

Prophecy: The Holy Spirit

I will pour out My Spirit on all people
(Joel 2:28, 29)

He will baptize with the Holy Spirit
(Matt 3:11)

Streams of living water will flow
(John 7:37-39)

He will guide you – glorify Me
(John 16:13,14)

He will empower you
(Acts 1:8)

The Holy Spirit's Personal Message

I Love You

I'm Your Infinite Provision

You Can't Imagine the Good I Want to do
for You

Please Allow Me to do My Work in and
through You

The Work and Desire of the Holy Spirit

He Implements God's Kingdom
His Personal Work in Believers
Apply the Cross to Cleanse
Produce Hope
Produce His Fruit
Strengthen with Power
Enable with Gifts

Introduction

- A. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify the Lord Jesus in many ways. In this lesson the emphasis is on His ministry to us in spiritual growth and through us in service.
- B. The names and promises that relate to the Holy Spirit, indicates something of His desire and ability to lead us into a meaningful life of love, joy, peace, power and fruitfulness.

We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. 1 Cor 2:12

I. The Sins Against the Holy Spirit—in General.

- A. Because He is the "Counselor" (the believer's Helper)—all proud and self-centered lack of trust and dependence upon Him are serious sins.
- B. Because He is the "Spirit of Truth" (the believer's Teacher)—all lack of concern for truth and failure to practice the truth are serious sins.
- C. Because He is the "Holy Spirit" (the believer's Sanctifier)—all careless and unholy thoughts, words and actions are serious sins.

II. The Sins Against the Holy Spirit—Specifically.

- A. There is a sin called "resisting the Holy Spirit."

You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! Acts 7:51

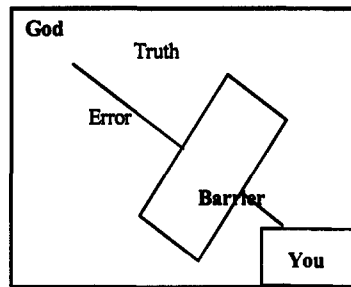
- 1. This sin is the rejection of the truths the Holy Spirit seeks to teach us. It may be the rejection of divine revelation as such, or the rejection of a specific truth. It is the choice of error. This is a popular sin—because of pride and self-centeredness.

The Anointing of the Holy Spirit

The Ministry of a Person
 A Ministry for Our Spirit
 A Ministry of Great Value
 A Ministry to Accomplish
an Eternal Plan

Warning: We Can Sin Against the Holy Spirit

All Proud, Self-Centered Lack of Trust
 Resisting His Ministry
 Lying to/Testing His Person
 Grieving Him as a Person
 Quenching His Work – Despising Him and His Work
 The Holy Spirit is a Person – Our Helper, Teacher and
 Sanctifier and He Seeks Our Very Best

**Biblical Warnings Regarding Our Response to God**

Pride – Leads to Failure to Respond
 Fear – Leads to Failure to Act
 Laziness – Leads to Failure to Search
 Wrong Values – Leads to Failure to Obey
 Unconfessed Sin – Leads to Failure to Grow

Essentials for Protection and Progress

Heart Worship
 Surrender of Functions and Day
 Bible Reading and Study
 Honest Prayer and Confession
 Fellowship and Healing Prayer
 A Humble and Teachable Attitude

2. It is important to recognize that there is truth and there is the Holy Spirit of Truth. We must give Him and His message high priority in our life.

B. There is a sin called "Iying to" and "testing the Holy Spirit."

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Acts 5:3

Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also. " Acts 5:9

1. To lie to the Holy Spirit is to profess that the truth has been accepted and is being practiced when it is not. It is the practice of pretense and hypocrisy.
2. To test the Holy Spirit is to relate to Him in such a way that is contradictory to His character and office.. It is a spiritual "gamble" that He will allow it to pass unnoticed.

C. There is a sin called "grieving the Holy Spirit."

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

1. We grieve (a love word) the Holy Spirit when we fail to cooperate with Him in His attempts to lead us into a deeper life of spiritual fruitfulness with the Lord Jesus.
2. We sin in this way when we choose to live out of harmony with the Fruit of the Spirit. and choose self-centeredness instead of love;
 negativism instead of joy;
 anxiety instead of peace;

fretfulness instead of **patience**;
harshness instead of **kindness**; (See Gal 5:22,23)
meanness instead of **goodness**;
unfaithfulness instead of **faithfulness**;
being ill-tempered instead of **gentleness**;
and being possessed instead of **self-control**.

D. There is a sin called "putting out the Spirit's fire."

Do not put out the Spirit's fire. 1 Thess 5 :19

1. The description of this sin may allude to the Old Testament custom of having a fire constantly burning on the brazen altar. It is to "dampen" the work of the Holy Spirit.
2. We put out the Spirit's fire when we oppose, in attitude or activity, His endeavor to bless, teach, and use us or some other believer or believers.
3. This sin is the attitude or activity that regards the priority of truth, love and holiness as unimportant. As a result such a person is usually lethargic and unconcerned about seeking God, prayer, and the study and implementing of the Bible in daily life.

Conclusion

A. Would it be correct to say that the opposite to sinning against the Holy Spirit would characterize what the Bible means by "keeping in step with the Spirit"?

Gal 5 :25

25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.
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B. When the believer has so great a Helper, Teacher, and Sanctifier—it is a serious sin not to cooperate with Him. He is God!

