

The Work of the Holy Spirit
Ephesians 4:30

[Eph 4:25-32 ESV] 25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. **30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.** 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

I. Intro

- A. Last week I preached the overview of this paragraph
- B. Many reached out about things they were struggling with, or how challenged they were with the message.
- C. I know that many struggled with forgiveness, anger, and abusive talk.
- D. Others struggled with other areas of application
- E. But the reason this is so important is found in verse 30: do not grieve the Holy Spirit!

II. Text

- A. And do not: clearly stated
- B. Grieve: bring sorrow, offend
- C. The Holy Spirit of God:
- D. By whom you are sealed:
 - 1. Sealed: like a king seals a letter
 - 2. Marked with a seal
- E. For the day of redemption
 - 1. There is a day coming that is will amaze us all!
 - 2. Every knee will bow, every tongue will confess Christ as Lord.

III. Points

- A. The work of the Holy Spirit:
 - 1. The Holy Spirit:
 - a) Is our Helper
 - (1) [Jhn 14:26 ESV] 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
 - (2) [Rom 8:26-27 ESV] 26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
 - (3) ALLOW HIM TO HELP
 - b) Convicts us of sin
 - (1) [Jhn 16:7-8 ESV] 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:
 - (2) HEED THE CONVICTION BROUGHT BY THE SPIRIT
 - c) Fills us with His presence
 - (1) [1Co 3:16 ESV] 16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

- (2) ALLOW HIS PRESENCE TO SHINE!
 - d) brings power to the believer
 - (1) [Act 1:8 ESV] 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
 - (2) This is the power of GOD...given to the believer.
 - e) gives gifts to believers
 - (1) 1 Corinthians 12:7-11
 - (2) [1Co 12:7-11 ESV] 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.
 - f) helps in our weakness
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 - (2) When we are at our weakest, God is just as powerful as He always was and will be.
 - g) renews us
 - (1) [Rom 8:10-11 ESV] 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.
 - (2) Same Spirit at work in you today
 - h) produces evidence of God’s work through us
 - (1) Galatians 5:16-25
 - (2) [Gal 5:16-25 ESV] 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.
2. The Holy Spirit is the first person of the Trinity specifically mentioned in scripture
- a) [Gen 1:1-2 ESV] 1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
 - b) ruah Elohim: Hebrew for Spirit of God

- c) It would seem the Spirit “hovering over the waters of the deep” is teaching us about His presence
 - d) The Spirit’s work is in His presence
 - 3. Allow HIS PRESENCE to do HIS WORK in you!
- B. The Grieving of the Holy Spirit:
 - 1. The grieving of the Spirit is a danger we should all be aware of
 - 2. We grieve the Holy Spirit when
 - a) we refuse to allow Him to work in us.
 - b) we refuse to put away falsehoods
 - c) we sin in our anger, refusing to develop self control
 - d) we give opportunity to the devil
 - e) we refuse to handle our work life properly, and for the right reasons.
 - f) we allow our speech to be abusive or corrupt
 - 3. We grieve the Holy Spirit when we refuse to allow the Spirit to work in us and through us:
 - a) By walking in unrepentant sin
 - b) By refusing to yield our will
 - c) By expecting God to agree with us, rather than change our mind to match His.
 - d) By willful ignorance
 - 4. Do not miss the blessing of God at work in your life because you were convinced you already had it together.
- IV. Close
 - A. Let the Spirit work in you, and you will not grieve the Spirit
 - B. Let the work he is doing in you, pour out to those you encounter in this life.