# Series on the First Thessalonians | Part 14

# Do Not Quench the Spirit

1 Thessalonians 5:19

**Jn 14:16** "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever."

**Jn 16:7** "I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you."

## I. Who Is the Holy Spirit?

## A. The Holy Spirit is God

Acts 5:3 "Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit?"

Acts 5:4 "You have not lied to man but to God."

Mark 3:29 "Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin."

#### The Holy Spirit qualities:

#### 1. Eternality

**Heb. 9:14** "How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself"

#### 2. Holiness

**Rom. 1:4** "and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness"

## 3. Omnipotence

**Gen. 1:1–2** "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. . . And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."

#### 4. Omnipresence

**Ps. 139:7** "Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

#### 5. Omniscience

**1 Cor. 2:10–11** "For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. . . So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God."

## B. The Holy Spirit is a Person

- Cognition / Intellect
- Volition / Will
- Affection / Emotion

# II. What Is the Holy Spirit Doing?

#### Regenerates sinners

**Titus 3:5-6** "he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior."

Frees us from slavery to sin and places us into the body of Christ

**Rom. 8:9** "You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you." **1 Cor 12:13** "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body."

Takes up permanent residence within each new believer

**John 14:17** "The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."

#### Pours the love of God into our hearts

Rom. 5:5 "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

## Gifts us for spiritual service

**1 Cor. 12:7** "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

#### Illuminates the Scripture

**1 Cor 2:10** "These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God."

## Continues progressive sanctifying work in us

**2 Cor 3:18** "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

# III. What Does Quenching of the Holy Spirit Mean?

Rom 8:9 "Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him."

#### A. By living in a habitual sin

**Eph 4:25-30** "Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

**1 Thess 4:7-8** "For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. 8 Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you."

#### B. By neglecting the Word of God

1 Pet. 2:2 "Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation."

**1 Cor 2:12** "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God."

#### C. By neglecting the prayer

**Gal. 4:6-7** "And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."

**Rom 8:26-27** "For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

### D. By neglecting the gifts of the Holy Spirit

**1 Cor. 12:7** "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

# IV. What are the consequences of quenching the Spirit?

#### A. We slow down or stop in our sanctification

**2 Cor 3:18** "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

#### B. We will not have the fruit of the Spirit

**Gal. 5:22-23** "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

**Gal. 5:25** "If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."

**Gal. 3:3** "Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?" Are you trying to live your Christian life by the flesh?