

Christians and Demons

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I. Introduction.

II. The identity of demons.

- A. Sin began in heaven with Satan. (Isaiah 14:12)
- B. Satan may have fallen between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. (Jeremiah 4:23)
- C. Satan rules a kingdom of demons. (Matthew 25:21, Revelation 12:4)
- D. Angels are spirits. Demons are all fallen spirits.
- E. Fallen angels get separated into different categories.
 - 1. Chained angels who once cohabitated with women. (Genesis 6; 19:11; 2 Peter 2:4, Colossians 2:14, Luke 8:31, Revelation 9:1)
 - 2. Angels who are running around loose. (Ephesians 6:12)

III. Nature of demons.

- A. They are spiritual beings who oppress Christians.
- B. They are intelligent beings who pervert the truth. They teach free love and hypocrisy. They are doomed. (Matthew 8:29)
- C. They are immoral. (Mark 3:11)
- D. They are powerful. (Luke 13:11, Matthew 12)

IV. Demons can possess nonbelievers but not Christians. (Mark 1:23)

- A. To become totally obsessed with demons is wrong. (Psalm 78:49)
- B. Sometimes God chastens by demons. (1 John 5:16)
- C. There is no way a demon can own a Christian. (1 Corinthians 3:23)
- D. Nonbelievers can be possessed. (Luke 9:21)

V. The Christian has nothing to fear of the demon if he is walking in the Spirit. (1 John 5:14)

VI. The Christian is to stay away from demonic influences. (1 John 2:15)

Application Questions:

1. What relationship does Satan have with the rest of the demons?

2. How should Christians respond to the reality of loose demons in the world?

3. What is most important for people to understand about demons in your opinion? Explain.
