

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

DESTROYING THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL

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PART 4B: SETTING THE CAPTIVES FREE

I believe that it is important for us to compare the situation existing at the time of Jesus and how it is today. Back then there was no electricity and so radio, television and movies did not exist. There was no printing of books and magazines and pornography did not exist as we know it today.

Women were not scantily dressed and there were no bikini clad women at the beaches. There were whores but they could only be found in a red-light district. Alcohol was a problem but in Palestine there were no hardcore drugs like heroin and opium. The designer drugs of today did not exist.

Idolatry, worshipping false gods was a big problem for the Jewish people. Greed, lust, murder, incest, adultery and witchcraft were also common but the demonic pressure that exists today did not exist then but the people were still demonized and Jesus addressed it.

If people were demonized during the time of Jesus, how much more must they be in our time with all the satanic bidding flooding us? The apostle Paul prophesied there will be dangerous times in the last days. **2 Timothy 3:1-7**

DEMONS DO NOT DIE

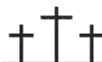
Demons, evil spirits or unclean spirits do not age or die. When a person dies the evil spirits lodging in their body will leave and look for a new body to abuse. There are evil spirits causing sickness and then there are evil spirits of other manifestations such as murder, rape, theft and lying. The evil spirits living in people at the time of Jesus are still around and move from generation to generation.

The spirit of divination that possessed the young woman that followed Paul is still around possessing a human being and giving them power to be a fortune teller. **Acts 16:16-18**

The unclean spirits who were cast out from people in Samaria are still active in the world doing the same thing they did some 2,000 years ago. **Acts 8:5-13**

The legion (7,000) of unclean spirits that lived in the man set free by Jesus are still here on earth today possessing people. **Mark 5:1-15**

The evil spirits who possessed men like the Jewish leadership at the time of Jesus, the Roman Emperor Nero, Genghis Khan of Mongolia (1206-1227), Napoleon Bonaparte of France (1769-1821), Karl Marx ((1818-1883), Joseph Stalin (1879-1953) and Adolf Hitler (1889-1945) are today still on this earth possessing people. The American General George S. Patton (1885-1945) related



that he had been reincarnated numerous times, and in his previous lives, he had commanded armies in different periods of history.

THE AGENDA OF JESUS

Since Jesus is the head of the church, it is important that His followers know the kind of program Jesus ran while He lived on this earth and implement it into our lives and churches.

The apostles became the foundation of the church and we can look at the marching orders they received. **Matthew 10:1-8; Luke 9:1-2**

Look at the order of the commandments of what to do:

1. Cast out unclean spirits (demons, evil spirits)
2. Heal the sick
3. Preach the Kingdom of God

Why did Jesus put preaching the Kingdom of God last on the list? My conclusion is that the “strongman” had to be bound before the people could hear the Gospel. **Matthew 12:22-29**

Over the years Satan was able to infiltrate the church of Jesus Christ and change the assignment order. Casting out demons was completely eliminated, praying for the sick became rare and a weak Gospel was preached. **2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 2 Timothy 3:5-10**

Did the same program apply to just the apostles? No, because we find this in the commission of the 70 others. **Luke 10:1-2; 9; 17-22**

WHAT ABOUT CHRISTIANS LIVING TODAY?

We have two very strong statements from Jesus which cannot be refuted as long as we have the true Scriptures in the form of the King James Bible. **Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:14-20**

These commandments were confirmed by the apostle Peter. **Acts 2:37-40**

SIGNS THAT FOLLOWED THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

Leprosy was one of the most dreaded diseases at the time of Jesus because there was no medical cure. The first miracle recorded in the Gospel of Matthew is that of a man infected with leprosy. Jesus didn't shy away from the man; instead, He destroyed the leprosy and the man was healed. **Matthew 8:1-4**

Evil spirits had no chance against Jesus; He was their master and they had to leave the human victim whether they liked it or not when he spoke. **Luke 13:10-17**

His disciples were not always successful in dealing with evil spirits before the Day of Pentecost. **Matthew 17:14-21**

SUMMARY

Jesus' three point program was given to the apostles, the 70 others and to all believers in Christ through the ages until He comes back.

Ask yourself, "**Am I part of Jesus' program?**" You are outside the will of God and in rebellion if you are not part of Jesus' program! This is not a small sin since rebellion is the same as witchcraft. **1 Samuel 15:22-23**

Every person in this church who is part of the deliverance ministry is destroying the works of the devil and doing the work of God in faith. They are ordinary believers in Christ who possess no special title such as pastor, elder, deacon, evangelist, etc.

Are you willing to hear the words of Jesus and then to step out in faith and do what Jesus said? **John 14:10-18**

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Have you made plans on how to finish your life or are you just drifting?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?