelled in her from her childhood. These spoke through her vocal cords and I drove them out in the name of Jesus. This may bother your theology, but if you believe this is impossible you are wrong and possibly in sin. Let me explain why I am saying you might be in sin. Jesus loves these precious people that are tormented out there, and there are some Christians that are literally keeping them from the promises of God that they can be free. These Christians are stumbling blocks in Christ's kingdom. They are keeping people from being free. They will answer for it on judgment day. Some Christians don't believe demons can get in church or in Christians! Where is that in the Bible? Because of these strange doctrines that have held churches and people in bondage, the enemy has kept the ground he took centuries ago. It is time we take it back!

## Some things to consider

I believe mainly the reason for the denial of the obvious truth of the deliverance ministry is that of either fear or pride. There are some Christians that are so terrified of demons, satan, or witches, they will literally throw a fit if these things are preached on claiming "people are giving glory to satan!" How ridiculous is that? People don't want to believe demons can get in them, in their churches, or cause any problems for Christians, because they are terrified of them. They disguise their fear in an array of doctrines that state demons don't exist satan isn't real, and even that hell is not a real place. Sometimes it is impossible to convince them otherwise because they *refuse to believe*. It is impossible to give someone truth that absolutely refuses it. My question to these is and always will be, "What are you afraid of?" Instead of hiding your head in the sand and denying the obvious, why don't you take your God-given authority as a Christian and drive the enemy away?! Jesus paid for the victory! We must enforce it.

The biggest problem I have seen in the false doctrine which denies the deliverance ministry, considering it an extreme, or a fad is **PRIDE**. Many denominations and ministers have taken such a public stand denying demons can be in Christians that it would take them humbling themselves to admit they are wrong. They don't have the humility to do that. Here is what bothers me. There are literally thousands of Christians that have accepted Christ in major crusades and through revivals, but where are they today? I rejoice they did get saved, but many of them are now away from God. I believe one of the major reasons is because they were never walked through deliverance. I know the lack of discipleship and followup has a lot to do with some, but deliverance plays a major role as well. So those baby Christians that got saved in the crusades and revivals have had the fire snuffed out by the demons that remained in their lives. They became lukewarm, then cold. Now they are back in sin and worse off than before. Because the pride of some denominations, churches, and ministers these precious ones are perishing. Another thing I would like to state is this, "What about the millions they could be leading to the Lord if they could get free from demonic bondage to do so?" The masses are being swept into hell over a stupid pet doctrine that is obviously wrong, but people are too arrogant to admit it. Their ego is their god. So the blood of the perishing will be on their hands on judgment day. Here are some common scriptures taken out of context to support the false doctrine that Christians cannot have demons. In 2 Corinthians 6:14 a question is asked

about what fellowship is there between light and darkness. The Bible never says there can't be, but it states there shouldn't be. I guess people think the Holy Spirit is afraid of demons and would run off because a new convert is demonized. The Holy Spirit I know is not afraid of anything and loves new converts too much to do that. Others use the scripture that we are the Temple of the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians 6:19. Well, the Temple referred to is from the Old Testament and without a doubt the idolatry and occult practices that were allowed in that Temple brought in demons. Some say we are always instantly cleansed of demons at conversion. The Bible doesn't say that, it says we are cleansed from all **sin**. When someone gets born again the demons in them, and involved in their lives, become trespassers. The only way the demons can stay is by active (unrepentant) sin, or ignorance (not knowing they are there, how to get rid of them, or how to keep them out). There is absolutely nowhere in scripture that states demons cannot live in Christians, Christian homes, or churches. There is no where in scripture that indicates demons cannot be in believers' bodies, souls, or spirits. I believe God originally creates man with a seal about them to protect them from demons just walking in them at will, but that seal can be broken by sins of inheritance, any occult involvement, sexual sins, murder, drug or alcohol abuse to name some things. This is where the legal ground has to be cleansed, the works of satan destroyed, and demons driven away forcefully! Other people take the scripture in the Bible that has nothing to do with deliverance that says where the Holy Spirit is, there is liberty (2 Corinthians 3:18) and try to use that to say Christians cannot have demons, but that is incredibly out of context. I have seen the Holy Spirit move so powerfully in a service that no one was standing, but yet there were demons still there that were forced out of many later in the service. Just because the Holy Spirit is present doesn't mean demons will just run away, if that were the case the Bible says God's presence is everywhere (Psalm 139:78), so where are the demons going to flee to, if God is in heaven, earth, and hell? What a ridiculous thing to say. God is everywhere, so the demons would have to cease to exist to escape his presence.