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2. It denies the power of Christ's cross in providing a full deliverance.
3. It denies the amazing change in constitution of the believer on being united with Christ and made a new creation, which cannot be demonised.
4. It fails to see that, like sin, problems with demonic oppression do not require a new deliverance or that would need a new Calvary, but applying the existing benefits of the atonement. A Christian who denies himself, mortifies himself, applies the death of the cross, puts on the new man and is filled with the Spirit cannot be troubled by demonisation.
5. It manufactures unbiblical notions, such as: the many variations in exorcism, the many differences in deliverance teaching, or the use of sacramental objects by some to apply exorcism. A major factor is the manufacture of multiple extra-biblical names for spirits applied to any given condition. Thus we see a spirit of nicotine or a spirit of rejection for example.
6. It takes attention away from the real requirement for freedom – a clean conscience. In many cases, exorcism is used to deliver people from a bondage that is really the result of their own sin. It tones down the need for a radical repentance and confession of sin. Thus a person who has committed adultery may later seek deliverance from a spirit of guilt, when what they need to do is confess their sin and lead a life of repentance (including seeking restoration of the marriage if possible).
7. It doesn't fix the problems. People who are exorcised often find that their initial problems return. Some people are repeatedly delivered of the same evil spirits time after time.
8. There is no Biblical use of laying on of hands to effect exorcism, nor of requiring a demon's name (they lie anyway, so what's the use?).

It is important to expose the lie of the professional deliverance ministry; which is a bad as Roman Catholic delusions. There is no Biblical ministry of exorcism. Groups that make a good living from this and buy up old stately homes as remedial centres for those afflicted by demons are charlatans, pure and simple. Their ministry is a lie, their teaching is unbiblical, their practices are aberrant and the result of their ministry is often abusive and damaging. There are truly shocking stories of how damaged people have been. Many of the teachings and practices in these places have more to do with the occult than scripture. Deliverance ministry towards believers is utterly unbiblical.

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