

Sins against the Holy Spirit:

Unbelief, Blaspheming, Quenching, and Grieving

- **Unbelief:** Is the only unforgivable sin. John 3:36 “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”
- **Blasphemy:** Is defiant irreverence against the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 12:31-32) “Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men; but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.” The larger context informs why the Bible takes this position.
 - a. What did the Pharisees say about Jesus? (Matt. 12:24)
 - b. What accusation was leveled against Jesus?
 - c. What power did Jesus use to cast out the demons? (Matt. 12:28)
 - d. Can blasphemy be forgiven? (Matt. 12:31)
- **Quenching and Grieving:** These two sins against the Holy Spirit are related, and generally addressed together. (1st Thessalonians 5:19) “Quench not the Spirit.”

Quench means to stifle or suppress. When the believer does not allow the Holy Spirit to have free reign in our lives we quench, suppress, and extinguish the work of God in us. Although stated negatively, not quenching the Holy Spirit is the believer’s great responsibility. Let us not be guilty of neglecting the gift in us, for when we quench the Holy Spirit we are not allowing the fruit of the Spirit to be realized in our daily walk.

Grieving means to cause to feel sorrow, pain, unhappiness, or distress. The Holy Spirit is the third (3rd) person in the Trinity, and the Holy Spirit has a personality and the ability to emotions like: Joy (Luke 10:21), Outrage (Heb. 10:29), Sorrow (Eph. 4:30), and Quenching (1st Thess. 5:19). Ultimately grieving the Holy Spirit means to have an inappropriate response to the redemption that was purchased by the blood of Jesus. When we live the way we use to before we accepted Christ as our personal Savior.

 - Ephesians 4:17-32 gives an accounting of how we grieve the Spirit.
 - Eph. 4:17-19: failing to walk as a believer.
 - Eph. 4:25: Not speaking truthfully.
 - Eph. 4:26-27: Allowing anger to control us.
 - Eph. 4:28: Stealing from one another.
 - Eph. 4:29: Using abusive words.

- Eph. 4:31: Refusing to rid ourselves of bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, slander, and evil behavior.
- Eph. 4:31: Failing to be kind, tender-hearted, forgiving to one another.