



"Bible 101"

part 4

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Ministry of Deliverance

I. **The Great Commission**

A. **Mark 16:14-20**

1. Set aside all preconceived ideas and doctrines...The Word is Final Authority
2. Jesus commissions the Church with the Full Gospel (Spirit, Soul, and Body)
3. 7 of the 16 chapters in Mark deal with Jesus exorcising demons (1/2 of the gospel) / 75 of the 678 verses in Mark deal with this, or about 10% of Jesus' recorded ministry.

B. **Mark 1:22-29**

1. First recorded miracle was in the deliverance ministry, and it is important to note that it was also in the local church. Jesus introduces this ministry right at the start of the disciple's ministry and then gives them the same directive.
2. **Mark 3:10-12, vs.14-15...Luke 10:17-20** (Casting out demons should be expected, but instead it is very uncommon...just like it was in Jesus' days).

II. Can a believer have a demon?

A. Arguments against a believer having a demon:

1. **How can the Holy Spirit inhabit the same temple with a demon spirit?**
2. **Believers can be oppressed, but not possessed.**
3. **If a person is saved, then he is free, right?**

B. Arguments that agree that a believer can have a demon:

1. **No one entered the synagogue without being a believer in Jehovah and practiced his faith.**
2. **This happened in the Lord's house, and this happened on the Lord's Day.**
3. **This happened while the Lord was preaching (note the power in the Word).**
4. **Obviously, this was the first time this demon manifested itself publicly.**

(Could there be a lot of demons in a lot of churches that do not preach the Word?)

C. The Answer: Common Sense Mixed with Rightly dividing the Word of God

1. When spiritual anatomy is understood, there is no conflict with the Holy spirit and a demon in the same temple. **(Bulls-eye drawing).**
 - The spirit of man is made in the image of God and cannot have a demon, or for that matter get sick or depressed.
 - The soul of man (mind, will, and emotions) can be sick, can sin and be depressed...so it can have a demon. Freedom is received in man's spirit that gives them access to heaven; but there are a lot of Christians who are not free in their body's or their souls....this clearly reveals that Freedom is obtained at different levels...He whom the son sets free...

- The body of man can be sick and willed to be involved with sin; likewise, it can be infiltrated by demons.
- The argument of oppressed and possessed loses all force behind it when considering the Greek – **DEMONIZED**, with no mention of the demon actually being in or out. So, we simply look at some powerful guidelines:
 - ** Jesus always cast demons out, never away.
 - ** Paul was “Harassed” by a high ranking demon, but clearly wasn’t “Possessed” – This demon was going around stirring up problems through other people. Similar story was also with Paul in **Acts 16:16-18**.
 - ** Many Unexplained diseases or ailments that have no cure like Migraine Headaches and the woman in the Bible that had a spirit of infirmity for 18 years - **Luke 13:10-13****Ephesians 6:12** (*Since there are degrees of faith, degrees of sicknesses, there are also degrees or levels of demonization – harassment, oppression (hangs around like an addiction or migraines), and full possession (schizophrenia, Epilepsy, the man in the tombs, etc.)*)

III. The Authority of the Believer

A. Jesus Spoke with Authority not like the Scribes (**Mark 1:22**)

1. The Scribes relied on a traditional form of speaking. They were the legal experts of the day, validating their points by citing earlier sages, elders, and legal masters. They never spoke without consulting one another.
2. Jesus spoke with independent, inherent authority. He used phrases like, “But I say unto you...” demonstrating an authority that came directly from God instead of borrowed credentials.

B. What does it take to cast out a demon?

1. Look at Jesus as the example: Know Who He Is and Know Who You Are.
2. **Mark 9:38-40**. (Others cast out demons then, why not now?)
3. **Mark 11:22-23** – Faith in God