

# Can Satan`s spirit unite with the spirit of man

This is a study based on the writings of an individual in one of the churches of god. His belief is that those who do not follow the way of the Father are automatically joined with Satan`s spirit the same way we are joined with the holy spirit. He says this process now works in the “children of disobedience” as mentioned by Paul in Ephesians 2:2. And originated with the taking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil by Adam.

Quotes from the paper

-Gen.3:6”. Are we their friends? The spirit which joined with Adam`s spirit to give him knowledge on how to live was that of Satan, the deceiver, “.....the spirit that works in the children of disobedience-Eph.2:2”. Is this what you have received also?

**Eph 2:2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

**Eph 2:3** **Among** whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

The question proposed; Did Satan`s spirit unite or join with Adam`s spirit when he took of the tree of knowledge of good and evil? If this is true, does the same process take place as in the case of our spirit uniting with the holy spirit at the point of the acceptance of the sacrifice of Christ? Our spirit and the Father`s spirit become one. Is the same thing true in the case of the children of disobedience? Satan` spirit and the individuals spirit in man become one?

This concept goes beyond" being influenced "by the spirit of Satan". It would be a uniting of his spirit with mankind making him their lord and master. They would be in essence molded into his image. Paul does say that Satan is the God or Father of this world. He is whom people worship. But does that mean molded into his image by being one with his spirit? This would be a very corrupting influence on the spirit in man or man`s spirit, indeed.

(2Co 4:4) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

John says that the things in the world are; the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. Interestingly, Eve had experienced the same three desires when she considered to eat of the fruit of the tree; The pride of life, becoming wise as god, being one of them.

Continuing the thought, this would mean that those called-out ones would have to have Satan`s spiritual essence removed from their spirit and replaced with the Holy Spirit. It sounds interesting but is it true?

The article goes on to say that Adam was ignorant of God`s ways before the temptation with Satan;

“ Everyone who does evil hates light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds be exposed( just like Adam hid himself after eating)-John.3:20.

" This happened before Adam acquired knowledge, about God, his life, about himself, and the life he was to live by. And since what he acquired, which he assumed to be knowledge was a lie, then he “...became darkened in his understanding, separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that was in him, due to the hardness of heart-Eph.4:18”. In his ignorance, man began a life of independence (which in reality is impossible until such a time as, when God will have made him a spirit being"

Now, what is interesting in this statement about “being ignorant” is not supported by the scriptures. Paul tells us that Adam was not deceived when Eve was. He was right next to her and in the presence of Satan the whole time. The same temptation was experienced by him but he did not believe Satan. He knew what Satan said to Eve was a lie. So, he had to have some knowledge of his existence given to him by his Creator before the interaction with Satan.

(1Ti 2:14) And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

Eve, Paul says, was in the transgression in the exchange with Satan not Adam.

So, what was Adam guilty of ? what was his transgression? It seemed that Adam of his own free will consumed the fruit without thinking of what it would do to him, and was not influenced as to what Satan said to Eve. Perhaps he did not care of the consequences of his actions. His transgression was that of disobedience to a direct command from Christ to not eat of it and listening to his wife instead. If he ate of it he would surely die. That directive he was aware of.

Because Paul says that Adam was not deceived of the dialog Satan had with Eve, Adam did not believe that he would become like God or in place of God. He knew better but then proceeded to defile his conscience by disobeying the command.

Gen 3:17 And unto Adam he said, because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;

So, what is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? Was it an evil tree containing the motives for practicing evil? Some say it represents our world; having a mixture of good and evil and that by Adam eating of it transferred this mixture to the world and the three characteristics that John the apostle mentions; the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. The article says that when Adam ate of the fruit there was an instant uniting of Satan`s spirit with his spirit in man. But is this true?

(Gen 3:7) And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. After consuming the fruit Adam`s and Eve`s understanding of what was good and what was evil was revealed to them. But is this revelation evil? Look what the verse says in Gen3:22

Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:

It shows that man now had the same knowledge the Elohim had; that was the knowledge of good and evil. Not the practice of good and evil. Is having the knowledge of what is good and evil wrong. Elohim had that knowledge so how could that be evil or wrong? Adam now had the same knowledge as well, like the Creator. The ten commandments tell us what is good and evil. Is that wrong or evil? No, it tells us what sin is.

It seems that the law of sin and death that was imputed to us from Adam came from the disobedience of Adam himself not from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The cursed pronouncement of death was a direct result of disobeying the command of the Creator not just eating from the tree.

(Rom 5:19) For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

(Rom 5:12) Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

As far as Satan`s spirit uniting with the spirit in man and becoming one. I think that the scriptures point out that only the holy spirit unites with our spirit to become

one. There is a spirit that works in the children of disobedience, but that spirit influences not unites with the spirit of man automatically. The key word ‘worketh’ in describing the spirit in the children of disobedience is defined as an “operative force” in Ephesians 2:4. The idea that Satan’s spirit merges with the spirit in man is an interesting concept. A clear scripture is needed to establish that idea as being correct. In contrast, we have a clear scripture that shows that **merging** of the Holy spirit from the Father with our spirit after we accept Christ as our savior.

(Rom 8:16) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

### **G1754 “worketh” from Ephesians 2:4**

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energeō

#### **Thayer Definition:**

- 1) to be operative, be at work, put forth power
- 1a) to work for one, aid one
- 2) to effect
- 3) to display one’s activity, show one’s self operative

To conclude, the point is well taken that there are those individuals who seem to be particularly carnal in their behavior and have invited the Satanic spirit into their lives. Has that spirit merged with their spirit and corrupted it to the place where they cannot be saved? In discussing the end time scenario, we see in the book of Revelation those who “worship” the beast. [who is Satan] They are thrown into a lake of fire as punishment for their allegiance to the Beast. There is no second chance. They are those that received “not the love of the truth” and are by the Father given over to being deluded to believing a lie. [ I feel that the lie is that Satan is God.] And are damned or judged with the loss of eternal life.

**2Th 2:10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

2Th 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

2Th 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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