

THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, Part 13

John 6:63; 15:26; 16:8

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life...But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me ...And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

3) NEW TESTAMENT ACTIVITIES (cont.)

(E) CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

4. THE SAINTS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

(7) The Sufferings of the Spirit.

1. He is Blasphemed (Mt.12:31).

Matt. 12:31: "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men."

-This blasphemy is known as the *unpardonable sin*, and consists in willful and deliberate association of the work of the Holy Spirit with the work of the devil.

2. He is Spurned (Heb.3:7-15; 4:7).

Heb.3:7-12: Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, 9 where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years. 10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.' 11 So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'" 12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be *hardened* through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, 15 while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not *harden* your hearts as in the rebellion."

3. He is Insulted (Heb.10:29; Acts 8:18-21).

Heb.10:29: "Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and *insulted* the Spirit of grace?"

4. He can be Resisted (Acts 7:51).

Acts 7:51: "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always *resist* the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you."

5. He can be Lied Against (Acts 5:3-6).

Acts 5:3-6: "But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to

God.” 5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. 6 And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him.”

6. *He can be Tempted* (Acts 5:9).

Acts 5:9: “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and they will carry you out.”

7. *He is Ignored* (Acts 19:2).

Acts 19:2: ““Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

8. *He is Grieved* (Eph.4:30).

Eph.4:30: “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

9. *He is Quenched* (1 Thess.5:19).

1 Thess.5:19: “Do not quench the Spirit.”

APPLICATIONS

1. Have any of your recent actions, words, and thoughts caused the Holy Spirit to be spurned, insulted, resisted, lied to, tempted, ignored, grieved, and quenched? If so, is godly sorrow over these sins leading you to repentance?
2. Knowing how deeply the Holy Spirit can be hurt when we sin or resist His gracious work in us, will you ask God to help you become more sensitive to resisting Him in our lives?