

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WHY DO PEOPLE SUFFER?

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PART 3: A COVERT WAR

TWO KINGDOMS

There is a fierce ongoing spiritual battle between God's holy angels and the Devil and his fallen angels. By default, every human being is born into a citizenship of Satan's kingdom. **Ephesians 2:1-5; John 14:30**

Jesus established the Kingdom of God. **Luke 9:1-2**

Jesus stressed the importance of every human being born again. **John 3:1-7**

When a human body is conceived, God adds a soul and a dead spirit. Once a person repents and accepts Jesus as his Lord and Savior, the dead spirit is born again and the person is transferred from the Kingdom of Satan and into the Kingdom of God. **Colossians 1:12-14**

A PROXY WAR

God is actively working to show His righteousness and Satan is doing what he can to sabotage the works of God. **1 John 3:8; 1 Peter 5:8-9**

Man does not have any spiritual powers since he is a spirit in a physical body. To offset this limitation, God baptizes His people in the Holy Spirit. **Acts 1:4-8**

The kingdom of Satan consists of the Devil, his fallen angels and evil spirits or demons. **Matthew 25:41; 12:24-29**

Satan lost the beautiful angelic body he had. As a spirit, He is able to possess people and animals. **Genesis 3:1; Revelation 12:9; Luke 22:3; Ezekiel 28:18**

The fallen angels still retain their angelic bodies and cannot possess human bodies. While there is no reference found in the Bible for this statement, the Bible continually references possessions by evil spirits or devils.

It is noteworthy to observe that Jesus and his disciples used the words "devils," "evil spirits," and "unclean spirits" in reference to what we call demons. Jesus never explained where these spirits came from but He did tell us they existed, how they operated and how we can deal with them.

Satan uses evil spirits to control people and mimic the way God uses the Holy Spirit to control and minister to people. **Luke 7:20-23; 8:1-2; Matthew 8:28-32; Mark 1:32-34**

AUTHORITY OVER THE ENEMY

The apostle Matthew recounts that at the beginning of his ministry on earth, Jesus gave the disciples power to take authority over the unclean spirits. **Matthew 10:1; 7-8**

Luke also recorded the same event. **Luke 9:1-2**



It is only in Luke's account that we find authority was given to the 70 other disciples that also followed Jesus during his earthly ministry. **Luke 10:1-9; 17-22**

After the resurrection, Jesus stated He had retaken the powers he had in eternity past as the Creator and Ruler of the creation. **Matthew 28:18; Revelation 1:17-18**

In his final instructions before ascending to heaven, Jesus gave authority over the enemy to every believer in Christ until His second return. **Matthew 28:19-20**

Everything Jesus told the disciples to do is to be repeated generation after generation. The power of God will never run out. **John 14:8-18**

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

Do you have an ear to hear with?