

CHRISTIAN DEMONIZATION: IS IT BIBLICALLY POSSIBLE?

I. THE BELIEVER AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE

* What is demon possession (Mark 5:1-20)?

A. There has been a DOCTRINAL SHIFT among Christians regarding demon possession

1. They _____ the believer's problems.
 - a. They equate the power of the sin nature to being demonized.
* Are there demons of jealousy, envy, lust, depression, etc.?
 - b. They mistake unbelievers for believers.
 - c. They depend on experience instead of the Bible as their final authority
2. They _____ the believer's authority
3. They _____ various passages of Scripture

B. A believer in Christ CANNOT be indwelt by a demon

1. There are _____ in the Scriptures of a believer being indwelt by a demon.
2. A believer's body is the _____ of the _____. (1 Cor. 6:19-21; Rom. 8:9; 1 John 4:4)
3. Demons know that a believer's _____ is occupied by God. (Matt. 12:43-45)
4. There are _____ given to Church age believers in the _____ of the New Testament as to how to deal with "Christian" demonization.

C. The Believer's ENABLEMENT against Satanic forces (Eph. 6:10)

1. Believers are commanded to be continually _____ amidst spiritual warfare.
2. The resources to engage in spiritual warfare come from _____.

D. The Believer's ENCOUNTER with Satanic forces (Eph. 6:11-13)

1. The command: God wants you to _____ the _____ of God.
2. The purpose: The command is needed in order to _____ in the midst of spiritual warfare.
3. The enemies you need to withstand against:
 - a. the _____ of the devil.
 - b. the various ranks of the _____ realm.

* How are these ranks described in v. 12?

E. The Believer's Spiritual Warfare EQUIPMENT (Eph. 6:14-20)

1. God has provided all that is needed to "*stand against the wiles of the devil.*"
 - a. The belt of truth (v. 14)
 - b. The breastplate of righteousness (v. 14)
 - c. The shoes of the Gospel of peace (v. 15)
 - d. The shield of faith (v. 16)
 - e. The helmet of salvation (v. 17)
 - f. The sword of the Spirit (v. 17)
 - g. Prayer (v. 18)
2. It is your responsibility to apply these truths in the power of the Spirit