

Quenching the Spirit

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:19

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I. WHY IS THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK SO SIGNIFICANT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER?

- A. He initiates the process that guides a lost person to salvation
- B. He indwells; he begins a lifelong work in the Christian's life (*Phil. 1:6*)
- C. He empowers and grants supernatural strength
- D. He offers comfort, teaches, and provides guidance for daily life
- E. He is always at work in the life of every believer
- F. However, a believer can hinder the work of the Spirit in his life

II. HOW CAN A BELIEVER HINDER THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT? (v. 19)

- A. The Greek term for quench literally means to extinguish a fire
- B. To quench the Spirit means to suppress or resist the Spirit's motivation and activity in one's life (*Acts 7:51 | 2 Tim. 1:6*)
- C. One quenches the Spirit when one ignores and refuses to act when the Spirit prompts a specific action, such as:
 - 1) Offering a prayer
 - 2) Giving a testimony
 - 3) Coming to the altar to pray
 - 4) Witnessing to someone
 - 5) Breaking a sinful habit
 - 6) Repenting
 - 7) Singing in the choir
 - 8) Teaching when the Spirit is leading
 - 9) Rejecting or treating with contempt the inspired preaching or teaching of God's Word

III. HOW IS QUENCHING THE SPIRIT DETRIMENTAL?

- A. One becomes disobedient to God's word; disobedience leads to God administering discipline
- B. A person loses their spiritual sensitivity when they repeatedly ignore the Spirit's promptings, causing their "spiritual ears" to become dull
- C. By ignoring or suppressing the Spirit's promptings, one may prevent someone else from receiving a blessing because our choices impact those around us. Often, the church doesn't experience revival because people quench the Spirit.
- D. Quenching the Spirit can lead to losing one's peace, joy, and assurance