

The Holy Spirit—How We Sin Against Him

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I. Introduction.

- A. God gave us the Holy Spirit to help us.
- B. We can short-circuit the power of the Spirit by sinning against Him.
- C. Text: I Thessalonians 5.

II. The quenching of the Spirit. (Acts 2:3, Ephesians 6)

- A. To quench the Spirit is to dampen the excitement for God that He gives us.
- B. It means to say no to what God says to do.
- C. Every believer must keep the fire going.
- D. Sin makes the fire go out.

III. The grieving of the Spirit. (Ephesians 4:30)

- A. This means bringing the Spirit who loves us grief or sorrow.
- B. God has intimates, but He does not have favorites.
- C. The Spirit of God will not move through a sin-filled life.

IV. The blasphemy of the Spirit. (Matthew 12)

- A. This is a defiant irreverence toward the Spirit with regard to the work of Jesus.
- B. This act cannot be repeated because Jesus is not with us today. (I John 2:2)
- C. Anyone who wants to be forgiven today can be forgiven.

Application questions:

1. Explain the ways we can sin against the Holy Spirit today?

2. Why does the speaker argue that we cannot blaspheme the Holy Spirit anymore?

3. What do you think one can do to be more conscious of the Holy Spirit in his or her life?
Explain.
