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ON DEMONIC FORCES

WE BELIEVE Christians experience pressure to engage in sinful behavior from the world, their flesh, and the devil, thus not all temptation is demonic in nature. (Romans 7:21-23, Ephesians 2:2, Colossians 3:5)

WE BELIEVE through the death and resurrection of Jesus, His followers are free from the power of the evil one, and as such can no longer be possessed or controlled by demonic forces. (Romans 8:38-39, Colossians 2:13-15, Hebrews 2:14)

WE BELIEVE though the power of the evil one has been broken by the death and resurrection of Jesus the evil one still seeks to influence, attack, and destroy them. (John 17:15, 1 Peter 5:8)

WE BELIEVE followers of Jesus are empowered to resist and break the schemes and attacks of the enemy through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and prayer. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Ephesians 6:11-18, James 4:7)

WE BELIEVE demonic forces and evil spirits can indwell and control individuals who do not believe in and follow Jesus, yet these spirits are still subject to the authority of Jesus the Son of God. (Matthew 8:16, Mark 1:32, Mark 5:1-20)

WE BELIEVE the Holy Spirit enables certain followers of Jesus to sense and respond to the activities of the evil one. (1 Corinthians 12:11, 1 John 2:20-23)

WE BELIEVE followers of Jesus are empowered to cast out demons with Jesus' authority, but their primary responsibility is to build the Kingdom through making disciples. (Matthew 10:8, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 3:14-15, Luke 10:17-20)

WE BELIEVE evil spirits are cast out in the name and authority of Jesus through prayer and fasting (Acts 16:18, Mark 9:29)

WE BELIEVE the influence evil spirits exercise is temporary, and one day Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. To Him be the glory, **AMEN.**