

Demon Possession and the Christian

Series 1-10

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Series Introduction: Can a Christian Be Possessed by a Demon?

Exposing the Enemy's Most Effective Lie in the Modern Church

“Neither give place to the devil.” – Ephesians 4:27

A Truth the Church No Longer Teaches

Some subjects in Scripture get hushed. Others get twisted. And then there’s the subject that gets both—**the idea that Christians can come under demonic influence**. This series isn’t written for lukewarm pew-warmers, but for those who are brave enough to face **spiritual warfare in its rawest form**. The question is not “Can a Christian be possessed?” The real question is, **why don’t we talk about how the devil operates in Christians at all anymore?**

For decades, pastors have carefully tiptoed around the word “*possession*”, afraid of being labeled charismatic, heretical, or unorthodox. The theological air gets thin in these discussions. People prefer their demons in horror movies—not in their churches, or worse, in their mirrors. But Scripture doesn’t shy away. And neither should we.

The Devil’s Favorite Battleground: The Flesh

Let’s be clear—**salvation seals the soul**, but it doesn’t perfect the body. The flesh remains corrupt. That’s why **Paul said he died daily** (1 Corinthians 15:31). That’s why he cried out in Romans 7, “In me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing.” The spirit is made alive at salvation, but **the flesh remains a battlefield**—and the devil has the coordinates.

This series cuts through the noise and the polished language of modern church safety theology to address the shocking but biblically grounded **reality that Christians can open doors to devils**, not in their sealed souls, but in their minds, bodies, and behavior.

Why This Series Matters Right Now

We’re in an era of spiritual confusion. The average Christian can spot fake news faster than **false doctrine**. Churches are packed with people who feel oppressed, tormented,

addicted, bound, and confused—but they’re told to just pray harder and read more. That’s not wrong advice—but it’s not the full picture either.

Why do believers battle suicidal thoughts?

Why do “Spirit-filled” leaders fall into sexual sin?

Why do Christians with decades of Bible knowledge seem powerless over their own emotions?

It’s because there’s a **gap in teaching**, and the devil knows it. He operates in the blind spots. And **the biggest blind spot of all** is the presumption that once you’re saved, you’re automatically shielded from the enemy’s influence. Not so.

This series aims to expose how that lie has infiltrated the pulpit, weakened the saints, and emboldened devils to roam unchecked in the lives of God’s people.

What You’ll Learn in This 10-Part Series

Each essay is a scalpel, cutting deep into the real-world ways believers fall into demonic bondage—not through satanic rituals or Ouija boards—but through everyday compromise, sin, and deception:

1. **Introduction** – *Can a Christian Be Possessed by a Demon?*
We open the debate with personal testimony and biblical insight.
2. **The Two Men in One House** – *Why Christians Still Have Room for Trouble*
Understanding the war between the new man and old man.
3. **Spiritual House Cleaning** – *The Demon Returns When the House is Empty*
Jesus’ warning about reentry and what it means for backsliders.
4. **The Flesh Is Not Saved** – *How the Devil Gains Ground in Believers*
Discerning how Satan targets the unregenerated body.
5. **Christians Delivered to Satan** – *What No One Preaches Anymore*
Exploring 1 Corinthians 5:5 and 1 Timothy 1:20.
6. **Can the Holy Spirit and a Devil Dwell in the Same Body?**
Separating flesh from spirit in light of Scripture.
7. **Drugs, Music, and Media** – *How Devils Ride the Airwaves*
Sound, frequency, and cultural portals that open demonic doors.

8. **Charismatic Confusion** – *Feeling the Spirit or Catching a Devil?*
Warning signs in modern movements that blur the line.
9. **Ten Ways Christians Give Place to the Devil Without Knowing It**
A practical list that exposes common compromises.
10. **Deliverance by the Word** – *How to Defeat Devils Without Gimmicks*
The biblical solution: no rituals, just truth.

Biblical, Not Sensational

This series doesn't peddle superstition or chase shadows. Every claim is **anchored in Scripture**, and every warning is aimed at recovery, not fearmongering. We are not suggesting Christians lose their salvation, but we are sounding the alarm that **many are walking around demonized and don't know it.**

- Not because the Holy Spirit failed.
- Not because the gospel lacks power.
- But because **truth isn't being taught**—and darkness fills the gaps where light is withheld.

What's at Stake

You can go to heaven with a body full of torment. You can be saved and sealed while living defeated and devoured (1 Peter 5:8). You can have the Holy Spirit in your spirit and a devil working through your habits, addictions, moods, and flesh. And the worst part? **You might think it's just "you being you."**

That's why this series exists.

To make people think.

To make pastors sweat.

To make believers pray.

To make devils uncomfortable.

Brace Yourself

If you've grown up in a church that avoids the book of Acts or skips the uncomfortable parts of 1 Corinthians, buckle up. You're about to be challenged.

We're not here to be polite to demons.
We're here to expose them.
Not with garlic. Not with oil. Not with rituals.
But with **truth**.

Welcome to the 10-part series "**Can a Christian Be Possessed by a Demon?**"
You might not agree with every point. But one thing is guaranteed:

You will never read your Bible the same way again.

1 of 10: Demon Possession and the Christian – Can a Christian Be Possessed by a Devil? – Resetting the Question

Introduction – Time to Reset the Question

In nearly every circle of Christian discussion, whether scholarly or street-level, the question of demon possession among believers inevitably triggers two camps: *those who scoff at the very idea*, and *those who have seen things that make them tremble*. But both camps often ask the wrong question.

The question is **not**: "*Can a Christian be possessed by a devil like in The Exorcist?*" That's the Hollywood version. That's the spinning heads, green vomit, chanting Latin priests, and broken rosaries version. It's not biblical—it's theatrical. The real question is far more piercing:

What areas of a Christian's life can a devil actually control?

Because when we examine the King James Bible—God's final authority in English—we find something astonishing. While the *soul* of a born-again believer is sealed and safe (Ephesians 1:13), the *flesh*, the *mind*, the *emotions*, and even *bodily health* remain vulnerable to spiritual intrusion if the believer is careless, carnal, or complicit.

The point of this essay—and this entire series—is not to stoke fear, but to snap sleepy saints out of their illusion that "saved" equals "invincible." The reality of spiritual warfare demands discernment, not denial. And it starts by resetting the question.

1. Definitions Matter: What Does It Mean to Be "Possessed"?

Let's get one thing straight up front: the word "*demon*" doesn't appear in the King James Bible. Not once.

What the KJV calls them are "**devils**", "**unclean spirits**", and "**evil spirits.**" And those words matter, because they frame our understanding through the lens of **Bible truth**, not theological trendiness.

Likewise, the term "possessed" is often loaded with assumptions. Modern minds assume total, soul-level ownership. But biblical "possession" can refer to dominion, habitation, influence, or control—**not always ownership of the soul.**

In the Gospels and Acts, those "possessed with devils" were:

- Controlled physically (Mark 9:17–18)
- Afflicted mentally (Luke 8:27–29)
- Tormented emotionally (Mark 5:5)
- Isolated socially (Luke 8:29)
- Empowered supernaturally (Mark 5:4)

Yet nothing in Scripture ever says that such control equals the loss of a soul. In fact, in several cases, those afflicted *recognized* Jesus as the Son of God. That brings us to the real meat of the matter.

2. The Christian's Soul: Untouchable and Sealed

When a man is born again, the **Holy Spirit seals** his soul:

"In whom ye also trusted... after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise." – Ephesians 1:13

That seal cannot be broken by man, devil, or angel.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." – John 10:28

The soul is **in Christ, sealed, redeemed, and hidden with God.** That is non-negotiable. That is security.

But while the new man is seated in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6), the old man is still here—dragging around a fleshly body that, as Paul said:

“In me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing.” – Romans 7:18

So here's the problem: Christians treat the **soul's security** as if it's a blanket insurance policy for their **entire being**. It's not. The soul is safe. The rest of you is up for grabs if you don't walk in the Spirit.

3. The Flesh: Open Territory for Devils

Let's be blunt—**your flesh is not saved**.

That body you live in? It's going to a grave. It's going to rot. It's going to return to dust. And if the rapture doesn't come first, you'll drop it like an empty shell. Why? Because God's not preserving it. He's replacing it (1 Cor. 15:53).

That means the flesh can still be used, manipulated, or even tormented by the devil. And the Bible proves it.

4. Biblical Cases of Christians Under Devil Control

Let's examine the evidence—**Scripture showing believers coming under Satan's influence or dominion:**

• Peter

Shortly after confessing that Jesus was the Christ, Peter tried to stop Him from going to the cross. Jesus said:

“Get thee behind me, Satan.” – Matthew 16:23

Was Peter possessed? Not in the Hollywood sense. But he was **speaking the words of the devil**.

• Ananias and Sapphira

Peter asks:

“Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?” – Acts 5:3

They were church members. Believers. Yet Satan **filled their hearts**. Not a metaphor—an action.

• Hymenaeus and Alexander

Paul said he had:

“delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.” – 1 Timothy 1:20

What part of them did Satan get? The soul? No. But the **flesh**, the **mind**, the **testimony**—all fair game.

• **The Corinthian Fornicator**

“To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved.” – 1 Corinthians 5:5

Right there in black and white: **the spirit is saved**, but the **flesh can be destroyed** by Satan.

This is not theoretical. It's **doctrinal fact**.

5. The False Comfort of “That Can’t Happen to Me”

Modern believers love to chant “No weapon formed against me shall prosper” while:

- Watching horror movies about exorcism
- Meditating with pagan apps
- Living in bitterness and unforgiveness
- Practicing sexual sin
- Denying biblical authority

And then they wonder why their lives are **spiraling**, their thoughts are **tormented**, and their spiritual discernment is **gone**.

Let's say it plain: **A sealed soul does not equal a protected mind**. The devil doesn't need to own you to ruin you.

6. Possession Redefined – A Tactical Invasion

If the devil has **access** to your thoughts, **control** of your body, **influence** over your emotions, **torment** over your sleep, and **power** over your testimony—do we really need to argue about semantics?

Call it oppression, control, habitation, or just a bad day... the truth is, **devils can get a foothold in a believer's life**.

And most often, it comes **by invitation**—not possession against your will, but access through the **door you left unlocked**.

7. Ten Doors Christians Leave Open to the Devil

Here's how Christians open the gate:

1. **Bitterness** – Unforgiveness is a magnet for torment (Matthew 18:34).
2. **Rebellion** – Witchcraft's twin (1 Samuel 15:23).
3. **Pride** – The devil's original sin (Isaiah 14:14).
4. **Lust** – Opens the body to control.
5. **Unbelief** – Weakens faith shields (Ephesians 6:16).
6. **False Doctrine** – Devils love doctrinal confusion (1 Tim 4:1).
7. **Idolatry** – Even emotional or relational (Colossians 3:5).
8. **Music and Media** – Frequencies matter (Ezekiel 28:13, Revelation 18:22).
9. **Substance Abuse** – Sorcery in the Greek is *pharmakeia*.
10. **Neglect of the Word and Prayer** – Starving the spirit invites the devils.

You don't need a Ouija board to get a devil. Just keep walking in the flesh.

8. How Devils Operate in Believers Today

They don't always come screaming or slithering.

They whisper in pride.

They stir up depression.

They exaggerate hurt.

They twist doctrine.

They manifest in anger.

They ride music and visuals like parasites.

And they especially love **religion without power**—churches with no gospel, no repentance, no spiritual warfare. Empty temples make great hideouts.

9. Why the Devil Targets Believers

Because the lost are already his.

The devil doesn't need to possess the world—it's already deceived. But **a child of God?** That's war. That's territory he hates to see marked with the blood of Christ.

If he can't steal your soul, he'll try to **steal your reward** (Revelation 3:11), **ruin your testimony, wreck your family, and neutralize your ministry.**

And if he can get you to believe he's not really doing any of that? He's won twice.

10. The Danger of Being Sealed... and Sealed Shut

Some Christians are so theologically "sealed" in their eternal security that they're "sealed shut" to anything else.

They think their salvation is a hazmat suit that repels every fiery dart, every seducing spirit, every corrupting voice.

But Paul said:

"We wrestle not against flesh and blood..." (Eph 6:12)

That wasn't written to the world. That was written to the church.

To the saved.

To the sealed.

And Paul still told them to *put on the armor...* because a sealed vault still gets attacked.

Conclusion – Wake Up, Armor Up

So... can a Christian be possessed by a devil?

Wrong question.

Ask this instead:

What part of you have you left unguarded?

Because no, your soul cannot be owned by a devil if you've been bought by Christ. But that doesn't mean you're not walking around **with your shield down, your head uncovered, and the back door open.**

The enemy isn't subtle anymore. The world is soaked in devilry, and churches are asleep at the gate.

It's time to stop arguing definitions and start identifying the **battlefield**.

Because the devil's not afraid of sealed souls.

He's afraid of awakened soldiers.

"Neither give place to the devil." – Ephesians 4:27

2 of 10: Demon Possession and the Christian – Devils, Not Demons – Why Bible Terminology Matters

Introduction – Words Matter More Than You Think

In the age of "don't be so literal," one of the most devastating compromises the Church has made is in its **vocabulary**. What may seem like small updates—just modernizing language to "help people understand"—has resulted in the mutation of doctrine, the erosion of spiritual authority, and the door being flung wide open for confusion and compromise.

Few examples are more telling than the replacement of the word "**devil**" with "**demon**." It seems minor, even interchangeable to most. But it isn't. It's foundational. When the Church gave up its vocabulary, it gave up its clarity.

This essay will expose why the King James Bible uses the word **devils**—plural—not *demons*, and how that distinction arms the believer with doctrinal accuracy, spiritual insight, and biblical power in a time when people are unknowingly **inviting devils into their lives** under the disguise of therapeutic spirituality.

1. What the KJV Says – No "Demons" Allowed

Let's start where everything should start: **the Book**.

In over 31,000 verses, the King James Bible never once uses the word *demon*. Not in the Old Testament. Not in the New. Not in the Gospels, Acts, Epistles, or Revelation.

What does it say instead?

- “**Devils**” (plural of devil)
- “**Unclean spirits**”
- “**Familiar spirits**”
- “**Evil spirits**”

Here are some examples:

“And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people... and those which were possessed with devils...” – Matthew 4:24

“And they besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him...” – Mark 5:10–12

“To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits...”
– 1 Corinthians 12:10

Not “*demons*.” Not once. The modern lexicon is **imported**, not **inspired**.

2. What Modern Bibles Do – A Dangerous Word Swap

Now let’s look at what modern versions do. The NIV, ESV, NLT, and other translations **replace “devils” with “demons.”**

Why?

Because it sounds “more accurate” to scholars. It aligns with Greek and Latin roots. But that’s exactly the problem: **it aligns with academic tradition more than biblical truth.**

The Greek word *daimonion* does appear in the Textus Receptus (received text), but the KJV translators, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, chose the English word **devil(s)** instead.

Why?

Because “*demon*” brings with it a whole **mythological, psychological, and cultural package** that the word *devil* doesn’t.

- “*Demon*” has roots in ancient mythology—neutral or even benevolent spirits.
- “*Devil*” is a **Bible-defined enemy** of God, of truth, and of man.

When you read “devil,” you think of deception, accusation, temptation, destruction. You think of war against heaven. But when you read “demon,” thanks to culture and psychology, people think of:

- Disembodied trauma
- Ancient Greek spirits
- Lesser supernatural beings
- Misunderstood emotional disorders

This shift in **one word** leads to a cascade of **doctrinal error**.

3. One Devil – Many Devils

The Bible says there is **one Devil**:

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan...” – Revelation 12:9

...but there are **many devils**:

“...possessed with devils...” – Luke 8:36

“...cast out many devils...” – Mark 1:34

“...seven devils went out of her...” – Luke 8:2

This is important.

Satan is the **chief**. The **god of this world**. The adversary. The accuser.

But he is not omnipresent. He doesn’t show up in every village and city in the Gospels. Instead, his underlings—his devils—are present. They take possession. They speak. They torment. They recognize Christ and fear Him.

“Demon” suggests a **generic class** of evil spirits. “Devils” communicates **hierarchy, agency, and rebellion**. One rebel leader, many rebel soldiers.

4. Mythology vs. Theology – What’s in a Word?

The word *demon* originally came from **pagan mythology**, not Bible Christianity.

In classical Greek literature, a **daemon** could be a helpful or benevolent spirit. In fact, Socrates claimed to be guided by a daemon—some spiritual guide that whispered

warnings in his conscience. Pagan societies saw demons as **gods, lesser deities, muses, or protectors.**

So when modern people use the word “demon,” they don’t think **biblically.** They think **mythologically** or **psychologically.**

Even in pop psychology today, people talk about “*facing your demons,*” or “*battling inner demons*”—as if these are just metaphors for trauma, addiction, or guilt.

The shift is subtle—but deadly.

“Demon” has become something you reason with. Something you empathize with. Something you integrate, process, or even embrace.

But a **devil?** You cast that out.

A devil is not to be understood, it’s to be **rebuked, rejected, and resisted.**

5. Psychological Theories and the Disappearance of Devils

In today’s therapy-saturated world, nearly every form of spiritual disturbance has been labeled something clinical:

- Depression = chemical imbalance
- Anxiety = trauma response
- Schizophrenia = delusion
- Obsession = disorder
- Addictions = disease

Now, is there legitimacy to mental illness? Certainly.

But in **removing the devil entirely** from the conversation, our culture has **erased spiritual causality.** In the Bible, many symptoms that modern psychology would call illness were, in fact, **spiritual activity.**

- The boy who convulsed violently? A devil. (Mark 9:20)
- The man who cut himself and lived in tombs? A devil. (Mark 5:5)
- The woman with a spirit of infirmity for 18 years? A devil. (Luke 13:11)

The man in the synagogue with an unclean spirit (Mark 1:23) didn't need Prozac. He needed **authority from the Son of God.**

6. Devil Terminology = Combat Readiness

The reason “devil” language matters isn't just accuracy—it's **combat posture.**

The word *demon* lulls people into tolerance.

The word *devil* puts you on guard.

Here's what the Bible says about devils:

- They **enter** people (Luke 8:30).
- They **talk** through people (Mark 1:24).
- They **cause infirmity** (Luke 13:11).
- They **know who Jesus is** (Luke 4:34).
- They **fear judgment** (Matthew 8:29).
- They **work in doctrinal error** (1 Timothy 4:1).
- They **possess** entire religious systems (Revelation 18:2).

The word *devils* reminds you that there's an organized **army of spiritual seducers** who are not misfiring neurons—but literal agents of Satan working to destroy, deceive, and defile.

7. Devilish Disguises in Today's Culture

You want to see where devils are hiding today? Look no further than:

- **Shadow work** (a trendy New Age self-discovery practice)
- **Spirit guides** (familiar spirits by another name)
- **Energy healing** and **Reiki**
- **Ayahwasca journeys** and **plant medicine**
- **Eastern mysticism** blended with “Christian mindfulness”
- **Yoga as spiritual alignment**
- **Astrology and Zodiac signs**

These aren't neutral tools. These are **spiritually charged practices** that connect people to **devils**—not misunderstood “energies.”

They're rebranded devils from the same source, dressed in the robes of self-care, mental health, and spiritual awakening.

“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.” – 1 Timothy 4:1

And it's not just the world indulging these lies. Entire *churches* have replaced sound doctrine with **demonic inspiration**.

8. Why the Church Traded “Devils” for “Demons”

So why did the Church follow the world in adopting “demon” talk?

Two reasons:

A. Academic Insecurity

Many modern translators and theologians want to look credible in the eyes of academia. Greek and Hebrew scholarship has become the golden calf. And because *daimonion* is the word behind “devils” in the Greek text, they say it should be translated “demon.”

But here's the problem: the Holy Ghost led the King James translators to use the word **devils** to define **character, not just translation**.

“Daimonion” is not a neutral term. It's a devil. And when the Holy Spirit gives a word—**devil**—we don't improve it. We submit to it.

B. Cultural Softness

The word *devil* is too confrontational for seeker-sensitive churches. It sounds too harsh. Too divisive. Too “Old Testament.”

But spiritual warfare **is** confrontational. Devils don't flee from sensitivity. They flee from **truth**.

9. Why This Word Battle Matters for Your Soul

Here's the spiritual consequence:

If you call it a *demon*, you might be tempted to *counsel it*.

If you call it a *devil*, you'll be ready to *cast it out*.

- One opens the door to dialogue.
- The other drives it out with doctrine.

If you treat it like a *myth*, you'll ignore it.

If you treat it like a *devil*, you'll **armor up** (Eph 6:11).

This isn't semantics. This is **warfare vocabulary**.

10. Closing the Door and Returning to Biblical Words

The time has come for Bible-believers to return to **Bible words**.

Not only because they're accurate, but because they're **powerful**.

- **Devils** defile.
- **Devils** deceive.
- **Devils** destroy.
- **Devils** damn.

There is no such thing as a "neutral spirit."

There are no misunderstood demons.

There are no ancient energies here to guide us.

There is one Spirit of truth—and **many spirits of error** (1 John 4:6).

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." – James 4:7

"Neither give place to the devil." – Ephesians 4:27

"Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" – John 6:70

Even Jesus wasn't afraid to use the word.

So why should we?

Conclusion – Give the Devil His Name Back

Words matter. And when it comes to spiritual warfare, the word *devil* strikes like a sword.

“Demon” is a disguise.

“Devil” is a declaration.

The Church has been playing nice with the language of war, and we’re reaping the consequences. Weak doctrine. Soft pulpits. Spiritually neutralized saints.

It’s time to speak biblically again.

Call them what they are.

Devils.

3 of 10: Demon Possession and the Christian – Uncleaness, Nakedness, and Cutting – Signs of Devil Possession

Introduction – The Flesh Screams What the Spirit Hides

If you want to understand the invisible world, look at what’s happening in the visible one.

The Bible doesn’t just describe devils as hidden influences or abstract energies—it shows them manifesting in **bodies, behavior, and flesh**. The spiritual realm doesn’t stay spiritual. It takes up residence in bone, blood, skin, and eyes. The evidence of devil possession isn’t just in seizures or screams—it’s in lifestyle, self-destruction, sexual defiance, and a public obsession with death.

Nowhere is this clearer than in **Mark chapter 5**, where a possessed man’s condition reads like a checklist of modern culture. The Gadarene demoniac wasn’t hiding in a shadowy back alley of some pagan city. He was front and center, naked, bleeding, and filled with spirits—and **Jesus didn’t dismiss it as mental illness**.

He addressed it for what it was: **devil possession**.

This essay is a raw, scriptural dive into how the ancient signs of possession have become today’s headlines—and why the Church needs to **stop spiritualizing what is physically obvious**.

1. The Gadarene Demoniac: A Case Study in Devil Possession

The story is found in **Mark 5:1–20**, and it’s one of the most detailed demonic encounters in Scripture. Let’s look closely:

*“And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,
Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:
Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.
And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.”*

– **Mark 5:2–5**

Here we have clear **signs of possession**, spelled out with precision by the Holy Spirit.

Let’s break them down.

2. Nakedness – The Stripping of Shame and Identity

Luke 8:27, a parallel account, adds this:

“...a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes...”

Nakedness is not just a detail—it’s a spiritual **indicator**.

From the beginning, nakedness has represented **lost covering and innocence**. After Adam and Eve sinned, they *knew* they were naked. The demoniac’s nakedness wasn’t freedom—it was a **symbol of spiritual ruin**.

Today, public nakedness is celebrated:

- Nudity in protests
- Social media “empowerment” photos
- Gender parades that strip off modesty
- Celebrities glamorizing exposed flesh

Nakedness is no longer seen as shameful, but **expressive**.

That’s not progress. That’s regression to **devil territory**.

The Gadarene wasn’t “liberated.” He was **possessed**.

The first thing Jesus does after casting the devils out?

“...they found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind...” – Luke 8:35

He got dressed.

He sat still.

He became sane.

Deliverance produces modesty. Possession strips it.

3. Dwelling Among the Dead – Obsession With Death Culture

“...Who had his dwelling among the tombs...” – Mark 5:3

This man lived among the dead. He was drawn to the graveyard.

Modern parallels?

- Gothic fashion glorifying death
- Songs about suicide, decay, or numbness
- Halloween as a year-round aesthetic
- Skull tattoos, death-themed jewelry, and horror obsession
- TV series about zombies, murderers, and vampires
- Fetishizing “vintage death” like it’s romantic

This is more than taste—it’s spiritual alignment. The possessed man wasn’t curious about death—**he made his home in it.**

And let’s be honest: many young people today **feel more comfortable in darkness than light.**

When you sleep among tombs, don’t be shocked if devils visit.

4. Cutting and Mutilation – The Language of Pain

“...cutting himself with stones.” – Mark 5:5

The devil hates the image of God in man. What better way to defile it than to get the man to **harm himself?**

Cutting is a **global epidemic** among teens and young adults—especially girls.

- Razor blades
- Fingernails
- Pins or needles
- Burning
- Scratching or bruising

They don't always know why. They say it "helps them feel." But let's call it what it is: **a demonic urge to destroy what God made.**

This isn't new. Elijah's showdown with the prophets of Baal proves it:

"...they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them." – 1 Kings 18:28

Self-harm is a **demonic ritual.**

When people cut, they're echoing ancient devil worship practices. It's not just mental. It's spiritual.

5. Supernatural Strength – When Flesh Is Amplified by Spirit

"...the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces..." – Mark 5:4

This isn't just brute strength. It's a **spiritual amplification** of the flesh.

We see similar outbursts today:

- Rage that's unstoppable
- People breaking restraints
- Fit-throwing children with unnatural strength
- Drugged individuals resisting multiple officers
- Violent convulsions during "spiritual" events

These are not just psychological episodes. When devils gain access to the flesh, **they override the natural.**

The possessed man had **no restraint**. He was **uncontrollable**. And the modern world celebrates that kind of chaos as "freedom."

6. Crying Out – Vocal Signs of Spiritual Torment

“...crying...” – Mark 5:5

His voice was not a prayer. It was torment. Screams. Wails. Roars. And he cried out **night and day**.

Devils use the mouth.

- Cursing
- Blaspheming
- Muttering
- Growling
- Disrespect
- Filthy jokes

The tongue becomes a **tool of torment and destruction**.

When Jesus confronts the unclean spirits, they often **speak back**—sometimes through the person.

“...What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?” – Matthew 8:29

Possessed voices can recognize truth, and still hate it.

7. Today’s Echo: Public Displays of Possession

Everything about the Gadarene man has modern equivalents:

- Nakedness as empowerment
- Cutting as coping
- Death culture as aesthetic
- Rage as therapy
- Public spiritual displays as art

Only now it’s filmed, shared, monetized, and normalized.

The behaviors that once indicated **demonic control** are now **marketed as personality**.
And many Christians are **watching, sharing, and tolerating** it.

8. The Medicalization of Manifestation

Here's where we're losing ground: the Church no longer calls these things **spiritual**—they call them **psychological**.

Cutting? Depression.

Nakedness? Body positivity.

Death obsession? Just a phase.

Unnatural strength? Neurological disorder.

But the Bible doesn't explain these behaviors away with brain scans and therapy. It identifies them as the **evidence of unclean spirits**.

That doesn't mean all mental health struggles are demonic. But let's not swing so far the other way that we act like **no spiritual cause exists**.

Some of what we see today is **not curable with medication**—because it's **not mental**. It's **spiritual**.

9. Gender Confusion – A Rejection of Created Identity

Though not explicitly stated in the Gadarene story, the demoniac's behaviors reflect a deeper issue: **identity confusion**.

Devils **hate** what God created.

“Male and female created he them...” – Genesis 1:27

So it makes sense that devils would:

- Distort gender
- Pervert sexuality
- Deny biology
- Erase distinctions
- Confuse children

Public nakedness, mutilation, and identity breakdown are part of a larger strategy: to **blur the image of God**.

What does the possessed man say when asked his name?

“My name is Legion: for we are many.” – Mark 5:9

No name. No self. Just many.

Sound familiar?

- “They/them” pronouns
- Fluid identities
- Gender multiplicity

Possession erases clarity and replaces it with **chaos**.

10. Deliverance Restores Dignity and Order

The end of the story is the **good news**.

“...they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind...” – Mark 5:15

Jesus didn’t just remove the devils.

He **restored the man**:

- **Sitting** – from restless to restful
- **Clothed** – from exposed to dignified
- **Right mind** – from chaos to clarity

This is the biblical pattern of deliverance.

Devils bring:

- Disorder
- Exposure
- Self-harm
- Noise
- Madness

But Jesus brings:

- Peace
- Modesty
- Healing
- Silence
- Sanity

You know deliverance has occurred **when the behavior changes.**

11. The Church's Role – Stop Counseling Devils

Too many churches today try to **therapize** what Jesus would have **cast out.**

They send the Gadarene to a 12-week program.

They offer him art therapy.

They give him medication and ask him how he feels.

They validate his “season” of identity searching.

They hold tolerance workshops.

Meanwhile, the man is living in tombs, cutting himself, and screaming into the wind.

He doesn't need a **conversation.** He needs a **confrontation.**

12. Application: Is This Behavior in Your Home? Church? Life?

Ask these questions:

- Is there an attraction to darkness, horror, or death?
- Are you or your children engaging in self-harm or mutilation?
- Is modesty declining?
- Are screams, disrespect, or violent outbursts increasing?
- Is there a fascination with gender deconstruction?
- Is the flesh gaining ground, not the Spirit?

Then you may be dealing with more than “struggles.”

You may be entertaining **unclean spirits**.

Conclusion – The Manifested Spirit World

The story of the Gadarene demoniac is not ancient folklore—it's **spiritual diagnosis**.

The behaviors that accompanied possession then are **present today**, not just in the streets—but in our schools, churches, feeds, and families.

This isn't just psychological decay.

It's spiritual invasion.

We must stop denying the obvious and start calling out the **manifestations of the spirit world in the flesh**. Devils don't wait to be believed in—they move in whether you're watching or not.

And the signs are clear:

- Uncleaness
- Nakedness
- Cutting
- Death
- Rage
- Identity loss

This is devil territory.

“And when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him...” – Mark 5:6

The solution is still the same: **Run to Jesus**.

Let Him cast out what you've been tolerating.

Let Him clothe what's been exposed.

Let Him speak peace into the madness.

Let Him restore your mind.

Because the devil's playground is the flesh.

But the **Lord of Glory** can still **set captives free**.

4 of 10: Demon Possession and the Christian – The Flesh Is Not Saved: How the Devil Gains Ground in Believers

Introduction – Sealed Souls, Leaky Flesh

The modern church often confuses *eternal security* with *earthly immunity*. Just because a Christian's **soul is sealed** doesn't mean their **life is safe from spiritual attack**. The Bible teaches—clearly and consistently—that while salvation redeems the spirit and seals the soul, **the body remains untouched by regeneration**.

That truth is comforting in eternity, but it's dangerous if misunderstood in time.

Too many believers act as if getting saved makes them bulletproof to temptation, immune to devilish influence, or even above correction. They imagine the Holy Spirit has evicted the devil from every corner of their being—when, in fact, the flesh **never even got renovated**.

In this essay, we'll confront the raw, biblical truth: **your flesh is not saved**. It's not fixed. It's not improved. It's not under contract. It's still corrupt, still vile, still craving sin—and still a prime place for the devil to find access.

1. What Got Saved and What Didn't?

Let's begin with a simple but forgotten theological truth:

“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.”

– **Ephesians 1:13**

Your **spirit** was made alive.

Your **soul** was sealed.

Your **flesh** was... untouched.

Paul breaks this down in **Romans 7**:

“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing...” – **Romans 7:18**

Let that sink in. The Apostle Paul, after salvation, declares that **nothing good dwells in his flesh**.

Why?

Because the **new birth doesn't happen in the skin**. It happens in the spirit.

“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” – John 3:6

We don’t get a glorified body until the **resurrection or rapture** (1 Corinthians 15:51–54). Until then, this body of flesh is still the **same old, sin-loving meat sack** it was before you were saved.

2. What the Devil Targets

If the devil can’t touch your soul, then what does he go for?

Everything else.

- Your **eyes** – to tempt with lust and distraction.
- Your **ears** – to fill with lies, gossip, filthy music, or false doctrine.
- Your **tongue** – to curse, slander, flatter, or accuse.
- Your **hands** – to strike, to steal, to touch what you shouldn’t.
- Your **feet** – to lead you into sin.
- Your **hormones** – to stir the flesh against your will.
- Your **thoughts** – to deceive, depress, or exalt pride.
- Your **emotions** – to make you unstable, anxious, or enraged.

Every part of your **unredeemed flesh** is still a potential puppet for the enemy. And if you don’t believe that, you’re already in his trap.

3. Salvation Isn’t Sanctification

One of the biggest lies in modern theology is this:

“If you’re saved, the devil can’t touch you.”

The truth?

If you’re **walking in the flesh**, you’re walking **right into the devil’s territory**—and he doesn’t need permission to meet you there.

The Bible says:

“Neither give place to the devil.” – Ephesians 4:27

Why would Paul write that **to saved people**, if it weren’t possible?

You can be blood-bought, sealed, born again—and still **give place** to the devil.

How?

By letting the flesh rule your decisions.

4. The War Within – Spirit vs. Flesh

Paul outlines the **two-nature reality** of the believer in Galatians:

“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other...” – Galatians 5:17

When you got saved, your spirit was born again. The Holy Ghost took up residence in you.

But **the flesh didn’t die**. It just got a roommate.

Now there’s war. Every day. Every decision. Every desire.

The Spirit says: **serve**.

The flesh says: **take**.

The Spirit says: **pray**.

The flesh says: **scroll**.

The Spirit says: **forgive**.

The flesh says: **get even**.

The Spirit says: **resist**.

The flesh says: **indulge**.

And whichever one you **feed, wins**.

“Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” – Galatians 5:16

The Spirit doesn’t automatically kill the flesh. He only conquers it when you **walk with Him**.

5. Flesh-Access Points for Devils

Here’s where it gets real. The flesh opens **access points** to devils.

Let’s look at how:

A. Bitterness (Hebrews 12:15)

- Corrupts others
- Defiles your thoughts
- Opens doors to vengeance and inner torment

B. Lust (James 1:14–15)

- Captures the mind
- Chains the will
- Destroys marriages, ministries, and men

C. Unforgiveness (2 Corinthians 2:10–11)

- Gives Satan an advantage
- Breeds torment and emotional bondage

D. Pride (1 Timothy 3:6)

- Devil's original sin
- Causes spiritual blindness
- Makes you unteachable

E. Rebellion (1 Samuel 15:23)

- Called “as the sin of witchcraft”
- Breaks authority structures
- Puts you in league with devils

Every act of the flesh gives a **foothold**. And enough footholds become a **stronghold**.

6. Ananias and Sapphira – Satan-Filled Believers

“Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?” – Acts 5:3

Ananias was a believer, part of the early church. Yet Satan **filled his heart**.

He wasn't unsaved. But his **flesh opened the door**—through greed and deceit.

And what happened?

Judgment. Exposure. Death.

Don't let your theology be so sealed it **seals out Scripture**. The Bible plainly shows that **saved people can give place to Satan**.

7. Delivered to Satan – Flesh Under Judgment

Paul says about a fornicator in the Corinthian church:

“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.” – 1 Corinthians 5:5

That's a saved man. A church member.

And what part did Satan get?

Not the spirit.

The flesh.

Even Paul knew that sometimes the only cure for a carnal believer was **letting the devil beat their flesh to death** so their soul could still make it.

That's not possession. But it's **invasion**. And it's all because the flesh **wasn't walking in the Spirit**.

8. Devils and Desires – How They Work Together

Here's something subtle but devastating:

Devils rarely act without agreement.

They don't just invade—they **influence through desire**.

The Bible says:

“Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.” – James 1:14

Lust is like **bait**. But it's not effective unless the fish is hungry.

Devils don't need to create sin in your life. They just **feed the flesh what it already wants**.

That's why walking in the Spirit is your only defense.

If your flesh stays in the driver's seat, the devil doesn't have to possess you—he can just **steer**.

9. The Danger of Overconfidence in the Spirit

Some believers are so confident in their spiritual standing, they forget they're still carrying **corrupt flesh**.

They say things like:

- “I can watch that—it doesn't affect me.”
- “I'm just tired, not carnal.”
- “I don't need to confess that—I'm already forgiven.”
- “That's just my personality.”

But what they're really saying is: **I trust my flesh**.

Paul didn't.

“I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection...” – 1 Corinthians 9:27

Why?

“...lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.”

If **Paul** feared becoming disqualified, how much more should we fear **giving place** to devils by **trusting a flesh that's not saved**?

10. Biblical Instructions for Resisting in the Flesh

The Bible gives explicit commands to protect the believer from flesh-driven failure:

- **“Mortify therefore your members...” – Colossians 3:5**

Kill the appetites. Don't negotiate.

- **“Abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.” – 1 Peter 2:11**

They don't just distract you—they **wage war**.

- **“Make not provision for the flesh.” – Romans 13:14**

Don't stock the pantry for sin.

- **“Walk in the Spirit.” – Galatians 5:16**

The only way to override flesh is to be **led by the Spirit daily**.

- **“Crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts.” – Galatians 5:24**

Don’t coddle the flesh. **Crucify** it.

11. What Happens When Flesh Rules

Here’s what you can expect when a Christian **lets the flesh run the show**:

- Confusion
- Constant defeat
- Sexual sin
- Doctrinal drift
- Spiritual coldness
- Emotional instability
- Loss of discernment
- Shame and hidden addiction
- Broken relationships
- Loss of reward
- An open door for devils to move in and out freely

You may still be saved. But you’re **a walking stronghold**, a battle zone where the enemy finds **zero resistance**.

12. But Aren’t I a New Creature?

Yes, but read the verse:

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” – 2 Corinthians 5:17

That verse is true **in the spirit**.

But Paul also says:

“For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members...” – **Romans 7:22–23**

There’s still an **“old man”** living alongside the **“new man.”**

The new man is sinless. The old man is vile. And every day, **you decide who wears the coat.**

13. Final Warnings from the Bible

The Bible is loaded with **don’t-trust-the-flesh** verses:

- *“Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”* – 1 Corinthians 10:12
- *“Be sober, be vigilant... the devil walketh about...”* – 1 Peter 5:8
- *“Flee youthful lusts...”* – 2 Timothy 2:22
- *“Take heed to yourselves...”* – Luke 21:34
- *“Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.”* – Romans 13:14

You never outgrow these commands. You never upgrade past them. Because **the flesh never gets saved.**

Conclusion – Flesh Is the Devil’s Playground Unless Crucified

Your soul is sealed.

Your name is written.

Your spirit is reborn.

But your **flesh?**

Still filthy. Still flawed. Still open for business.

And if you don't submit it, mortify it, crucify it, and walk in the Spirit—**the devil will find an opening.**

He won’t own you.

But he’ll use you.

He’ll shame you.

He’ll confuse you.

He’ll destroy your impact.

This isn’t fear-mongering. This is **biblical realism.**

So what's the solution?

- Don't trust your flesh.
- Don't entertain your flesh.
- Don't excuse your flesh.
- Don't defend your flesh.
- **Crucify your flesh.**

Because the flesh is not saved.

But it can be **denied**.

It can be **submitted**.

It can be **disciplined**.

And it can be **overcome**—by the power of the Spirit of God.

5 of 10: Demon Possession and the Christian – Christians Delivered to Satan: What No One Preaches Anymore

Introduction – When the Devil Doesn't Wait for the World

In a generation that shrinks at even the suggestion of spiritual discipline, the very idea that *Christians*—blood-bought, eternally secure, Spirit-indwelt believers—can be *delivered unto Satan* sounds like heresy. But if we're going to preach the whole counsel of God, we must deal with what Paul plainly stated in black and white. This isn't conjecture. It's Scripture. It's doctrine. It's serious—and it's sorely missing from pulpits.

You've heard people say, "Satan can't touch a child of God." But Paul said otherwise—not once, but twice. In **1 Corinthians 5:5**, a carnal church member is handed over "unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh." In **1 Timothy 1:20**, two men are handed over "that they may learn not to blaspheme." This wasn't hellfire. This wasn't a loss of salvation. This was God using Satan as a rod of chastening in the life of a believer.

And no, it's not a metaphor. It's a spiritual truth that has terrifying real-world implications.

So, let's expose what no one preaches anymore: the doctrine of Christians being delivered to Satan.

I. The Forgotten Verses That Don't Fit Modern Sermons

1 Corinthians 5:5 – Destruction of the Flesh

“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.”

The context is clear. A man in the Corinthian church was committing fornication—openly, without repentance. Paul rebukes the church for tolerating it and commands them to hand this man over to Satan.

But notice the language:

- “Destruction of the flesh” – Satan’s domain is physical. He can’t touch the spirit.
- “That the spirit may be saved” – this is not about eternal damnation. It’s correction.

1 Timothy 1:20 – Learning Not to Blaspheme

“Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.”

Again, believers. Again, Paul is the one initiating it. Again, the purpose is corrective. These men were spreading doctrinal error—blasphemy, to be exact—and Paul doesn’t just write them off; he subjects them to Satan.

The lesson? **Satan can be used as a tool in God’s hand to bring about painful discipline.**

II. Why No One Wants to Preach This

This doctrine makes pastors uncomfortable for three reasons:

1. **It messes with our safe, sanitized version of Christianity.**
 - We want our churches to be “grace-only” comfort zones.
 - The idea of judgment or consequences in this life is labeled “legalistic.”
2. **It demands accountability and church discipline.**
 - Modern churches don’t exercise biblical discipline.
 - The fear of losing members outweighs obedience to God’s Word.
3. **It acknowledges a very real spiritual battlefield.**

- Most Christians live as if spiritual warfare is either symbolic or distant.
- Delivering someone to Satan means demons, consequences, torment—not abstract ideas, but tangible realities.

The truth is, you don't need to believe it for it to be true. This isn't a matter of opinion—it's Bible.

III. What Does “Delivering to Satan” Actually Mean?

It doesn't mean cursing someone. It doesn't mean sending someone to hell. It doesn't mean hatred.

It means stepping back and allowing the devil access to their life for the purpose of chastening. It's the equivalent of saying, “If you want to live like the world, God will let you—and suffer the consequences.”

A. Legal Ground

Satan needs legal access. He can't just invade at will. God gave man a will, and when that will is bent toward sin and rebellion, doors open. When a believer refuses correction from the Word or the church, God sometimes lifts His hedge.

“Neither give place to the devil.” (Ephesians 4:27)

You don't give place to the devil without consequences.

B. Physical Consequences

The flesh can suffer:

- Sickness (1 Corinthians 11:30)
- Torment (Job 2:6)
- Mental oppression (2 Corinthians 12:7–9)
- Sudden tragedy (Acts 5:1–10)

In all these, the soul remains saved—but the body, the health, the mind, and the life take a hit. And yes, Satan can do it.

C. Public Exposure

Sometimes, being handed to Satan means being publicly exposed for private sins. Ministries fall. Reputations collapse. Families disintegrate. This isn't random—it's judgment.

IV. How the Church Is Complicit by Refusing to Judge

The Corinthian church refused to act—and Paul rebuked them for it. Today's churches are no different.

1. Misuse of “Judge Not”

The most misquoted verse in the Bible is “Judge not.” But biblical judgment **within the church** is not only permitted—it's commanded (1 Corinthians 5:12–13).

2. Fear of Offending

We'd rather let a believer stay in sin than risk hurting their feelings. Meanwhile, the devil is happy to do what the church won't—steal, kill, and destroy.

3. Lack of Spiritual Authority

Churches with no prayer life, no spiritual backbone, and no biblical doctrine are powerless to do this kind of discipline. You can't hand someone to Satan if you've already handed yourself over to comfort and compromise.

V. Real Examples: How It Plays Out Today

1. The Fallen Preacher

The evangelist who gets caught in immorality. It didn't start there—it started when he ignored conviction. God warned. The church ignored. The devil got access. His ministry is over. His soul? Still saved. His flesh? Destroyed.

2. The Rebellious Church Member

The woman who sows discord, refuses correction, and undermines leadership. Eventually, the Spirit stops contending. The hedge lifts. The enemy invades. Suddenly, the very peace she disturbed leaves her home in chaos.

3. The Doctrinally Corrupt

Like Hymenaeus and Alexander, false teachers are often untouched in body—until the Lord delivers them to Satan. Then come the financial ruin, mental instability, or worse. Why? So “they may learn not to blaspheme.”

VI. Delivering Someone to Satan Isn’t Heartless—It’s Redemptive

It sounds harsh, but it’s actually a **rescue operation**. It’s the last stop before total ruin.

“That the spirit may be saved...”

This kind of judgment brings a person to the end of themselves. It forces repentance. It awakens fear. And in some cases—it saves their life in eternity by wrecking their life in time.

VII. Why This Doctrine Matters Today

In a time when demons are bold, and the church is weak, we can’t afford to hide from truth. We need spiritual authority. That means bringing back forgotten doctrines—like this one.

The rise of:

- Christian influencers walking away from the faith
- Pastors caught in moral scandals
- Youth turning to witchcraft and new age

...is not random. It’s the fruit of churches that stopped preaching *this*.

They stopped warning about being “turned over.”

They stopped believing Satan could touch the people in the pew.

And in doing so, they handed the entire generation to the wolves.

VIII. Are You in Danger of Being Delivered?

Don’t read this like it’s about someone else. Examine yourself.

- Do you live in willful sin with no conviction?
- Do you reject correction?
- Do you mock truth, doctrine, or spiritual authority?

You might be closer to judgment than you think.

IX. How to Avoid Being Handed Over

1. **Repent immediately when convicted** – The longer you delay, the weaker your defenses.
2. **Stay under the authority of a Bible-believing church** – Isolation leads to deception.
3. **Walk in the Spirit, not the flesh** – Galatians 5:16 isn't a suggestion.
4. **Be willing to be judged** – 1 Corinthians 11:31 says, "If we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged."

X. Final Warning – A Doctrine Ignored Is Still a Doctrine Fulfilled

Whether the church teaches it or not, the Word stands. Christians can still be handed to Satan. Their testimonies can still be destroyed. Their ministries can still fall. Their families can still collapse.

The soul is safe—but everything else is at stake.

This is not scare tactics. This is Scripture.

And it's time we preach it again.

Conclusion – The Devil Doesn't Need Permission to Ruin What You Refuse to Surrender

God may use Satan to teach you the hard way what you refused to learn the easy way. But the choice is yours. You can bow to the Word—or be broken by Satan's sledgehammer.

If you're saved, you belong to Christ.

But don't think for a moment that means you're immune to Satan's reach in this life.

This is what no one preaches anymore.

But it's what the church desperately needs to hear again.

Because the stakes are real.

And the enemy is waiting.

6 of 10: Demon Possession and the Christian – Can the Holy Spirit and a Devil Dwell in the Same Body?

Introduction: The Argument That Shuts Down the Debate

Ask any modern evangelical whether a Christian can be possessed by a devil, and you'll hear it repeated like a reflex:

“God and Satan can’t dwell in the same temple.”

It's a clean, confident dismissal that instantly closes the case—for them. After all, if you have the Holy Spirit, how could an unclean spirit possibly be there too?

But is it true?

Or is it a well-meaning oversimplification that leaves Christians blind to spiritual infiltration?

In this essay, we'll tackle this head-on—not with human logic, but with **Bible verses**, context, and spiritual discernment. We'll show how this common objection has been twisted and why understanding the distinction between **soul, spirit, and body** (1 Thessalonians 5:23) is key to seeing the whole truth.

We're not talking about a tug-of-war for the soul. We're talking about **territorial access**—and how a Christian, though sealed for heaven, can still play host to an unclean squatter when the flesh opens the door.

I. Temple Terminology: Which Part of You Is God's?

Let's start by asking: what does the Bible mean when it calls the believer a “temple of God”?

1 Corinthians 6:19 says:

“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?”

This is often quoted to prove the case that God will not “share” a temple. But if that were true, why would Paul be warning about **defiling** that very temple?

Let’s go back a few verses.

“But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.” (1 Cor 6:17)

Paul’s argument is spiritual, not physical. The Spirit of God joins with our **spirit**—not our body, not our flesh, and not even our soul in the technical sense. That’s why he distinguishes between spirit, soul, and body in 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

So the temple is not a single compartment. It’s a **multi-level dwelling**. And while the innermost room—the **Holy of Holies**, if you will—is sealed and sanctified by the presence of the Holy Ghost, the **outer courts** can still be contaminated.

Just like the literal temple in the Old Testament could be defiled by idol worship or defiling acts, so too can your body. And God didn’t instantly abandon the temple every time someone sinned there. He pronounced judgment **after** repeated corruption.

So, can God and devils dwell in the same **temple**?

Not in the same **room**, but yes—in the same building.

II. Two Natures, One House

Paul reveals a truth modern theology often forgets:

“I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.” (Romans 7:21)

“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing.” (Romans 7:18)

Notice the careful wording. Paul didn’t say, “In me dwells both good and evil.” He said in **my flesh** dwelleth no good thing—even while acknowledging that he himself delights in the law of God **after the inward man** (v. 22).

Here’s the truth:

- The **new man** is indwelt by the Holy Ghost.
- The **old man** is corrupt and vulnerable to satanic influence.

This dual nature doesn’t vanish at salvation. It’s why Paul constantly urged Christians to “walk in the Spirit,” “crucify the flesh,” and “put off the old man.”

Why the warnings—if there was no risk?

Why the instruction—if the Holy Spirit’s presence alone barred the devil’s influence?

The simple answer is: **your spirit is sealed, but your body is not.**

III. Scriptural Evidence: When the Devil Shows Up in Believers

We don’t have to speculate. The Bible gives **examples** of believers who had satanic involvement **after** salvation.

1. Ananias and Sapphira – Filled by Satan (Acts 5:1–3)

Ananias and Sapphira were part of the early church. They were counted among the believers. And yet:

“But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost...?” (Acts 5:3)

Peter didn’t say “Why did you listen to Satan?” or “Why did Satan tempt you?” He said, **“filled thine heart.”**

That word “filled” implies more than mere suggestion. It speaks of occupation, control, influence.

Nowhere does it say that Satan took over Ananias’ soul. But he did get into the **heart**—the emotional, volitional center of the man. And the result? Death, not hell—but judgment in this life.

This was not about losing salvation. It was about Satan taking space in the life of a saved man.

2. Paul – Messenger of Satan in the Flesh (2 Cor 12:7)

“...there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me...”

Paul didn’t say this was **temptation** from Satan or oppression. He said it was a **messenger**—a being—that buffeted him in the flesh. A presence, not a feeling.

Could it have been a demon assigned to torment Paul physically? Quite possibly.

But here’s the point: even a Spirit-filled apostle, full of faith and walking with God, had something devilish operating **in his body**.

He wasn’t possessed in the Hollywood sense. But he was certainly **under assault** in his physical frame.

IV. God's Ownership Doesn't Equal Total Control

Some believers argue, "We are bought with a price—therefore the devil has no claim."

It's true—you were bought.

"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Cor 6:20)

But ownership doesn't cancel out **free will**.

You're bought. But you can still:

- Sin.
- Quench the Spirit.
- Resist conviction.
- Walk in the flesh.
- Open spiritual doors.

Would a landlord allow you to rent an apartment, only to find you've invited drug dealers to camp in the back room? Does he approve? No. But can he stop you from doing it **until** he legally evicts you?

Same idea.

You're **owned**, yes. But the **flesh** has been left intact. It's part of your testing ground. The devil isn't after your salvation—he's after your **sanctification**, your **mind**, your **family**, your **witness**.

V. Logical Fallacy: False Equivalence of Omnipresence

Some argue: "Light and darkness can't coexist. God is holy—He can't share space with evil."

That sounds noble. But it contradicts what we see in the Bible.

God walked in the Garden with Adam—**while Satan was there too** (Genesis 3).

God allowed Satan to stand before Him in heaven and accuse Job (Job 1:6–12).

Jesus walked with Judas, knowing he was of the devil (John 6:70).

And the Holy Spirit lives inside millions of saved people whose bodies still lust, lie, fear, rage, and grieve Him.

This isn't about **purity of space**. It's about **jurisdiction**.

God has claimed the **new man**—but the **old man** is enemy territory.

VI. The Problem with the “Possession” Language

Part of the confusion comes from the word “possessed.”

The King James Bible doesn't use “possessed” like Hollywood does. In Scripture, to be “possessed with a devil” meant to be controlled, afflicted, tormented—sometimes in body, sometimes in mind, sometimes both.

Today, people think “possessed” means a head-spinning, levitating freak show. So they recoil at the idea a Christian could be “possessed.”

Let's clarify:

- A believer **cannot be owned** by a devil.
- A believer **cannot be overtaken** in the soul.
- But a believer **can be inhabited, influenced, controlled, and tormented** in the **flesh**, mind, and emotions.

The devil doesn't need full possession. He just needs a **foothold**.

VII. Spiritual Realities Ignored in Comfortable Churches

Much of the modern church's resistance to this topic is psychological and cultural.

It's easier to call everything:

- Trauma
- Mental illness
- Chemical imbalance
- Childhood wounds

While these may exist, **they are not always the root cause**.

Today's churches are filled with:

- Men addicted to porn, fantasizing in worship.
- Women bound in bitterness, gossip, and envy.
- Youths mutilating themselves, consumed with death and confusion.

And we're calling this "bad choices" or "undiagnosed ADHD"?

No.

Some of it is **spiritual invasion**—devils who have slipped in through doors opened by disobedience, pride, fear, rebellion, lust, and witchcraft.

Churches have air conditioning and coffee bars—but no discernment.

VIII. The Sealing of the Spirit – And What It Doesn't Mean

Ephesians 1:13 says believers are sealed with the Holy Spirit. That's a **spiritual** transaction.

The soul is sealed. The spirit is made alive.

But the flesh?

Still vile. Still carnal. Still attracted to sin.

Romans 8:10 makes it clear:

“And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”

The sealing of the Spirit keeps the soul from being lost—but it doesn't stop the body from being **influenced**.

IX. Closing Warning: Don't Be So Sealed You're Sealed Shut

It's ironic. In trying so hard to defend the doctrine of eternal security (which is true), many have overreached to a dangerous conclusion:

“I'm saved. That means the devil can't touch me.”

Wrong.

Job was saved. Satan touched him.

Peter was saved. Satan sifted him.

Paul was saved. A messenger of Satan buffeted him.

Ananias was saved. Satan filled his heart.

To deny the devil's access to a believer's flesh isn't spiritual confidence—it's **spiritual blindness**.

The devil doesn't need to own your soul. He just needs access to your **flesh**, your **mind**, your **emotions**, your **habits**, your **phone**, your **anger**, your **grief**—any part of you that hasn't been crucified.

And the worst part?

Most Christians won't even fight—because they don't think the enemy's in the house.

Final Thought

So, can the Holy Spirit and a devil dwell in the same body?

Not in the same **place**.

But yes—in the same **person**.

That person is you.

And if you're not aware, discerning, and walking in the Spirit—you may be carrying more passengers than you think.

Check the rooms.

One may not be sealed.

7 of 10: Drugs, Music, and Media – How Devils Ride the Airwaves

Subtitle: The Invisible Frequency of the Fallen

Introduction – Tuning In to Darkness

In today's hyper-connected world, where media saturates every corner of life, an unseen force rides the very channels humanity has come to depend on. These are not mere metaphors—sound, music, and drug-induced states are literal mediums through which the spirit realm broadcasts. And the modern age is more “plugged in” to the devil’s airwaves than any era in history. From biblical times to now, devils have always manipulated mediums—only today, they have a global antenna.

While secularists mock such ideas, claiming “frequencies” are pseudoscience and “possession” is outdated theology, the Bible believer sees through the smokescreen. The prince of the power of the air hasn’t changed; he’s just upgraded his tools. As Ephesians 2:2 says, Satan is “the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.” And how does he work? Through waves—airwaves, sound waves, brain waves. Let’s explore how devils move through modern mediums and why that “playlist” on your phone might be more dangerous than a Ouija board.

1. The Biblical Foundation of “Airwaves”

The Bible is not silent on this. Ephesians 2:2 makes it plain:

“Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air...”

Satan is literally called the “prince of the power of the air.” That word *air* (Greek: *aēr*) is not just poetic; it means atmosphere, the lower heaven, the invisible space we breathe—and now stream music through. This “air” is filled with frequencies, from FM radio to 5G signals. But more than that, it’s a spiritual highway. The Bible says in Daniel 10:13 that demonic princes wrestled with angels *in the air* to block prayers.

And it’s not just air. Revelation 16:13-14 speaks of unclean spirits like frogs that “go forth unto the kings of the earth... to gather them to the battle.” These spirits are mobile. They go out. How? On what? Through what?

Through mediums—literal and spiritual.

2. Music: The Devil’s Oldest Instrument

Satan’s relationship to music predates Adam. Ezekiel 28:13 describes Lucifer in Eden before his fall:

“The workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.”

Lucifer didn't just *make* music. He *was* music. Instruments were built into his very being.

It makes sense, then, that music would become his favorite conduit to influence, seduce, and ultimately possess. From tribal drum circles that summon spirits to modern techno beats that drop in sync with dopamine, music remains the devil's favorite method of bypassing the mind and targeting the spirit through emotion.

People don't just “hear” music—they *feel* it. It shapes moods, opens mental doors, recalls trauma, and even triggers trance states. It can be used to bring peace, or incite riots. When music is used rightly—such as worship or praise—it aligns with Heaven. But when perverted, it becomes a broadcast tower for Hell.

Just look at the themes of today's chart-toppers:

- **Death**
- **Sex**
- **Drugs**
- **Occult rituals**
- **Rebellion**

It's not hidden. It's mainstream.

And the fans? They're hypnotized, literally dancing to a devil's beat.

3. Drugs: The Pharmakeia Portal

The word “sorcery” in Revelation 9:21 and Galatians 5:20 comes from the Greek *pharmakeia*—the same root for pharmacy. This is not coincidence.

In ancient times, sorcery and drug use were one and the same. Shamans, witches, and oracles used hallucinogens to contact spirits. Today's drug culture—particularly psychedelics—revives the same practice with a scientific face. LSD, psilocybin (magic mushrooms), DMT, ketamine, ayahuasca—all promise users a “spiritual awakening.”

And they get one. But it's not from God.

These drugs temporarily override the mind's defenses. They short-circuit the will and open the user to real entities. Many report meeting "spirit beings," aliens, or "higher selves." The Bible calls them devils.

1 Peter 5:8 says:

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about..."

Sobriety isn't just a virtue—it's spiritual protection. When it's compromised through drugs, even "medically," devils are given ground. And the result?

- Torment
- Voices
- Sleep paralysis
- Schizophrenic episodes
- Suicidal thoughts

The world calls it chemical imbalance. The Bible calls it possession.

4. Media and Mind Control – The Devil's Big Screen

The average American consumes **11 hours of media a day**—TV, YouTube, TikTok, Spotify, Netflix, podcasts, ads, scrolling feeds. We've traded the Word of God for a constant drip of worldly input. And what's flowing in?

- Sexual imagery
- Occult symbolism
- False doctrine
- Violence and rage
- False identities and confusion

2 Corinthians 4:4 says:

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not..."

How does he blind them?

Through screens.

The media acts as a mass-blinding tool. It distracts, desensitizes, and programs. It's not just about "bad content." It's about exposure. Media doesn't ask for permission. It bypasses your reasoning and sinks straight into the subconscious.

Movies like *Doctor Strange* glorify astral projection. Series like *Lucifer* make the devil charming. And the spiritual reality? Millions are opening themselves to devils through passive consumption.

5. Frequencies: Science and Spirits Intertwined

This part gets technical—but stay with it. Everything vibrates. Every object, sound, and cell emits a frequency. So does every emotion. Joy has a frequency. Fear has one too. And devils? They ride low frequencies—fear, rage, lust, despair.

Why do you feel physically ill after binge-watching horror movies or doomscrolling violent news? Because the frequency of what you ingest affects your spirit.

Satan's system is built on noise and chaos—both spiritually and audibly.

Revelation 18:22 says Babylon's fall is marked by:

"The voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee..."

Music. Noise. Frequencies. It's not poetic—it's literal. Babylon falls when the music of devils is silenced.

6. Meditation, Yoga, and Eastern Influence

What used to be fringe has gone full mainstream. Meditation apps like Headspace, yoga classes in churches, and "mindfulness" programs in schools. What's wrong with breathing exercises?

Nothing—until the goal becomes emptying your mind.

Biblical meditation is **filling** your mind with the Word (Psalm 1:2). Eastern meditation is about **emptying** it, opening a spiritual vacuum.

Jesus warned in Matthew 12:43-45 about an "unclean spirit" leaving a man, but then returning to find it "empty, swept, and garnished." It brought seven others with it.

Empty minds are not neutral. They are **targets**.

Yoga itself is a spiritual discipline rooted in the worship of Hindu gods (devils). Each pose represents an offering. And yet it's promoted for relaxation—while inviting oppression.

7. Pornography: The Lust Channel for Devils

Porn doesn't just warp the mind—it welcomes devils. Every image becomes a link to fornication, adultery, and perversion—sins that directly target the body, the very temple of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:18:

“Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.”

Devils don't need an invitation when the door is flung open through porn. Lust is a spirit. And it rides on visual frequencies, drawing men and women into slavery.

Many struggling with bondage can't shake it—not because of willpower, but because they are **spiritually bound**.

8. A Culture Tuned to Hell's Frequency

When you step back and examine it all—music, drugs, media, sexuality, psychology—you'll see the same pattern. The world is **tuned** to the wrong frequency.

Even church culture is infected. “Worship” services now look more like nightclubs—laser lights, trance-like music, emotional highs with zero doctrine. Instead of fighting the airwaves, they're surfing them.

But Ephesians 6:12 warns:

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against... spiritual wickedness in high places.”

High places. Air. Frequencies. The fight isn't physical—it's aerial. It's invisible. And you win it not by tuning out, but by **tuning into truth**.

9. Guarding Your Frequencies – A Call to Disconnection

So what's the answer?

Disconnect to reconnect.

Unplug from the devil's playlist and plug into God's frequency—the Word. Fill your spirit with Scripture. Worship in truth, not emotional manipulation. Fast from media. Detox from sound.

James 4:7 says:

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

That resistance starts with awareness. You can't resist what you don't recognize. And you can't fight devils riding the airwaves if your spirit is too numb to notice.

Conclusion – The Devil in the Details

The old devil doesn't need to walk through the front door with pitchfork and horns. He just needs to ride the song in your earbuds, the voice in your podcast, the beat in your workout playlist, or the high from your weekend escape.

He doesn't need possession if he has **influence**.

The airwaves are filled with voices. Some are digital. Some are spiritual. Some are both. And if you don't test the spirits (1 John 4:1), you'll tune into the wrong one.

But the good news? You can change the station.

Let your heart play Psalms instead of pop filth. Let your spirit resonate with the Spirit of God instead of shadowy frequencies. There is power in clean worship. There is deliverance in truth. And there is protection in spiritual awareness.

So turn off the noise—and let God retune your soul.

8 of 10: Charismatic Confusion – Feeling the Spirit or Catching a Devil?

Introduction: When Fire Falls—but from Where?

In a world saturated with sensationalism and spiritual theatrics, one of the fastest-growing and most emotionally charged movements in modern Christianity is the charismatic and Pentecostal branch. Services are lit with flashing lights, booming speakers, people

dancing, weeping, shouting, jerking, collapsing, and speaking in “tongues.” What once would have raised concern now gets branded as a move of God. But is it?

Not all that jerks and rolls is holy. The Holy Spirit is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33), and yet the confusion in many modern services is being attributed to Him. Emotional experiences are being treated like doctrinal anchors, while Scripture is being sidelined in favor of feelings. We must ask—are these people feeling the Spirit, or are they catching a devil?

This essay exposes the dangers of charismatic confusion, unpacks the spiritual delusion behind much of the spectacle, and reminds us that discernment—not emotionalism—is the measure of spiritual health.

Part 1: The Charismatic Explosion – How We Got Here

The 20th century saw a massive rise in charismatic churches, beginning with the Azusa Street Revival in 1906. What started as a fringe event among holiness groups became mainstream over time, infiltrating Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Catholic, and nondenominational churches alike. The core tenets were “baptism of the Holy Ghost” evidenced by “speaking in tongues,” divine healing, and personal prophecy.

But what was touted as a fresh outpouring of the Spirit slowly became a breeding ground for fleshly displays and, even worse, devilish mimicry. Unlike the first century church, where tongues were known languages used for evangelism, today’s “tongues” are incoherent syllables that mimic the same chants found in Hinduism, tribal shamanism, and New Age circles. The “falling out in the spirit” looks far more like Kundalini awakenings than biblical revival.

The question must be asked: If it walks like a spirit, sounds like a spirit, and convulses like a spirit, does that make it the Holy Spirit—or **a familiar spirit**?

Part 2: Not Every Spirit Is of God

1 John 4:1 says clearly:

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God...”

That verse is written to **Christians**. Why? Because Christians **can** get fooled. That’s why testing is necessary.

In the charismatic movement, “testing” has been replaced with trusting—blindly. If a person falls, shakes, or “prophesies,” they are assumed to be under the Holy Spirit's influence without question. But even in Scripture, not every spiritual event was from God. Pharaoh's magicians mimicked Moses' miracles. The damsel in Acts 16:17 told the truth about Paul—but by a devil. Just because something is supernatural doesn't mean it's holy.

These movements blur the line between spiritual sensitivity and spiritual vulnerability. Without the foundation of doctrine, experience becomes the only measure. And once experience becomes king, devils are more than happy to play the part of “holy fire.”

Part 3: Tongues, Slaying, and Jerks – A Counterfeit Spirit

Tongues – Biblical or Babel?

The biblical gift of tongues in Acts 2 was a miraculous ability to speak foreign languages.

“...every man heard them speak in his own language” (Acts 2:6).

In contrast, modern “tongues” sound like gibberish. No known linguistic pattern, no translation, and often shouted in confusion. The same babble can be found in voodoo ceremonies, Buddhist mantras, and tribal dances. Why? Because it's not a heavenly language—it's a spiritual counterfeit.

Slain in the Spirit?

There is **no** instance in Scripture where someone is “slain in the Spirit.” Those who fell before Jesus did so out of worship or fear (see Matthew 17:6). But being pushed backward to the ground while someone waves their coat or breathes on you? That's **not** biblical.

On the contrary, demoniacs in Scripture fell to the ground and convulsed (Mark 9:20). The behavior of many in charismatic services—screaming, flailing, uncontrollable laughter or sobbing, animal-like noises—matches the pattern of devil possession more than Spirit-led worship.

Part 4: Emotionalism Is Not the Anointing

The Holy Spirit convicts of sin (John 16:8), points to Christ (John 16:14), and guides into truth (John 16:13). He does not exist to create a weekly buzz or send electricity through your spine.

And yet many churches today are full of “Holy Ghost addicts”—chasing a high that looks more like a rave than revival. Lights dim, the music swells, and everyone waits for the “move.” But just like a concert, the experience fades when the music stops.

Where is the fruit?

Where is the holiness?

Where is the doctrinal grounding?

Too many mistake adrenaline and tears for the anointing. But feelings are not faith. The man who lives on emotion today will fall tomorrow when emotion fades.

Part 5: Laying Hands on Devils

One of the most dangerous aspects of charismatic confusion is the laying on of hands. When someone lays hands and prays over another, there's a **transfer of spiritual influence**.

Paul warns Timothy in 1 Timothy 5:22:

“Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins...”

When people with unclean spirits or doctrinal error lay hands in the name of God, they may pass on spiritual deception, emotional confusion, and even devilish activity. What appears to be a blessing may actually be bondage.

This is how devils travel in churches. They don't enter with pitchforks—they come in with praise music, flashy suits, and fake prophecy.

Part 6: False Fire Destroys the Altar

In Leviticus 10, Nadab and Abihu offered **strange fire** before the Lord. They were promptly killed.

Today, strange fire fills many pulpits. Prophecies that never come true. Healings that never last. Preachers who live in immorality yet keep claiming “anointing.”

The devil isn't afraid of loud music or long services. He's afraid of **truth**.

That's why his goal isn't to stop charismatic churches—but to **join them**.

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.”

“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”
(2 Corinthians 11:13-14)

If Satan can impersonate light, he can also impersonate revival.

Part 7: The Devotion to Experience Over Doctrine

There is a deep hostility toward doctrine in many charismatic circles. Doctrine is seen as dry, lifeless, and restrictive. “We don’t need theology—we need fire!” they say.

But Scripture tells a different story.

“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.” (1 Timothy 4:16)

Charismatics who chase thrills but ignore doctrine end up doctrinally lost—and spiritually vulnerable. The devil has no problem with excitement, as long as the truth stays off the table.

Part 8: Real Discernment vs. Feel-Good Faith

Biblical discernment is the ability to judge whether a spiritual experience is from God, the flesh, or the devil. But that requires Bible knowledge—not goosebumps.

Hebrews 5:14 says:

“But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

Discernment comes from **use**—studying the Word, applying it, and testing spirits by it.

Unfortunately, most charismatics reject the very tool that would protect them: the Word rightly divided (2 Timothy 2:15). Instead, they walk by sight, by emotion, and by whatever feels like the Spirit at the moment.

And in doing so, they leave the door open wide—for devils.

Part 9: Why It’s Not Preached Against Anymore

Most pastors won’t touch this topic. Why?

1. **Popularity** – Speaking against charismatic excess is seen as attacking the largest “Christian” demographic. No one wants to alienate potential followers.
2. **Fear** – Many are afraid of being labeled as “quenching the Spirit.”
3. **Ignorance** – Some pastors just don’t know better, having never been taught sound doctrine themselves.

But if pastors won’t preach the truth, devils will fill the vacuum with lies. The longer pulpits remain silent, the louder the deception will become.

Part 10: The Way Out – Return to the Book

The answer is not legalism or cold religion. It’s truth. It’s Spirit and truth—**together**.

John 4:24:

“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

Truth without Spirit becomes ritual.

Spirit without truth becomes madness.

But Spirit **with** truth becomes revival.

Charismatics need to return to the **Word of God**—and not just any version, but the KJV that preserves the right words, the right meanings, and the right Spirit.

Conclusion: Catching Devils in Church Clothes

In the end, charismatic confusion isn’t just an error—it’s an **invitation**.

When believers replace doctrine with dancing, and truth with thrill, they leave the front door unlocked—and the devils come knocking.

Not everything that feels spiritual **is** spiritual. And not everything that’s supernatural is holy.

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” (Matthew 24:24)

The antidote to deception is **discernment**. And discernment comes from the Word—not the worship team.

So the next time you’re tempted to follow the fire, stop and ask—**which spirit lit it?**

9 of 10: Ten Ways Christians Give Place to the Devil Without Knowing It

“Neither give place to the devil.” — Ephesians 4:27

Introduction – The Devil’s Playground Is Often Ignored

Many Christians would never dream of bowing to a statue, lighting candles to Satan, or invoking a demonic spirit. Yet, they may unknowingly offer the devil a seat at their table through subtle sins and spiritual negligence. The devil doesn’t need to possess your soul to wreak havoc—he just needs a *place*.

The Apostle Paul warned believers not to give place to the devil (Eph. 4:27), implying that Christians *can* give him access. How? By allowing strongholds, sinful habits, or false ideas to fester in their lives.

This essay explores **ten practical, scripturally grounded ways believers unknowingly open the door to the enemy**. Each entry unpacks the strategy, exposes the danger, and gives clarity on how to shut the door firmly in the devil’s face.

1. Bitterness – The Root That Springs Up

“Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.”

— *Hebrews 12:15*

Bitterness is the spiritual equivalent of leaving rotting food on your table and wondering why rats have shown up. It’s not just a “feeling” of resentment—it is a rooted sin that defiles you and those around you.

When a Christian refuses to forgive, they create fertile ground for demonic torment. Jesus told a parable in Matthew 18 where the unforgiving servant was *delivered to the tormentors* until he paid what was due. That’s not about losing salvation—it’s about losing peace, joy, and clarity as torment floods in.

Devil’s foothold: Bitterness blinds your discernment, blocks your prayers (Mark 11:25), and attracts spiritual oppression.

2. Rebellion – As the Sin of Witchcraft

“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.”
— *1 Samuel 15:23*

Rebellion doesn't have to look like smashing windows or yelling in protest. In the spiritual realm, **refusing God's authority—whether in Scripture, family, church, or government—is an act of insubordination that mimics witchcraft.** Why?

Because witchcraft is all about *control* without submission. And so is rebellion.

Lucifer was the original rebel. When believers mimic that same spirit—questioning God's Word, resisting correction, or tearing down godly leadership—they unknowingly tune in to Satan's channel.

Devil's foothold: Rebellion invites deception. Once authority is discarded, devils step in to redefine truth.

3. Pride – The Devil's Original Sin

“God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”
— *James 4:6*

Satan didn't fall because of murder or fornication—he fell because of *pride*. He said, “I will ascend... I will be like the most High” (Isa. 14:13-14). That spirit hasn't left the earth. It lives in the flesh.

When Christians boast in their own strength, their knowledge, their ministry, or their morality, they become vulnerable. Pride always precedes a fall (Prov. 16:18), and the devil knows it. He'll whisper pride into the ears of gifted believers and laugh when they crash.

Devil's foothold: Pride blinds you to correction and isolates you from the grace that protects.

4. Lust – The Gateway Drug to Devilish Control

“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.”
— *James 1:14*

Lust isn't just about sex—it's about *appetite without boundaries*. Whether it's lust for flesh, power, money, or fame, it opens the door to the devil because it feeds the **old man** (Rom. 6:6).

In Genesis 6, fallen angels saw that the daughters of men were *fair*, and the result was a Nephilim catastrophe. Lust literally opened the door to demonic mixture. Today, lust is fed through pornography, social media, novels, and TV, and it leaves believers weak, foggy, and compromised.

Devil's foothold: Lust chains the mind and exhausts spiritual strength. Once sin conceives, it brings death (James 1:15).

5. Unforgiveness – A Legal Right for Torment

“So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.”

— *Matthew 18:35*

This ties closely with bitterness, but unforgiveness is more about *retention* of sin. It means holding on to what Christ already let go. When a believer refuses to forgive someone, they unknowingly make themselves judge and jury—roles only God can rightfully hold.

In doing so, they step out of the shelter of grace and into the courtroom of accusation—where Satan is waiting (Rev. 12:10).

Devil's foothold: Retained anger fuels resentment, anxiety, and spiritual stagnation.

6. New Age Curiosity – Tinkering With Darkness

“There shall not be found among you... an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch...”

— *Deuteronomy 18:10-11*

Today's believer may think dabbling in horoscopes, tarot cards, dream catchers, and “energy” talk is harmless fun. But the Word says *no such thing* should be found among God's people.

Even “Christian yoga” or “meditation” that empties the mind instead of filling it with the Word becomes a backdoor for devils. Curious Christians walk straight into the enemy's playground—like Eve staring at the fruit.

Devil's foothold: Curiosity in forbidden spiritual realms invites contact with familiar spirits.

7. Spiritual Laziness – An Empty House Is Easy to Inhabit

“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man... he saith, I will return into my house... and findeth it empty...”

— *Matthew 12:43-44*

Jesus taught that an empty house invites re-possession. This doesn't refer to a saved soul being lost—it refers to *spiritual vacancy*. When a believer gets “cleaned up” but never gets *filled up* with truth, discipline, and the Word, they are easy prey.

Satan isn't threatened by laziness. He thrives in it. A lukewarm Christian is neither cold nor hot, and Jesus says He will spew them out (Rev. 3:16). If Christ doesn't occupy the heart fully, devils will seek squatters' rights.

Devil's foothold: Neglecting spiritual maintenance allows old sins to re-enter with friends.

8. False Doctrine – Doctrines of Devil in Disguise

“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.”

— *1 Timothy 4:1*

You don't have to be a Satanist to teach a doctrine of devils. All it takes is to teach something that contradicts the Word of God while claiming His name.

Prosperity gospel, universalism, works-based salvation, and charismatic excess all stem from **seducing spirits**. False doctrine becomes a megaphone for devils, because it keeps people bound in error and blocks them from the truth that sets them free (John 8:32).

Devil's foothold: Believing a lie dulls discernment and multiplies deception.

9. Victim Identity – A Spirit of Self-Pity

“Wilt thou be made whole?”

— *John 5:6*

Jesus asked a man paralyzed for 38 years if he *wanted* to be healed. Why? Because a victim mentality is often more comfortable than the responsibility of deliverance.

When Christians adopt the role of victim perpetually, they unwittingly **invite the devil to become their advocate**. Instead of seeing themselves as more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37), they play the part of the oppressed. Self-pity becomes the lens, and it leads to depression, defeat, and dysfunction.

Devil's foothold: The victim spirit resists growth and believes lies over truth. It paralyzes progress.

10. Carnal Justification – Excusing the Flesh

“They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh...”

— *Romans 8:5*

This is perhaps the most subtle way Christians give place to the devil. It's when sin gets renamed “personality,” or when compromise is spiritualized as “balance.”

Excuses like:

- “That’s just how I am.”
- “Everyone struggles with something.”
- “Nobody’s perfect.”

These statements sound humble but are often *carnal shields* for spiritual failure. When sin is coddled instead of crucified, the devil gains legal ground to operate in that area.

Devil's foothold: Justifying sin keeps it alive and allows demons to influence behavior under the radar.

Closing Thoughts – Seal the Doors and Guard the House

Christians are called to stand, watch, pray, and walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16). These ten areas show how easy it is to give the devil place when the flesh is indulged, truth is neglected, or sin is tolerated.

The **good news** is that the believer has **power to resist** (James 4:7), **armor to wear** (Eph. 6:11), and **grace to overcome** (Rom. 5:20). But it begins with **awareness, repentance, and truth**.

Shut the doors. Seal the windows. Clean the house and fill it with the Word. The enemy roams—but he doesn't have to take up residence.

10 of 10: Deliverance by the Word – How to Defeat Devils Without Gimmicks

Introduction – A Word, Not a Wand

Deliverance has been hijacked by dramatics. From Catholic exorcism rites to charlatan “prophets” yelling into microphones and waving coats, the subject of casting out devils has become a circus in modern Christianity. Hollywood didn't help. Scenes of levitating bodies, spinning heads, and Latin chants have shaped what people expect when someone says the word “deliverance.”

But if you strip away the Hollywood hype and the superstitious leftovers from medieval theology, you find something stunningly simple in the Bible: Jesus cast out devils with a word. No garlic. No oil. No props. Just authority backed by truth. And as the body of Christ, believers have been given access to the same victory—not through theatrics, but through **Scripture, Spirit, and submission to God.**

This essay will explore how true deliverance is a function of faith in the **Word of God**, not rituals or gimmicks. We'll walk through what the Bible actually says about defeating devils—and how Christians today can stand firm, fight right, and walk free without turning deliverance into a Hollywood drama.

1. The Word Defeats Devils

“He cast out the spirits with his word...” — Matthew 8:16

This is the baseline: **Jesus spoke, and they obeyed.** No incantations. No drawn-out ceremonies. The King of kings didn't need a kit; He used the Word.

Jesus resisted Satan in the wilderness not with mystical incantations, but by quoting **Scripture**: “It is written...” (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10). Every time the devil approached with a temptation, Jesus responded with the sword of the Spirit.

“The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” — John 6:63

This same Word that created the heavens (Psalm 33:6), holds the atoms of your body together (Hebrews 1:3), and pierces the soul (Hebrews 4:12), is the Word that drives devils out. That's why the most feared thing in hell's hierarchy isn't a crucifix—it's a **Bible-believing Christian who knows what it says and lives it.**

2. Deliverance Begins With Truth

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” — John 8:32

Deliverance is not just about getting rid of a devil—it’s about **breaking agreement with a lie**.

Every foothold the devil gains begins with a lie:

- “You’ll never be free.”
- “This sin isn’t that bad.”
- “God’s withholding something from you.”
- “You’re too broken to be healed.”

The devil is a liar and the father of it (John 8:44). Every stronghold is a lie fortified by agreement. And when you believe a lie long enough, it becomes a lens through which you view the world—and yourself. The Word of God cuts through those lenses.

If you want to be free, start by **exposing the lie** and **replacing it with truth**. That’s deliverance in its purest form. Truth isn’t a feeling—it’s a **person** (John 14:6), a **book** (John 17:17), and a **weapon** (Ephesians 6:17).

3. Prayer – The Battlefield Communication

Prayer is not some passive whispering into the wind—it’s **spiritual warfare**. It’s direct engagement.

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” — James 5:16

Jesus said, *“This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.”* (Matthew 17:21). That tells us there are levels of resistance, and some devils don’t budge until the believer **presses in** with intentional, disciplined prayer.

But notice something: The power isn’t in the volume of your voice or length of your speech—it’s in your **standing** with God. Righteousness, submission, and humility are more powerful than decibel levels. Prayer isn’t about yelling louder than the devil. It’s about calling on the One who already crushed his head (Genesis 3:15).

4. Confession – The Gate Closes

Deliverance is not just about **casting out**—it’s also about **keeping out**. And that starts with confession.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us...” — 1 John 1:9

Confession shuts the doors devils sneak through.

Unconfessed sin is like a wide-open window in a war zone. You might not notice the infiltration at first, but over time, it will rot the foundation.

Deliverance isn’t just a one-time dramatic event—it’s a **lifestyle of repentance**. It means recognizing your faults, your patterns, your pride, and laying them at the feet of the One who alone can cleanse.

True confession isn’t just saying “sorry.” It’s aligning your heart with what God says is true about your sin, His holiness, and His mercy. That kind of confession closes doors the devil thought he had the key to.

5. Armor On – Spiritual Warfare Isn’t Optional

Paul didn’t say “if” you wrestle—he said “*we wrestle...*” (Ephesians 6:12). Every believer is enlisted in a spiritual war whether they want to be or not.

That’s why Ephesians 6:10–18 tells us to put on the **whole armor of God**:

- **Loins girt with truth** – Truth keeps your balance.
- **Breastplate of righteousness** – Righteous living guards your heart.
- **Feet shod with the gospel of peace** – You stand steady and advance ground.
- **Shield of faith** – Deflects lies and temptations.
- **Helmet of salvation** – Guards your mind.
- **Sword of the Spirit (the Word)** – Your offensive weapon.

Many Christians lose battles because they never suit up. They walk into a warzone in spiritual pajamas. They know the name of Jesus but ignore the tools He gave them to fight.

Deliverance doesn’t come from chanting “Jesus, Jesus” without knowing what He gave you. Armor up.

6. Devils Fear Obedience, Not Rituals

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” — James 4:7

Notice the order: **Submit, then resist.**

You can scream at the devil all day long, but if you’re living in rebellion, he’s not leaving. Authority flows from obedience. The devil recognizes **spiritual rank.**

That’s why the sons of Sceva got beat up by a demon in Acts 19. They said, “We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth...” and the devil replied, *“Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?”*

Why? Because they had no **relationship**, no **authority**, no **obedience.**

Deliverance is not about commanding spirits with a formula—it’s about walking under the authority of the One who commands them. Devils don’t tremble at rituals. They tremble at **righteousness.**

7. Accountability – God’s Secret Weapon

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.” — James 5:16

Deliverance is not a solo mission. God has designed **the local church** to be a network of support, correction, and healing.

When a believer is struggling with demonic oppression or repeated cycles of bondage, one of the greatest weapons is **accountability.** A mature believer can pray, rebuke, and walk with them through the fight.

God doesn’t want lone rangers. The Body of Christ is designed to work **together**—and that includes in deliverance.

8. Discernment – Testing the Spirits

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God...” — 1 John 4:1

Not every emotional experience, voice, or “anointing” is from the Lord. Some spirits pretend. Some seduce. Some show up in churches with beautiful lights and great music—but they are not from God.

Discernment is key. And discernment comes from being filled with **the Word, the Spirit,** and a **love for truth.**

There are entire movements today that believe manifestations equal God's presence. But that's how you end up with people who think rolling on the floor, barking, or laughing hysterically is the Holy Spirit. Scripture teaches otherwise.

Discernment keeps you from chasing thrills and opens your eyes to **truth over sensation.**

9. Victory Is Maintained, Not Just Claimed

Jesus warned:

“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man... he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out... and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself...” — Matthew 12:43–45

Deliverance isn't the end. It's the beginning.

If you don't **fill the house** (your life) with truth, righteousness, and the presence of God, the devil doesn't just come back—he brings friends.

Too many people get a temporary freedom and then go right back to old patterns, old friends, old music, and old addictions. And they wonder why things get worse.

Victory has to be **maintained** by walking in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16), resisting sin, and building your life on the Rock (Matthew 7:24).

10. Why Gimmicks Fail

Holy water isn't in the Bible.

Waving a crucifix won't help if your life mocks the cross.

Latin chants didn't scare Jesus, and they don't scare devils either.

These gimmicks come from **man-made traditions** and **pagan rituals** absorbed over time. The devil laughs at garlic and trembles at the Word. He ignores chanting but flees at the name of Jesus spoken in **truth and authority.**

The early church didn't hold exorcism seminars. They walked in **power**, not performance.

Deliverance isn't a production—it's a **positional reality**. Know your position in Christ. Walk in it. Speak from it. Live through it.

Conclusion – A Word Is Enough

“And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know...” — Acts 19:15

What about you? Does hell know your name?

You don't need a spotlight. You don't need incense or chants. You don't need props or performers. You need **truth, authority, submission, and the Word of God**.

The devil isn't afraid of flashy Christians. He's afraid of **obedient** ones.

Real deliverance doesn't come through fire tunnels, holy oil sales, or televangelist theatrics. It comes when the **truth is spoken**, the **Word is believed**, and the **believer is submitted**.

Jesus cast out devils with a word.

So can we.

But only if we've truly submitted to the **Word that speaks**.

Conclusion: The Devil's Worst Enemy Is a Well-Informed Christian

Closing the Door and Taking Back the Ground

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” – Hosea 4:6

“Neither give place to the devil.” – Ephesians 4:27

We've Pulled Back the Curtain

This series has pulled no punches.

We've walked through ten explosive essays that exposed one of the most neglected truths in modern Christianity: **a born-again Christian, though sealed and secure in the spirit, can still come under demonic oppression and influence in the flesh**.

Not possessed in the sense of ownership of the soul—because that belongs to Christ. But *oppressed, manipulated, tormented*, and in many cases, *controlled* in the body and mind because of open doors, ignorance, or willful sin.

We've tackled the verses most pastors avoid, asked the questions most believers are too afraid to confront, and looked honestly at the evidence found not only in Scripture but in our churches, our families, and our own lives.

A Wake-Up Call to the Sleeping Church

This wasn't just a theological exercise. It was a **wake-up call**.

Too many believers are **losing battles they were never trained to fight**, handing over territory the devil has no right to, and excusing torment as “normal struggles.” But the Bible never calls the devil harmless. In fact, it calls him:

- A **roaring lion** seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8)
- The **prince of the power of the air** (Ephesians 2:2)
- A **serpent** who beguiled Eve through subtlety (2 Corinthians 11:3)
- The **god of this world** who blinds minds (2 Corinthians 4:4)

And yet, somehow, we believe this same enemy couldn't possibly influence us after salvation?

The very people indwelt by the Holy Spirit are often **the ones the devil targets the hardest**—not to take their souls, but to silence their witness, hijack their fruit, and disrupt their spiritual authority. And tragically, he's done it with success because many believers were never told **he could still get to them**.

The Flesh Is Still a Battlefield

The truth we've hammered home in this series is that **salvation redeems the soul, but not the flesh**. The flesh is crucified with Christ positionally—but practically, it must be put to death daily (Romans 6:6; Galatians 5:24).

Why else would Paul warn believers—**not unbelievers**—about “giving place to the devil”? (Ephesians 4:27)

Why would he hand over a church member to Satan for the destruction of the flesh if Satan couldn't touch him? (1 Corinthians 5:5)

Why would he fear being disqualified himself after preaching to others? (1 Corinthians 9:27)

Because he understood **the battlefield isn't salvation—it's sanctification**. And that's where the devil plays dirty.

Discernment Over Denial

Some may still reject this series out of theological pride or fear of admitting they were wrong. But whether you agree fully or not, you now know the verses are there. The examples are there. And the **danger of denial is deadly**.

We are not suggesting Christians go on witch hunts. We are not promoting exorcisms or fear-based Christianity. We are not saying every bad mood is a demon, or that every illness is an unclean spirit. But we are saying: **Discernment is better than disbelief**.

- Samson lost his strength and didn't even know the Spirit had departed.
- Saul was tormented by an evil spirit from the Lord.
- Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Ghost and were struck dead.
- Peter, yes Peter, was called "Satan" by Jesus in Matthew 16:23.

If it could happen to them...why not us?

Victory Is Still Ours—But It's Not Automatic

This isn't a message of hopelessness. It's a **message of vigilance**.

You don't defeat demons by pretending they don't exist.

You don't overcome the enemy by pretending he's not still active.

And you don't walk in liberty by hiding behind a theological security blanket.

You defeat the devil the same way Jesus did: **with the Word of God**. Not rituals. Not superstitions. Not deliverance ministries that demand donations.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." – James 4:7

It's simple. But it's not easy.

You must close the doors. Renounce the lies. Walk in truth. And **daily crucify your flesh**.

The Church Needs Courage, Not Comfort

This series was not designed to make you comfortable. It was designed to make you **spiritually alert**. You may never hear this from most pulpits. But you heard it here:

- **Yes**, Christians can give place to the devil.
- **Yes**, unclean spirits can traffic through the open doors of sin and compromise.
- **Yes**, your flesh is a weak, corrupt, and vulnerable gate if not brought under the authority of Scripture.
- **No**, you are not immune just because you go to church, read your Bible, or sing worship songs.

Only by walking in the Spirit, feeding on the Word, staying sober and vigilant, and submitting fully to God can you **resist the devil** and watch him flee.

Final Words: Close the Door and Keep It Shut

You don't need to fear the devil.

But you'd better **respect his cunning**.

He's been studying you since you were born.

He knows what tempts you, what wounds you, and what doors your ancestors left wide open.

But **in Christ**, you have the authority to **shut those doors**.

You are not called to live **tormented**, but **triumphant**.

Not defeated, but discerning.

Not naïve, but equipped.

So now that you know what's possible...

Now that you've seen the verses, the patterns, the dangers...

What will you do?

- Will you go back to pretending the devil only works in horror films?
- Or will you take back the ground and finally fight like someone who knows the battle is real?

The End of This Series... But the Beginning of a New Walk

Let this not be the end of a 10-part read, but the start of a **lifestyle of spiritual vigilance**.

Let your home be clean. Let your mind be guarded.

Let your doctrine be tight. Let your flesh be crucified.

Let no devil ever find you an easy target again.

Amen.