

LESSON PLAN FOR THE DELIVERANCE SERIES
SERIES NO. 415

<u>LESSON NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
1	Deliverance
2	Can a Christian have a Demon?

It is possible that some of these lessons may take more than just one class period to complete. When you are teaching these lessons be sure and flow with the speed of the class. Some classes will need extra time for questions and answers, others may fully understand and you can progress rapidly. Don't worry about having to complete any lesson in just one sitting if extra, relevant, discussions arise.

Remember...your only purpose in teaching the Word of God to others is to help them to become strong disciples of Jesus Christ and to share His Spirit and Truth with others.

LESSON 1: DELIVERANCE

Scriptures Covering the Work of Demons and Dominion and Authority Over Them

Lev. 17:7

Lev. 19:31

Lev. 20:6

Lev. 20:27

Deut. 5:9

Deut. 18:10-12

Deut. 32:17

Judges 9:23

1 Sam. 16:14-16, 23

1 Sam. 18:10-12

1 Sam. 28:3-9

1 Kings 22:20-24

11 Kings 17:17

11 Kings 21:6

11 Kings 23:24

1 Chron. 10:13-14

2 Chron. 11:15

2 Chron. 33:6

Psa. 106:37

Isa. 8:19-20

Matt. 4:23-24

Matt. 8:16-17

Matt. 8:28-33

Matt. 9:32-34

Matt. 10:7-8

Matt. 12:22-29

Matt. 12:43-45

Matt. 13:3-4, 18-19

Matt. 13:37-40

Matt. 15:22-28

Matt. 17:14-21

Matt. 18:18

Mark 1:23-27

Mark 1:32-34

Mark 5:1-18

Mark 9:17-29

Mark 16:9

Mark 16:17

Luke 4:33-36

Luke 4:41

Luke 8:2-3

Luke 8:4-5, 11-12

Luke 8:26-39

Luke 10:17

Luke 11:24-26

John 8:44

John 10:10

John 13:2

Acts 8:7

Acts 10:38

Acts 16:16-18

Acts 19:13-19

1 Cor. 2:12

1 Cor. 10:13

1 Cor. 10:21-22

Eph. 2:1-3

Eph. 4:27

Eph. 6:10-18

1 Tim. 4:1-2

2 Tim. 1:7

James 2:19

1 Peter 5:8-9

1 John 2:15-17

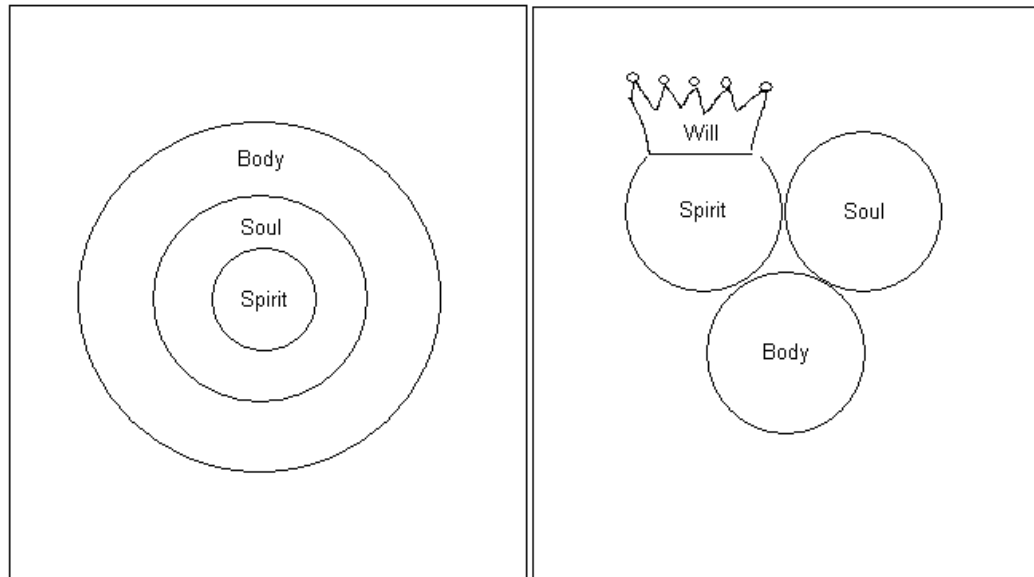
1 John 3:8

Rev. 2:10

Rev. 9:20

Rev. 16:13-14

LESSON 2: CAN A CHRISTIAN HAVE A DEMON?



Man has a triune makeup but acts as a whole being
He is either serving God with his entire being (100%),
or he is a rebel against God (100%)

Triune Makeup Of Man

1. Body
the earth suit housing our soul and spirit;
animals have bodies
where physical senses reside:
see, smell, taste, touch, hear;
where physical appetites are sensed and communicated to the soul:
breath, hunger, thirst, and sleep
2. Soul
the center of feeling and emotion
animals have these soulish attributes as well
where physical appetites and senses are felt (emotional response)
where desires, emotions, and affections are felt
3. Spirit
the core of man which comprises his moral nature and character
only human beings have spirits
the part of man which makes him in the image of God
where the will, conscience, intellect, memory, and imagination reside
God intended man to use his will so that his spirit would rule over his soul and body

- 1) When we were born again, we became new creatures. All things became new. (II Co 5:17) If we are brand new creatures in Christ, there could be no demons to cast out.
- 2) When we were cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ, we were washed, sanctified, and renewed in our spirits (1Co 6:11). Demons are called unclean spirits (Lu 4:33). God called us clean. God never called anyone “clean” who had an unclean spirit. Neither should we!
- 3) We are instructed never to call evil good or good evil. It is blasphemous (Isa 5:20). We should never call people who are the demon possessed (under the control of Satan) “children of God”. Likewise we should never call the children of God (those under the control and influence of the Holy Spirit) “demon possessed”!
- 4) The Jewish religious leaders accused John the Baptist of having a devil (Mt 11:18). The scriptures said John had the Holy Spirit upon him from the womb (Lu 1:15). It is not possible to be under the control and influence of the Holy Spirit and an unholy spirit at the same time. 1Co 10:21 - Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.
- 5) The Pharisees accused Christ of having a devil (Mr 3:30). Christ responded to them by making a clear distinction between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. A son of God (Jesus or any born again Christian) could not have a demon. Those who support the concept of demon-possessed Christians have to entertain the implausible concept of demon-possessed Christians casting demons out of other demon-possessed Christians. This is not possible according to Christ: Mr 3:25 - if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.
- 6) Christ rebuked the Pharisees for calling the work of the Holy Spirit unholy (Mr 3:28-30). When people say that a born again child of God could be demon possessed, they are blaspheming the work of the Holy Spirit in the new birth. Titus 3:5 says we were washed (clean) and renewed (made new again) by the Holy Ghost. We must not degrade the work of the Holy Spirit. We would be saying the Holy Spirit did not do His job!
- 7) We can know the spiritual condition of a man by his words and actions. A good man produces good fruit. An evil man produces bad fruit. All demonic manifestation is bad fruit. Lu 6:43 - For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Bad fruit – bad tree!
- 8) A child of God can have no darkness in Him (1Jo 1:5-7). How could he be possessed by spirits of darkness? Impossible! John 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.
- 9) If we are Christians, we have been (past tense) delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son (Col 1:13). To come into the light, of necessity, implies leaving the darkness. Demon possession is the epitome of the power of darkness in the life of any person. Christians by definition are those that have delivered from the power of darkness. 1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
- 10) Many people confuse an individual's failure to overcome sin as evidence of demon possession. This is not true. All sin is the result of willful decisions to serve selfish lusts

instead of serving God (I Jo 2:16). A fallen brother will never be set free from sin unless he understands he alone is responsible for his sin and not Satan (Ez 18:20). Don't blame the devil for your rebellion against God. He may tempt you, but you choose to give in.

- 11) Christians are not the dwelling place of demons. We are the temple of the Holy Ghost (1Co 8:10) The Holy Spirit will not share His dwelling place with evil spirits. God is a jealous God (Ex 34:14), and the Spirit within us lusteth to envy (Jas 4:5). God will not cohabit with evil spirits.
- 12) If a person has an evil spirit within them, they are joined (one in unity) with the evil spirit. God cannot at the same time be joined (one in unity) with one who is demon possessed. I Co 6:17 - He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit (with the Lord). You cannot be one with God and Satan at the same time. You cannot join Christ to a harlot (1 Co 6:15)
- 13) We know that we are of Christ by the spirit that abides within us. 1Jo 3:24 - And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. We could never have assurance of salvation if we also had demons abiding within us.
- 14) If a Christian could have demons, when could he gain full assurance that he was completely delivered from the power of Satan? Upon his death? This would make an individual's death responsible for deliverance from Satan instead of the work of Jesus Christ at the cross!
- 15) There are no Biblical examples of demon-possessed Christians. The concept of demon-possessed Christians came from the imaginations of those who try to interpret scripture based upon their religious experiences. They usually misevaluate the following situations.
 - a) They often consider those who are not overcoming sin to be demon possessed. In doing so they excuse the individual by blaming his or her behavior on an evil spirit of lust, lying, or greed which would need to be cast out.
 - b) They may believe the erroneous "once-saved always-saved" doctrine. Hence, if one who was known to be a Christian becomes demon possessed he must, because of this erroneous doctrine, remain a Christian. Although a previously professing Christian may be subsequently demon possessed, he must first leave the faith (become a reprobate again) to open himself up again to the influence and control of Satan.
 - c) They may think everyone who makes a profession of faith is actually sincere. There are many tares who pose as wheat. There may be some who are demon-possessed within the churches who may have never experienced true conversion.