

many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was."

Incidentally, the classic passage on demon possession is Mark 5:1-20, but unfortunately we do not have time to examine it.

The idea of Satan, who is a spirit, influencing and energizing and controlling human beings to do his will, and of demons, who are spirits, influencing and possessing and controlling human beings, suggests a contrast between these activities of Satan and the filling of the Holy Spirit. Let us make a brief comparison of their works:

<u>Work of the Holy Spirit</u>	<u>Work of Satan</u>
<u>Spiritually:</u>	<u>Spiritually:</u>
He convinces of truth	He confuses, causes doubt, takes away truth
He convicts of sin	He hardens in sin
He calls to Christ	He creates resistance to the gospel call
He regenerates, makes spiritually alive	He reforms, makes superficially upright
He influences toward, leads into good	He influences toward, leads into evil
He empowers, energizes for good	He empowers, energizes for evil
He effectually influences, controls, possesses for good	He overpowers, controls, possesses for evil
<u>Physically:</u>	<u>Physically:</u>
He heals	He oppresses
He makes alive	He kills

These two ideas: that of being under the influence of the Holy Spirit instead of under the influence of alcohol, and that of being possessed by the Spirit instead of being possessed by Satan or demons, suggest a working definition of the Holy Spirit's ministry of filling:

The Holy Spirit's ministry of filling refers to His temporary control or possession of the faculties and powers of a person's being, in order to enable that person to accomplish some specific task or service for God.

(Under "faculties of a person's being" we would include the intellect, the emotions, the will, the conscience, and the senses. Under "powers of a person's being" we would include believing, thinking,