

## SCRIPTURES

*“Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”*

Col. 2:15

*“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”*

Ja. 4:17

*“And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. And as you go, preach, saying; The Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.”*

Matt. 10: 1, 7, 8

*“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”*

I Jn. 4:4

*“I say then; Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”*

Gal. 5:16

*“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe; In My name they will cast out demons...”*

Mark 16:15-17

## YIELDING

There are three main areas of a Christian's life that through rebellion and disobedience can invite unclean spirits to harass and torment them. Those areas are:

1. SIN- willfully choosing to accept or continue in ungodly thoughts, actions or addictions.  
*“Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave to sin.”* Jn. 8:34
2. UNFORGIVENESS- unwillingness to forgive those who have hurt and mistreated you. *“So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”* Matt. 18: 35
3. OCCULT-looking to horoscopes, Ouija boards, séances, ESP, etc for guidance. *“You shall have no other gods before Me.”* Ex. 20:4

## LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL PROTECTION

The Christian life should be one of wholeness, peace and purity. The Lord has given several layers of protection for the believer. They are:

1. The Word, the Armor of God, and our Conscience ( Holy Spirit) Ps. 119:11
2. Parents (especially for younger children) Col. 3:20
3. Church Leadership ( Five Fold Ministry & Elders) Heb. 13:17
4. Civil Government Ro. 13:1



**MorningStar Church**  
PO Box 16638  
Rochester, NY 14616  
[www.Morningstarfc.org](http://www.Morningstarfc.org)

# Deliverance

## Walking in Freedom

Gary W. Pfeiffer

*“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 preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.”*

**Luke 4:18**



**“For this purpose was the son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”**

**I John 3:38b**

## SIN- SICKNESS- SPIRITS

When Jesus ministered on earth, He was concerned with three areas of ministry: Sin, Sickness and Spirits. The church has been quite effective over the years with the salvation message of hope and liberty in Jesus Christ, less effective in proclaiming healing based on the atonement of Jesus Christ (Matt. 8:17, I Pt. 2:24), and very weak in proclaiming freedom from demonic torment and bondage. Consequently many Christians today suffer from debilitating bouts of rejection, fear, lust, rage etc. While Christians are expending much energy on continually resisting these 'bad habits' and 'personality quirks', not much Kingdom ministry is going forth. Think of how effective an army in the field would be if there was considerable concern that they might have to fend off an attack from another division of their own army!

### ABUNDANT LIFE

*"...I have come that they may have life; and that they may have it more abundantly."* Jn. 10:10b

The overarching message of the Gospel is freedom from sin- that Jesus came to give us access to all the resources of heaven, so we may lead victorious abundant lives under His protection and guidance. The Scriptural standard of, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"* (Phil. 4:13) must include victory in our personal lives over demonic influence and torment.

## CHRISTIANS AND DEMONS

Often in conversation about demonic strongholds, the question arises: Can a Christian have a demon, or can a demon have a Christian? The best answer I have come across is that a Christian can have whatever they pursue! There's a lot more truth in this statement than may initially appear.

### THE NEW MAN

Christians are three part beings. (I Thes. 5:23) We are a spirit, have a soul and live in a body. When a man repents of his sins and accepts the sacrifice of Christ as the payment for that sin, he is 'born again'. His spirit is justified (in God's sight he is just as if he had never sinned.) His spirit is cleansed, pure, undefiled and completely under the influence and control of the Lord. As such, a Christian can never be 'possessed' by a demon. Possession means ownership and the Christian has been purchased through the blood of Jesus Christ. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."* II Cor. 5:17 That being understood, the other parts or outer parts of a man (soul and body) can be invaded or influenced by demonic forces.

### THE SOUL

The soul life of a man consists of his mind, will and emotion. The Scriptures teach us that we are to renew our minds, meditate on His Word and continually 'walk in the Spirit'. (Ps. 1, Ro. 12:1, 2, I Thes. 5:17) If we fail to do that, we expose ourselves to evil influences and activities.

## TEMPTATION vs. TORMENT

We are all tempted (Jesus was tempted - yet without yielding to sin). Temptations are thoughts and influences from outside of us trying to get us to yield to sin and rebel against God's Word. Temptation comes in three areas of life: Lust of the eyes, Lust of the flesh and Pride of life. (I Jn. 2:16) If we yield to temptation, we are urged by the Holy Spirit to repent and receive forgiveness and cleansing from the Lord. (I. Jn. 1:9) When we refuse the conviction of the Holy Spirit and choose to continue in sin (there could be many reasons we justify sin; personal pleasure, advancement in the workplace etc.) we are actively asking for assistance in the spirit realm. For example, if I choose to continually lie so I can get a promotion, I am summoning supernatural help. The Lord cannot be an assistant or participant in sin; but demonic spirits that feed on rebellion are ready to answer the call! When we knowingly and willfully continue in a sinful habit or pattern, we are inviting demonic involvement that eventually will produce torment. Willful sin breaks down the 'hedge of protection' that the Lord has given to every believer. Remember the hedge of protection that Satan saw around Job's righteous life? (Job. 1:10)

### THE ARMOUR OF GOD

Spiritual armament and protection is given to all Christians as described in Ephesians the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. We are to put on the armor daily by faith.

*"Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."*

Ep. 6:11