

Experiencing the Power of the Holy Spirit Part 2

Many Christians act like these truths about the Holy Spirit are negotiable or electives that are not actually necessary to receive God's blessing.

In Scripture, God makes sure that we know that His plan for redemption and His work in our lives is serious business.

There are at least four teachings in the Bible about sinning against the Holy Spirit.

1) The blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 12:22-28, 31

- This is a sin which can only be committed by an unbeliever and is, in fact, the repetitive choices and actions of unbelief.

2) The grieving and quenching of the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:19; Ephesians 4:30

- Grieving takes place when you have lost something. The Holy Spirit has lost your love and obedience
- Quenching the Holy Spirit comes with continual grieving.

3) Sinning against Christ.

1 Corinthians 8:12; 9:12

- The idea that you can be "good with God" while you sin against your brother is a myth. Sinning against your brother is sinning against the Holy Spirit.

4) The sin unto death.

1 John 5:16-17

- When the believer has moved past grieving and quenching and continues to be unrepentant, the Scripture indicates that there are times when God ends their earthly lives.