



PARAKLETOS

A STUDY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



CROSSROADS CHURCH
STATEN ISLAND

Week 4:
Grieving of the Holy Spirit

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Objective: *To provide a thorough description of the Holy Spirit.*

Goals:

Increase awareness of the Holy Spirit

Increase availability to the Holy Spirit

Increase application of the Holy Spirit

Lesson and Schedule Considerations:

Week 1: *Identity of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando*

Week 2: *Baptism of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando*

Week 3: *Acts of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando*

Week 4: Grieving The Holy Spirit.....Dan Cogna

Week 5: *Quenching The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando*

Week 6: *Indwelling of The Holy Spirit....Dan Cogna*

Week 7: *Fruits of The Holy Spirit.....John Palombo*

Week 8: *Gifts of The Holy Spirit.....John Palombo*

Week 9: *Filing of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando*



Small Groups



Get Connected.....15 Minutes

Opening Discussion Questions:

1. *Why do you think the Holy Spirit is often erroneously referred to as it?*



2. *What are some ways we grieve the Holy Spirit?*

Memory Verses | Week 4:

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” — Ephesians 4:30



Host Tip: *Stream the lesson after the memory verse is read.*

Start Lesson.....20 Minutes

Week 4: Grieving of The Holy Spirit

— With Dan Cagnetta



“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” — Ephesians 4:30

Key Thoughts:

- The word Grieve means to cause to feel sorrow, pain, unhappiness, or distress.
- The Holy Spirit is God and He must never be referred to as (it). He is capable of being distressed, grieved and made bitter.

Examples of God’s Spirit being grieved by His people:

God’s Spirit can become distressed and grieved: *“In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the angel of His presence saved them; In His love and in His mercy He redeemed them, And He lifted them and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled And grieved His Holy Spirit; Therefore He turned Himself to become their enemy, He fought against them.” — Isaiah 63:9-10*

God’s Spirit can become bitter: *“for they rebelled against the Spirit of God, and rash words came from Moses’ lips.” — Psalm 106:33*

Paul gives extensive teaching in *Ephesians 4:1-5:21* on how we ought to (WALK). The New Testament refers to your “walk” as “daily conduct.”

1. Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to _____ in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility, gentleness, patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the _____ in the bond of peace.

What Paul has in mind here is UNITY! This pleases The Holy Spirit because we are fulfilling His heart's desire to build up the body of Christ by using the gifts He's given each of us to serve one another in love.

2. What are some ways we grieve the Holy Spirit? Let's read Ephesians 4:17-19. In your group list the type of behavior that grieves the Spirit of God.

3. What can we do to please the Holy Spirit? As we read in Ephesians 4:20-32 have your group make a list based on what we read in the following verses. Here Paul instructs us clearly on what to lay aside and to _____ on the new self.

4. Let all bitterness, anger, wrath, clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Finally Paul instructs us to be kind, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:31-32. There are two choices in the way we respond to God and to people. Paul lays it all out and its up to us to respond the way the Holy Spirit wants us to respond so that we can be and become the people God wants us to be for our good and His glory.

Closing Discussion & Prayer.....20 Minutes



Host Tip: Take time to field prayer requests. You can designate someone to pray prior to the gathering or coordinate group prayer.

Closing Discussion Questions:

1. What can we do to please The Holy Spirit?

2. What does it mean to be sealed by The Holy Spirit.