

Daily Devotion For May 20, 2021

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit.” Ephesians 4:30

Last Sunday in my message I spoke on the Apostle Paul’s warning to us in Ephesians 4:30, “not to grieve the Holy Spirit.”

Most of us dislike disappointing someone or making them sad. But if we don’t like to disappoint others, we should hate disappointing God. And we can disappoint, grieve, or sadden the Holy Spirit. The Bible teaches us that the Holy Spirit is a person, the third person of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force. Like God the Father and God the Son, The Holy Spirit has emotion. Therefore, it is possible for us to grieve him.

How do we grieve the Holy Spirit? We do so by failing to live holy and righteous lives. We do so by following our sinful nature, things like “sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, anger, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, and the like” (Galatians 5:19-22)

Instead, Paul also teaches us to take off our old sinful nature and put on the new. Things like demonstrating kindness, compassion, forgiveness to others. (Ephesians 4:31-32)

Thought For Today: How often do you think or reflect upon the fact that you may grieve the Holy Spirit? Often or not at all. Today think about clothing yourself with Kindness, Compassion, and Forgiveness.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Pray that the Lord would help you to “Put off” the Old sinful nature, and clothe you with kindness, compassion, and forgiveness.” Continue to pray this week’s prayer fuel. Deo Volente.