

*Can Christians live where there is a demonic presence?*

Believers have authority over demons in the name of Jesus Christ (Lk 10:17–20).

The apostle Paul wrote, "...[T]he God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly (Ro 16:20)." Until the Lord's returns, his grace is with us (Ro 16:20).

One must be sure that he has not given the devil a place in his life (Eph 4:27). Christian behavior must include (Eph 4:25, 28b–29, 32): truthfulness (4:25), honest labor (4:28b), helping those in need (4:28c), building one another up (4:29b), kindness and compassion (4:32a) and forgiveness (4:32b).<sup>1</sup>

If one has sinned, he must repent (Ac 2:37, 38). The Lord is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 Jn 1:9).

Believers are not told to run; rather, we are told to stand as we are "more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Ro 8:37).

The apostle Peter wrote, "Be serious! Be alert! Your adversary the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. Resist him and be firm in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world (1 Pe 5:8–9).

Stand in faith. Walk in the spirit and sit in the authority which the Lord has given you (2 Co 10:3–4, Eph 6:12).

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<sup>1</sup> Willmington, H. L. (1999). *The Outline Bible* (Eph 4:30–32). Tyndale House Publishers.