

Introduction: Though some people believe that demons today can physically take over a person's body, we need to see what the Bible teaches about this.

1. WHAT IS DEMON POSSESSION?

- a. Demons are evil spirits that can inhabit humans, causing harm (Luke 8:2).
- b. Demons could have a measure of control over a person's body (Luke 8:29).
- c. Demons could be cast out by Jesus (Luke 8:29,33).
- d. The apostles and ones they laid hands on cast them out (Acts 5:12,16, 8:6-7,14-18).

2. HAS DEMON POSSESSION CEASED?

- a. Christ's coming would cause the demons to depart (Zech. 12:10, 13:1-2).
- b. Demons were especially active during Jesus' ministry (Luke 4:41, Mark 1:34).
- c. Demons were still active in New Testament times (Acts 5:16, 8:7).
- d. The purpose of the apostles' miracles was to confirm the Word (Mark 16:17,20).
- e. The miraculous would cease when the Word was complete (1 Cor. 13:8-10).

3. SHOULD WE STILL BE CONCERNED ABOUT DEMONIC ACTIVITY?

- a. The devil is a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8).
- b. Only God can defeat a powerful, scheming, and unseen enemy (Eph. 6:10-12).
- c. The devil only needs to get a foothold in your life (Eph. 4:26-27).
- d. Demons are still deceiving people with their doctrines (1 Timothy 4:1-3).
- e. Satan still fills the hearts of even God's people (Acts 5:3).
- f. The devil traps people and takes them captive to do his will (2 Timothy 2:26).

CONCLUSION: When you conquer through Christ, no power on earth can separate you from the love of God (Romans 8:37-39).