



**THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

The Grieving of
the Holy Spirit



**QUENCHING
THE SPIRIT**


The Holy Spirit's Work Stifled by the Believer

First Thessalonians
5:16-23



I Thessalonians 5:16-23

- 16. Rejoice always!
- 17. Pray constantly.
- 18. Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- 19. Don't stifle the Spirit.
- 20. Don't despise prophecies,
- 21. but test all things. Hold on to what is good.



22. Stay away from every form of evil.

23. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely. And may your spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.




To be Filled with the Spirit Baptized, Gifts, Indwelling

Is to be consumed by the Holy Spirit and under His control




In the Bible, God is Compared to Fire

- Exodus 24:17 "The appearance of the Lord's glory to the Israelites was like a consuming fire on the mountaintop."
- Revelation 4:5 "In front of the throne seven blazing torches burned, which are the seven spirits of God [the seven-fold Holy Spirit]." (Amplified)



In the Bible, God is Compared to Fire

- Deuteronomy 4:24 "The Lord your God is a **consuming fire**, a jealous God"



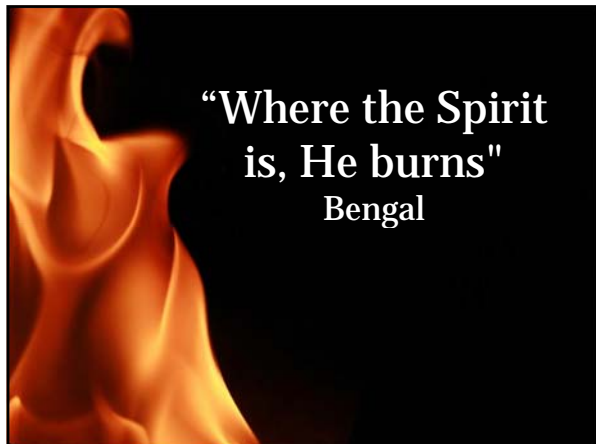
God is at Work to Keep the Fire Burning Within Us

His Spirit
His Word
His Son

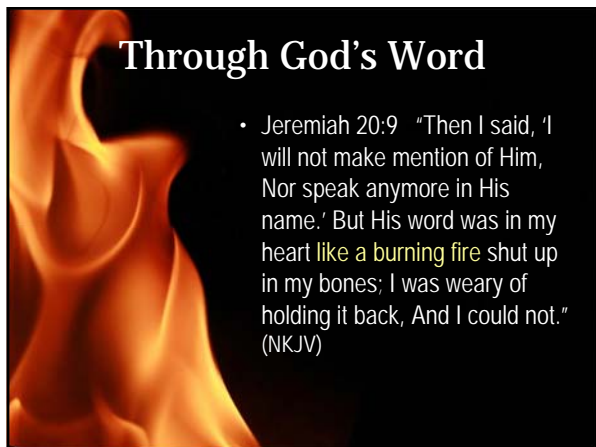


By the Holy Spirit

- Matthew 3:11 "He Himself will baptize you with the **Holy Spirit and fire.**"

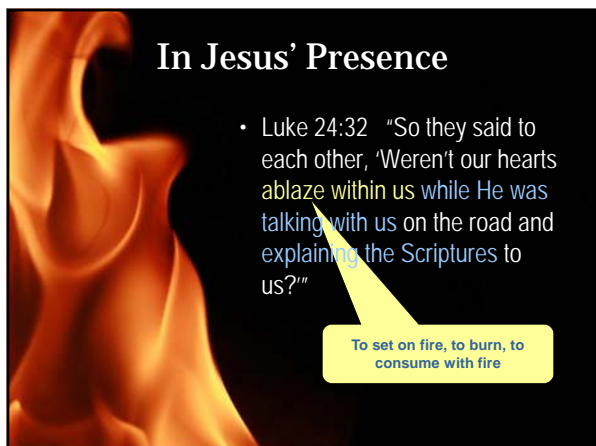


**“Where the Spirit
is, He burns”**
Bengel



Through God’s Word

- Jeremiah 20:9 “Then I said, ‘I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name.’ But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not.” (NKJV)



In Jesus’ Presence


- Luke 24:32 “So they said to each other, ‘Weren’t our hearts ablaze within us while He was talking with us on the road and explaining the Scriptures to us?’”

To set on fire, to burn, to consume with fire



We are Responsible to Keep the Fire Burning

- Romans 12:11 "Do not lack diligence; be fervent in spirit; serve the Lord."
- Fervent = to boil with heat, be hot
- Amplified: "Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord."



You're Responsible with Your Gift

- 2nd Timothy 1:6 "Therefore, I remind you to keep ablaze the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands."
- Amplified: "Stir up (rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning) the [gracious] gift of God, [the inner fire] that is in you"




Don't Put Out the Spirit's Fire

- Quench not the Spirit (KJV)
- Stifle/Quench:
 - to extinguish, quench
 - Used of fire or things on fire
- Do not extinguish the Spirit (NET)
- Do not put out the Spirit's fire (NIV)



Ways We Put Out the Spirit's Fire

- We fail to immediately obey the promptings of the Spirit
- We insist on maintaining control
- We are determined to keep up appearances
- We are not available to God for Christian service
- We neglect the means of fueling the fire



Satan's Guide for Fighting the Spirit's Fire

- The most critical time during a fire is when it first breaks out.
- A fire's burning edge is treated by wetting, cooling, smothering, or chemically quenching it; or by separating the burning material from the unburned.
- A different extinguishing agent must be used for each type of fire.
- Close doors and windows and turn off electrical equipment.
- Stay low to the ground.
- If it is not safe to contain or extinguish the fire, immediately leave the area.



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