

Chapter 11:

The Holy Spirit Is the Only Remedy For Your Addiction

Rejecting the Holy Spirit



RESISTING HOLY SPIRIT

In Acts 7: 51 we have it stated that Stephen charged his hearers as being "stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit." "Resist" here is from the Greek "antiptete," which is a word that means to fall against, to rush against; this is the only time it is used in the Greek New Testament. This is a very strong expression made by Stephen and it implies active resistance.

DEFILING TEMPLE OF HOLY SPIRIT

Another sin against the Holy Spirit is that of defiling the temple. "Temple of Holy Spirit" may mean our bodies. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? and you are not your own; for you were bought at a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's." (1 Cor. 6: 19, 20.)

When Christians defile their bodies, they are sinning against the Holy Spirit; this calls for an observance of all the laws regarding sex outside of marriage and laws of hygiene and taking care of our physical health.

Blaspheming The Holy Spirit

"He who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation." (Mark 3: 29.)

"Blasphemy" comes from the two Greek words "blapto" and "phemi"; "blapto" means "to hurt," while "phemi" means "to speak," hence "to blaspheme" means "to speak to hurt," "to speak against."

"Every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men; but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age, or in the age to come." (Matt. 12: 31, 32.)



Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is the rejection of the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit is rejected, there are no other heavenly means for man's salvation. The Holy Spirit dispensation is the last; a rejection of the Holy Spirit is a rejection of heaven.

The Holy Spirit is rejected when one refuses to hear the gospel, believe the gospel, and obey the gospel. No one can reject God and Christ and at the same time accept the Holy Spirit. To reject the Holy Spirit today is to reject the teachings of the Holy Spirit; to reject the Holy Spirit now is to reject Christ and God. Since the Holy Spirit is the last member of the Godhead to sojourn among men, the one who rejects His teaching is in the world without God and without hope. Just as those who had not heard the gospel "at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world" (Eph. 2: 12), so are all today who reject the teachings of the Holy Spirit.



Christ came and some rejected him; even those he came to save rejected Him. They rejected Christ by refusing to receive His teachings; they turned away from him when they turned away from His teachings.



The Holy Spirit came and guided the apostles in teaching the words of Christ. When people rejected the teachings of the apostles, they judged themselves unworthy of eternal life. "Since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles." (Acts 13: 46.) These were the words of the Holy Spirit which they rejected; there was no hope for them as long as they remained in this state of rejection. The Holy Spirit through the truth revealed may thus be rejected or received. We receive Him when we receive His words; we reject Him when we reject His words.

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1. What does it mean to “resist” the Holy Spirit?

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2. How can the Holy Spirit be defiled?

When Christians defile their bodies, they are _____
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Sinning - Against

3. How can the Holy Spirit be blasphemed?

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4. How can we reject the Holy Spirit?

When we refuse to hear the gospel, believe the gospel and obey the gospel.

5. The Holy Spirit came and _____ the apostles in teaching the words of _____. When people _____ the teachings of the apostles, they judged themselves _____ of eternal life.

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