



Christian Witchcraft seems like an oxymoron (contradictory word pair) which doesn't seem possible, as how can Christians do witchcraft and still be considered Christian?

Are there any examples of Christian witchcraft in the Church today or in the Bible? The answer to both is a definite YES!

What does witchcraft mean?... *“the art of sorcery; the practice of magic, especially black magic; the use of spells and the invocation of spirits.”*

Sorcery definition... *“harness occult forces or evil spirits to produce unnatural effects in the world.”*

Briefly put, witchcraft is the release of evil forces that inflict evil. Evil obviously can be done innocently, deliberately and/or in ignorance.

Let's examine an instance of some Christian witchcraft from the Bible...

**“<sup>9</sup> A man named Simon had been a sorcerer there for many years, amazing the people of Samaria and claiming to be someone great. <sup>10</sup> Everyone, from the least to the greatest, often spoke of him as “the Great One—the Power of God.” <sup>11</sup> They listened closely to him because for a long time he had astounded them with his magic.**

**<sup>12</sup> But now the people believed Philip's message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized. <sup>13</sup> Then Simon himself believed and was baptized. He began following Philip wherever he went, and he was amazed by the signs and great miracles Philip performed.**

**<sup>14</sup> When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God's message, they sent Peter and John there. <sup>15</sup> As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to**

**receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>16</sup> The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit.**

**<sup>18</sup> When Simon saw that the Spirit was given when the apostles laid their hands on people, he offered them money to buy this power. <sup>19</sup> “Let me have this power, too,” he exclaimed, “so that when I lay my hands on people, they will receive the Holy Spirit!”**

**<sup>20</sup> But Peter replied, “May your money be destroyed with you for thinking God's gift can be bought! <sup>21</sup> You can have no part in this, for your heart is not right with God. <sup>22</sup> Repent of your wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive your evil thoughts, <sup>23</sup> for I can see that you are full of bitter jealousy and are held captive by sin.”**

**<sup>24</sup> “Pray to the Lord for me,” Simon exclaimed, “that these terrible things you've said won't happen to me!” Acts 8:9-24 (NLT)**

Now some, perhaps most, of you are probably thinking I'm going to point to Simon as the evil example of Christian witchcraft in this example. Actually it's Peter, the 1<sup>st</sup> disciple of Jesus and head of the Church, who is our case in point!

Simon was a very famous, powerful sorcerer (deliberate practiser of witchcraft) doing it for power, fame and financial gain. He became a Christian and a disciple of Philip (Jesus' 5<sup>th</sup> apostle/disciple) and was water baptised (v.13). Peter (1<sup>st</sup> apostle) and John (4<sup>th</sup> apostle) go to Samaria to meet and pray for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit (v. 14-17).

3 of Jesus' apostles here, new Christians, sorcerer converted, amazing signs and great miracles (v.13), Holy Spirit... everything sounds great so far!

Then Simon makes a mistake. He thinks the Holy Spirit power is for sale and asks to buy it (v. 18-19). Remember that Simon is a former sorcerer that came from a world where power was sold.

Rather than Peter taking this confused/ignorant/jealous/mistaken new convert off to the side to correct him in how the ways of God works, to bring him to repentance, Peter curses him, his finances and his future to death!

**"May your money be destroyed with you" (v. 20a)** (Simon's life and finances are cursed by Peter)

**"You can have no part in this" (v. 21a)** (Peter withholds the free gift of the Holy Spirit)

**"Perhaps he (God) will forgive your evil thoughts (v. 22b)** (Peter is saying perhaps God will forgive him. What nonsense! At this moment, standing in front of Peter, Simon is a baptised Christian, a saint, a royal priest, an heir with Jesus! God always forgives His children when they ask! And Simon did ask for help! (v.24))

Obviously Simon was terrified and asked Peter to pray for him that these terrible curses wouldn't happen to him. There's no record that Peter, nor John, nor Philip ever helped Simon. They left Simon, this new convert, cursed!

What was the result of these three apostles of God leaving this new convert cursed, without the Holy Spirit?

History of Simon taken from Wikipedia on the internet says that... Simon is *"the source of all heresies... particularly St. Justin who wrote about Simon about one hundred years after his life. He is also mentioned in a great number of gnostic texts and was according to them one of the leaders of the early gnostics."* (Gnosticism (briefly) is a religious combination of Judaism, Christianity, Greco-Roman pagan religions, etc., teaching that knowledge brings a person to salvation.)

**"And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell." Mt. 5:22c NLT**

God doesn't bring evil upon people... satan does... **"The thief's (satan's) purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My (Jesus God, Father God) purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."** John 10:10

So was Peter following the will of God to give Simon a rich and satisfying life or was he commanding and authorizing the release of satan's hand into Simon's life? Fortunately Jesus didn't treat Peter this way, during Peter's failings! Not every recorded event by the apostles, disciples, prophets and God's children in the Bible was done under God's will. Peter had power and authority over evil spirits (**Luke 10:20**)... he misused this power, authority and position to inject evil into Simon's life and ultimately to those that followed Simon's perverted teachings thereafter.

There's another occasion when Peter cursed people. Can you find it? If not, email me and I'll point it out to you!

When Christians speak against others in fear, anger, jealousy, misguided prayer, self-righteousness, in spiritual pride, in revenge... they release evil, not good! This is Christian witchcraft! Many ministries have been destroyed this way!

There isn't enough space here to give testimony of all the Christians that have sent curses against me! Some thinking they were doing me a favor! Fortunately God has given me the power and authority against evil sent against me and I break it... unfortunately, most Christians don't do spiritual warfare over their lives, therefore curses from others afflict them.

I've heard many stories of Christians being cursed by prophets, apostles, pastors, their wives and church members such as when someone decides to attend another church. This has happened to me and to Rhoda! Actually, it's quite common!

Sickness, financial burdens, family problems or early death, is not necessarily from sin or iniquity... it can be from curses and evil spirits sent against you... or from cursing yourself! I hear many people curse themselves!

If you have evil occurrences in your life or in the life of someone that you know and sin and iniquity isn't the answer, then speak (audibly) a rebuke and break all curses that have been sent against you (even from your own mouth) and speak (command) blessings daily over yourself and your life!

Keep this teaching in mind whenever you come across life's situations, to not act like Peter did on this occasion, but to operate under God's will, not yours or satan's, to speak **"a rich and satisfying life"** upon people, not destruction!

Pray for and teach those doing Christian witchcraft, to understand their mistake, for them to repent and hopefully make right the wrong (Simon could have used it) and especially not to repeat this practise! (Many will reject being corrected and curse you... so be prepared!)



Do spiritual warfare against Christian witchcraft done against leaders you know, your church, your ministry and for those you fellowship with! Good Hunting!