

DELIVERANCE

SET FREE TO LIVE AS JESUS PROMISED

Let's Talk

Last week we were introduced to the theme of the unholy trinity - the world, the flesh, and the devil. Did you have an opportunity to reflect on the areas in your life where any of the three might be affecting you?

Have you ever watched a scary movie where someone became “possessed” or someone was trying to escape being “possessed”? Did you believe something like that could happen?

Let's Study

1. Read Luke 13:10 -16. Pastor Jon states that “for Luke, a son or daughter of Abraham is a salvation statement,” and yet she has just been set free from the demonic.
 - What happened to the woman who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years?
 - What three words did Pastor Jon use in the sermon to mean “possessed?”
 - Does this help you to reconcile the idea of a born-again Christian being influenced or ‘possessed’ by the demonic?
2. Read Acts 5:3. Describe what happened to Ananais.
 - How does this now inform your understanding of possession?
3. The sermon discussed “upstairs and downstairs theology.” Read Colossians 2:15; Ephesians 1:4-5; 7-8; 13-14.
 - Regarding ‘upstairs theology,’ according to Colossians, what did Jesus accomplish on the cross in relation to Satan?
 - What do the passages in Ephesians teach us about our position in Christ?
4. Read Ephesians 4:25-27; 30. Now to ‘downstairs theology,’ where actions or behaviours give the devil a foothold. We were told that foothold is from “topos” in Greek. It means locality, opportunity, occasion, places, room; it opens the door inside our bodies, minds, and wills.
 - Based on all we’ve learned this week, what could take place when we grieve the Holy Spirit and allow habitual sin in our lives?

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Let's Apply

Our position, our standing in Christ is glorious - according to Ephesians 1, we are accepted, adopted, loved, redeemed, and forgiven. What steps can we take to internalize this, and to live it as a reality?

Even though we have likely been aware of spiritual warfare and that we are targets for the enemy, is it difficult to accept that demonization is possible for the Christian? What ways can we prevent the devil from being given a foothold, room or place in our lives?

Discuss together how open you feel at this time to receiving ministry so that you can experience greater freedom.

Let's Pray

Holy Spirit: come in power, come in wisdom, come in might. Come, Holy Spirit, come. We invite the searchlight of Your Spirit to shine into our hearts. We repent of our sins. We cry out as did the Psalmist of old; "Create in me a clean heart oh God and renew a right Spirit within me." In Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

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