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CAN A CHRISTIAN HAVE DEMONS?

The question is asked by many, "Can a Christian have demons?" Since there is so much darkness caused by demonic activity in the world let's speak about this question.

In I Thessalonians 5:23 it says, ***"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."***

This shows us that we have three parts which are spirit, soul, and body. The spirit part of us must be born again. It is born of incorruptible seed that can never die. (I Peter 1:23) The word incorruptible means immortal. It can not be corrupted. So, we know that our born-again spirit cannot be corrupted or possessed by a demonic entity.

Then we deal with the soul. The soul is made up of the mind, will, and emotions. Unless the mind is controlled by Holy Spirit, it can take on demonic oppression, but not possession. If Satan gets a stronghold in your life, he controls you whether you are a Christian or not. He works through thoughts and fear. One may even take on the characteristics of a demon possessed in their spirit. You can be set free from this. I have seen people in this condition and have prayed for their deliverance from these demonic entities.

I back this up with scripture. The woman in Luke 13:11 had a spirit of infirmity. Jesus prayed for her, and she was healed. In Luke 13:16 it says, ***"And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, (a covenant woman) whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day."*** Notice Satan had bound her with a spirit of infirmity. This spirit made her sick. She was a Jew and healing was the children's bread. Why she was bound we do not know, but a spirit had bound her, and it made a stronghold. She needed deliverance of that spirit and then she was healed.

Dealing with the body is another aspect. As this woman in Luke 13 was sick because of a spirit, we see that spirits can control our health, so yes, a demon can oppress one in their body or their health.

So, what do we do if we are bound by demonic spirits? Some come out through fasting and prayers. Some come out by going through deliverance. All demonic entities must bow their knee to Jesus when it is spoken to in the Name of Jesus. If one gets set free and goes back to their old ways, then seven times worse demonic spirits will come in.

We daily crucify our flesh, putting to death the old nature that wants to control the new nature. This is what it means to daily work out our salvation. We are saved when we are born again, but then it is a process to keep our soul and body under subjection. So, in conclusion, a Christian can be demon oppressed in their soul and body but not possessed in their spirit.