

The Sin Against the Spirit

Scripture: Ephesians 4:30

Introduction

Our relationship with the Holy Spirit is a delicate one. For this reason, we are cautioned in several places in the scripture to be careful not do anything to injure that relationship.

I. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God ...

2 Chronicles 36:16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

Isaiah 63:10 But they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

- A. Sadden
 - 1. First offenses
 - 2. Inadvertent sins
 - 3. Products of Adam's nature
- B. Offend--a silent hurt
 - 1. Repeat sins
 - 2. Sins of pleasure
 - 3. Products of presumption--Saul offering sacrifices
- C. Vex--to agitate or anger
 - 1. Sins of self will
 - 2. Product of rebellion--Saul's inadequate obedience concerning the Amalekites

II. Whereby ye are sealed ...

2 Corinthians 1:22 Who also hath sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

- A. Secured
 - 1. The agent of conviction
 - 2. The agent of drawing us to God
- B. Marked
 - 1. Identified as a child of God
 - 2. A certified new birth
- C. Branded as God's own

- 1. Given the family characteristics
- 2. Made to act like God's children
- 3. Development of the Fruit of the Spirit

III. Unto the day of redemption

Romans 8:23b ...waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of the body.

1 Peter 5:8-9a Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith....

- A. Our redemption is not fully completed
 - 1. Our body is not redeemed
 - 2. Not complete until we stand before God
- B. We must resist sinning against the Spirit