

What is demonic soul copying? Can one's soul be copied?

The false teachers of soul copying (2 Pe 2:1) claim that a Christian must be water baptized or he risks becoming demonically copied. The thief on the cross was assured by Jesus that he would be with him that day in paradise (Lk 23:43). He, of course, had no opportunity to get baptized.

Those promoting soul copying claim that one must be born again and then infilled with the Holy Spirit on a separate occasion.¹ The Bible teaches that the moment one puts his faith (Ro 3:26, 27) in Jesus (5:9), he is saved—born of (Eph 4:24) incorruptible seed (1 Pe 1:23). Christians grow in faith (2 Co 9:10) and become holy (1 Thess 4:7). It is Christ's righteousness (Ro 10:4) not one's own actions (e.g. baptism) which saves (Eph 2:8-9).

The apostle John assured Christians that they have the sprit of truth not error living in them. He wrote: "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them², because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world (1 Jn 4:4)."³ Christians have passed from death to life and have nothing to fear (1 Jn 3:14). Their reverence and awe for God is the beginning of wisdom (Pr 1:7).

Saints are not just saved (e.g. justification)—they are also being saved (e.g. sanctification). They are kept by the power of God (1 Pe 1:3-5). Christians have been set apart (2 Pe 2:21)—separated from the wicked (Mt 13:36–43). The apostle Paul encouraged believers to be confident. He wrote, "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ (Php 1:6)." After one comes to faith in Christ, he desires to learn more about God's word (1 Pe 2:2) .

God makes each individual unique (Ps 139:14). Though demons mimic believers (2 Co 11:14); they cannot possess one who is (1 Jn 4:4) indwelled with the Holy Spirit (Mk 3:25).

Christians are not held as prisoners by Satan in copied form; rather, they have escaped sin's enslavement (Jn 8:34) to serve Christ (Ps 2:11, Ro 12:11) because of their love for him (Ro 7:6). Jesus calls his followers friends (Jn 15:15). Believers have been enabled to walk uprightly (Ps 101:6) in loyalty (Mt 6:24) having overcome: the world, the flesh and the devil (1 Jn 2:15-17). Regenerated souls (Rom. 7:6) continue on to walk in love (Ga 5:13) and humility (Ac 20:19). They are Holy Spirit not demon possessed (1 Co 3:16, 17).

Proponents of soul copying teach that demons can read and copy one's mind like a computer. Demons cannot read minds. Omniscience is a power known only to God (Ps 139:4).

They teach reincarnation which is not scriptural. Paul wrote: absent from the body...present with the Lord (2 Co 5:8). It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment (He 9:27).

Soul copy adherents claim that the presence of demonic entities can and should be tested for in individuals. The mark of a true Christians (Jas 1:27) is demonstrated in his love for God (Mt 22:37) and for his neighbor (v. 39, 1 Jn 3:14).

¹ Today (Jn 20:22, Ac 2) regeneration is a one-time event. Every believer receives (Eph. 3:14–19) the spirit of God (Rom. 8:9–11) through faith (Eph. 3:14–19).

² False prophets or demons.

³ Demons can possess unbelievers (Matt. 8:28, 29); [e.g. Gog (Ezek. 38:2, 3 Rev. 20:8–15) or Apollyon (Rev. 9:11)] not Christians.

