

Open Door Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 1-7-18
Christianity 103 - Message 16 Part 3
"Do you trust what the Bible says?"

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Declaration of Dependence!

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Honestly what you see is a well-crafted deception by the enemy to entertain and deceive anyone, including Christians, who give it their time and attention.
- 2) An angel of light to a wolf in sheep's clothing.
- 3) Our walk through the Book of Acts together has brought out many good insights to walking with the Lord each day
- 4) Text: Acts 16:16-24

2. Headed to a Prayer Meeting: Acts 16:16-18

a. We must always be ready:

- 1) Application –
- 2) "damsel" – These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation" Acts 16:16-17
- 3) Why would someone who is possessed by a demon make such a statement?
- 4) Verse 18 – Paul confronts her –
- 5) Whose job is it to preach the Gospel?

3. What does the Bible really say about events like this?

a. Is this really real?

- 1) There are several examples we find in the Bible of demon possession.

b. Can a Christian be possessed by a demon?

- 1) Was this slave girl a believer?

c. Understand the terms:

- 1) "possession" a demon has direct and complete control over thoughts and or actions of a person.
 - a) Matthew 17:14-18 – What do you see?
 - b) Luke 4:33-35 – What do you see?
 - c) Luke 8:27-33 – What do you see?
- 2) "Oppression or influence" – the attack of a demon or demons spiritually and or encouraging them toward sinful behavior.

4. As a believer what should my focus be on?

a. What is the truth about the Christian?

- 1) Every born again believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God. Romans 8:9-

- 2) I John 4:4 – “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”
- b. The battle is very real for believers”
 - 1) Two examples of the kind of influence the enemy can have:
 - a) II Corinthians 2:10-11 –
 - b) II Corinthians 11:3-4
- c. What about casting out demons?
 - 1) Purpose is important –
 - 2) Romans through Jude we see references to the enemy’s activity but see no direction on casting out demons or that believers are exhorted to do that.
 - a) Ephesians 6:10-18 – armor to stand against the wiles of the devil
 - b) James 4:7 – resist the devil and he will flee.
 - c) I Peter 5:8 – we are to be sober and vigilant.
 - d) Ephesians 4:27 – do not give him a place to work in your life.
5. Truth changes things: Acts 16:19-25
 - a. The slave girl is set free.
 - 1) Do you think what changed in her was noticeable?
 - b. Arrested?
 - 1) Really, for helping this girl?
 - 2) The leaders, the crowd are all together against them.
 - 3) They were beaten with many stripes.
6. Today’s Take Away:
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