

"What Does It Mean To Grieve / Quench The Holy Spirit?"



The little narrow heart of man the Holy Spirit has made His palace. Though it is but a cottage, a very hovel, and all unholy and unclean yet the Holy Spirit lowered Himself to make the heart of His people His continual abode. (True Humility)

The Spirit of Christ

The Holy Spirit is a fire dwelling in each believer. He wants to express Himself in our actions and attitudes. When believers do not allow the Spirit to be seen in our actions, when we do what we know is wrong, we suppress or quench the Spirit; "Do not quench the Spirit"(1 Thess. 5:19). Quench is what we don't do. We don't rejoice, or be thankful or just talk with God and we do not allow the Spirit to reveal Himself the way that He wants to.



He Will Baptize You With The Holy Spirit And Fire. Matthew 3:11

How Can I Know If I Grieved The Holy Spirit?

To understand what it means to grieve the Spirit, we must first understand that this indicates the Spirit possesses personality. Only a person can be grieved; therefore, the Spirit must be a divine person in order to have this emotion. Once we understand this, we can better understand how He is grieved, mainly because we too are grieved. Ephesians 4:30 tells us that we should not grieve the Spirit. "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption." Grief is a sweet combination of anger and of love. It is anger, but all the gall is taken from it. Love sweetens the anger, and turns the edge of it, not against the person, but against the offense. We grieve the Spirit by lying, by being angry, by stealing, by cursing by being bitter, by being unforgiving, and by being sexually immoral. To grieve the Spirit is to act out in a sinful manner, whether it is in thought only or in both thought and deed. A person who has grieved or quenched the Holy Spirit could find some or all of the following signs: They don't feel close to God, with little assurance of their salvation; the Word would be boring and dead; struggle to have peace and comfort in the harder times; their life would not display the "Fruit Of The Spirit" and discernment between right and wrong teaching would be limited. If this were the case then it would be necessary for that person to recognize his sin and repent. (Humble Your Self) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) "Grieving the Holy Spirit is NOT a sign that the believer has lost his salvation but it does influence our daily relationship with God." Grieving the Spirit halts our growth in producing the "Fruit Of The Spirit."

Humility Is A Heart Attitude



The Bible describes humility as meekness, lowliness and absence of self. The Greek word translated "Humility" in Colossians 3:12 - "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." Elsewhere humility literally means

"Lowliness Of Mind," so we see that humility is a heart attitude, not merely an outward demeanor. One may put on an outward show of humility but still have a heart full of pride and arrogance. Jesus said that those who are "Poor In Spirit" would have the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." (Matthew 5:3) Being poor in spirit means that only those who admit to an absolute bankruptcy of spiritual worth will inherit eternal life. Therefore, humility is a prerequisite for the Christian.

He Exchanges Our Sin For His Righteous



When we come to Christ as sinners, we must come in humility. We acknowledge that we are paupers and beggars who come with nothing to offer Him but our sin and our need for salvation. We recognize our lack of merit and our complete inability to save ourselves. Then when He offers the grace and mercy of God, we

accept it in humble gratitude and commit our lives to Him and to others. We "Die To Self" so that we can live as new creations in Christ; "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). (Isaiah 61:10) "I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." We never forget that He has exchanged our worthlessness for His infinite worth, our sin for His righteousness, "And it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ Who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:20).

When one has a relationship with God, humility precedes honor, riches, and eternal life itself. Humility is a prerequisite to receiving the blessings only God can give, the kind that will prepare and equip us for His service now and in the Kingdom to come. If we are not humbled, we will not submit. No submission means no obedience; no obedience, no preparation; no preparation, no honor, exaltation, or glory. One would have lived life in vain.

God And Humility — The Meaning Of Humility In The Bible

1. Many people have the wrong idea about God, the Bible and humility, or being humble. They think being humble means groveling in front of others or thinking we're no good and others are better. That's not what the Bible says. God says when you are humble, you are free from pride and arrogance. You know that in your flesh you are inadequate, yet you also know who you are in Christ. **"And to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him Who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine."** (Ephesians 3:19-20)
2. You don't need to defend yourself when you understand what the Bible says about humility, for you know who you are in Christ. You can be a peacemaker without needing to fight for your rights. **"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."** You can walk humbly in the power of the Holy Spirit, not in your own strength.
3. Godly humility is being comfortable with who you are in the Lord and therefore putting others first. The picture of humility in the Bible is one of a strong person who loves others, not someone who is a wimp. **"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves."** (Philippians 2:3)
4. Humility also is recognizing that you need God's help, knowing you can't truly succeed in your own strength. (Galatians 6:3) **"For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself."** It is thanking God for your talents and gifts, and giving Him credit for your accomplishments. **"I Am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."** (John 15:4-5) Living in complete dependence on Christ requires great humility on our part. We must daily humble ourselves before Him and acknowledge that apart from Him we can do nothing. He has all temporal and spiritual treasures, and can supply everything and anything from His abundant fullness. **This is real discipleship — complete dependence on Christ in everything. Our lives should be Christ-sufficient and not self-sufficient. This is the only way to bear fruit as his true disciple.**
5. It is being comfortable with who you are in Christ and seeking to build others up, not yourself. It is gratefully walking in God's grace, love, and forgiveness. **"So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing."** (1 Thessalonians 5:11).
6. In the Bible, Jesus gives us a good example of humility in action. Although He was the Son of God, He was gentle and humble--and He was strong. **"I Am gentle and humble in heart."** (Matthew 11:29)

Understanding Your Identity In Christ

Your Are Not Just And Ordinary Person;
 You Are A Child Of The Living God.
 You Are An Heir Of God
 And A Joint-heir With Jesus Christ.
 You Are Not Just A Sinner;
 You Are A New Creation In Jesus.
 You Are Part Of A Chosen Generation,
 A Royal Priesthood, A Holy Nation.
 You Are One Of God's Chosen People.

In Christ, we are made an entirely new creation, just as God created the heavens and the earth originally—He made them out of nothing, and so He does with us. He does not merely clean up our old selves; He makes an entirely new self.

When we are in Christ, we are **"Partakers Of The Divine Nature"** (2 Peter 1:4). God Himself, in the Person of His Holy Spirit, takes up residence in our hearts. We are in Christ and He is in us. **In Christ, we are regenerated, renewed, and born again, and this "New Creation" is spiritually minded, whereas the old nature is carnally minded.** The new nature fellowships with God, obeys His will, and is devoted to His service. These are actions the old nature is incapable of doing or even desiring to do. The old nature is dead to the things of the spirit and cannot revive itself. It is **"Dead In Trespasses And Sins"** (Ephesians 2:1) and can only be made alive by a supernatural awakening, which happens when we come to Christ and are indwelt by Him. Christ gives us a completely new and Holy nature and an incorruptible life. Our old life, previously dead to God because of sin, is buried, and we are raised **"To Walk In Newness Of Life"** with Him (Romans 6:4). The believer now possesses a new heart (Ezekiel 11:19) **"I will give them one heart, and put a new Spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh..."**

Battling With The Old Nature And Having A Choice To Make

We might wonder why we so often do not live in the manner described, even though we have given our lives to Christ and are sure of our salvation. This is because our new natures are residing in our old fleshly bodies, **and these two are at war with one another.** **"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate."** Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. **For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do."** (Romans 7:15-29) The old nature is dead, but the new nature still has to battle the old **"Tent"** in which it dwells. Evil and sin are still present, but the believer now sees them in a new perspective and they no longer control him as they once did. In Christ, we can now choose to resist sin, whereas the old nature could not. **Now we have the choice to either feed the new nature through the Word, prayer, and obedience, or to feed the flesh by neglecting those things.**