

# **Healing The Brokenhearted**

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## **Author's Note**

The deliverance of Christians from demons has become mainstream Christian practice in many segments of the Church, as evidenced by positive articles published by local, regional, and international ministries. But many Christian pastors still hold to the notion that real Christian people can't have demons, leaving many of their own people still enslaved, while they come to church with their 'happy masks' on. Even born again, God-anointed, Spirit-filled pastors themselves can fall into sin and disaster because of desires within them that cannot be controlled by scripture reading, fasting or traditional prayer ( as valuable as those practices can be! ). This article is the introduction to a longer piece that is called A BIBLICAL CASE FOR CHRISTIAN DELIVERANCE. This article is dedicated as a message of hope to those who are oppressed, that indeed the truth can make them free.

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The great aims of Jesus' ministry were set forth in Luke.

*"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." Luke 4:18-19 NKJV*

If Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted, then there must be brokenhearted people out there. There must be blind, captivated people and oppressed people as well. No one would argue that there are not poor Christians. Some of the most Christian nations on earth are full of poor people. Why then do we argue that Christians cannot be captivated, oppressed, blind or brokenhearted?

If Christians are poor, blind, brokenhearted, captivated or oppressed - in other words, in need of ministry from the Lord, and His servants - we must ask ourselves WHY this is the case. Are we missing something? Has the Church lost a powerful and important ministry that needs to be recovered?

I will argue in this paper that the Church has lost the great, biblical ministry of deliverance from demons that is vital for Christians to be able to enjoy the more abundant life that Jesus came to make available.

*"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10 NKJV*

Let me say, first of all, that there is no scripture in the New Covenant writings of Paul and the others that says unequivocally that Christians cannot have demons. Instead, we are seriously warned about an enemy that would seek to destroy us if he could. The testimony of defeated and ruined Christian lives would appear to indicate that he has been markedly successful. We will look at this in detail as we take a chapter to study the authority of the believer.

I will also show from the Word of God that where sin can be, an evil spirit can be. This will require a study of the three part man of spirit, soul and body.

Finally, a study of the principles of deliverance ministry will help to give understanding to this ministry that has been shunned and avoided because so-called 'deliverance ministries' have done crazy things, and caused the great, biblical ministry of deliverance to become some sort of freak show. God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. True deliverance ministry brings peace...many times, for the first time in years for those who receive deliverance. Deliverance ministry can appear to be 'messy'...but then, operating rooms, surgical suites, can be messy as well (I talked to a man whose job was to clean the blood off the ceilings in operating rooms...but no one criticizes surgeons). I have no doubt that things got 'messy' when Jesus ministered deliverance. Have you ever seen an epileptic fit, like as described in Mark 9?

Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. Mark 9:20 NKJV

Also, have you known any Christian believers who have epilepsy...?

### **Let's Define Our Terms**

When I say the word CHRISTIAN, what do I mean? A Christian is one who has made a life changing decision to follow Jesus Christ. They have repented of their sinful lifestyle, and have openly confessed Jesus Christ as Lord, believing that God has raised Him from dead.

*"...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."* Rom 10:9 NKJV

What do I mean by DEMONS? Demons are sentient, malevolent spirit beings, who vary in their degrees of wickedness and boldness, who answer to Lucifer their leader, whose number is perhaps in the millions, and whose motive appears to be vengeance against the true God. What more effective way is there to hurt a parent, then to attack his children, and make them suffer?

POSSESSED is another key word that we must define. To possess something is to own something, without any encumbrances to the title deed. I own my home. I have the title deed, free and clear. Demons cannot own Christians, even though they may try to act that way, as Jesus taught us.

*“When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to MY (emphasis added) house from which I came.’” Luke 11:24 NKJV*

Christians belong to, and are owned by, the Lord Jesus Christ. They have been purchased in full payment by His blood. From God's view point, the point of view of the cross and the completed work of Christ on our behalf, demons have no right to enter Christians. But legal authority and practical reality are two different things, as we shall see. Christians cannot be possessed, but they can be demonized.

What do I mean by DEMONIZED? I mean to be invaded, in a particular area of soul or body, by a sentient, malevolent spirit being, a demon.

Another term that must be defined is REPENTANCE. Repentance is the Greek word METANOIA, which means a forceful change of the direction of the mind. Repentance is used in salvation, but not only in salvation. Repentance can be needed in any area of a Christian's life that has strayed or turned, either deliberately or inadvertently, from the truth that is in Jesus.

Finally, let's look at a saved one, a Christian; in the book of Acts who needed deliverance...

*“Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. 5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. 6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. 8 And there was great joy in that city.*

*9 But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, 10 to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, “This man is the great power of God.” 11 And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. 12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. 13 Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.” Acts 8:4-13 NKJV*

Wow...what a ministry Philip had! People got saved, healed and delivered of demons. There was great joy in that city. Joy is always what happens when people are saved, healed and delivered of demons (perhaps there is so little joy in so many churches because people need to get saved, healed and delivered of demons). Hallelujah!

Now, there was a certain prominent man in the city who had been a witch, and had bewitched the people. Simon was his name. Simon heard the Word of God and got

saved and baptized, bless his heart! If verse thirteen was all that we knew about Simon, there would be no question in anyone's heart but that Simon was born again of God's Spirit (except for the fool who is the head of the Episcopal Church in America, who has rejected individual salvation...but that's another story!), a child of God by faith in Jesus Christ.

Simon was born again, with Christ in him, and yet there was still dark, malevolent evil abiding in his soul, which Peter spotted by revelation. Let's read the rest of the record...

*"Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, 15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! 21 You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. 22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. 23 For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity." Acts 8:14-24 NKJV*

When you are bound by something, it means you are not free inside. Something other than your freedom of will is in control. Did Peter tell him to get saved? No! He knew he was saved already. Scripture clearly says he was saved. In fact, there is no reason not to believe that Simon was not filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, like the others in verse seventeen.

In verse eighteen, what was Simon foolishly trying to do? He was trying to buy the ministry of an apostle. In verse twenty one, the NIV translates the word 'matter' as 'ministry. What does Peter do? He confronts and rebukes him because he sees by revelation that he is poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity, with bitterness and iniquity being the names, or characteristics, of the demons in him.

After being confronted, Simon humbly asks to be prayed for. It never says that Peter cast out his demons (we wouldn't be having this conversation if it did). But you can be sure that Peter, who had much experience and training in casting out demons under Jesus' tutelage, did what was necessary to heal the humble, brokenhearted Simon. We must ask this question at this point; "Why would Jesus train them to do that if they never did it after His resurrection?"

### **Every New Believer Needs Seven Essential Things**

1. They need to get saved.
2. They need to get healed.
3. They need to get delivered of demons.

4. They need to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
5. They need to be baptized in water.
6. They need to have a prophetic word spoken over them.
7. The need to have a mentor.

Paul got six of these in his first week in salvation, and the seventh a short time later. The Church needs to be able to minister all seven realities, including the ministry of deliverance.

If you love the Lord Jesus Christ, but have no peace within, you may need deliverance. If you know you belong to Him, yet still deal with impure thoughts and urges, still battle to control your mind, still are haunted by memories (or are literally haunted in the place you live), still deal with habitual sin and chronic oppression, you may be in need of deliverance ministry. You may need this help even if you are a 'professional Christian,' like a pastor or bishop. You are NOT a bad person...the demon is bad. You are a wounded warrior, but no less a child of the living God. There is help for you...

That is what this little paper is all about!

Remember, dear ones, we must be about our Father's business...

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