

*what to do*  
**WHILE WE**  
**WAIT**

Part 10 – Don't Put Out The Spirit's Fire  
1 Thessalonians 5:19-20

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**INTRODUCTION**

*1 Thessalonians 5:19-28 Do not put out the Spirit's fire; <sup>20</sup> do not treat prophecies with contempt. <sup>21</sup> Test everything. Hold on to the good. <sup>22</sup> Avoid every kind of evil. <sup>23</sup> May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. <sup>25</sup> Brothers, pray for us. <sup>26</sup> Greet all believers with a holy kiss. <sup>27</sup> I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all believers. <sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. (NIV)*

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

1. **WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

A. The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is **God**.

1. The Bible in both the Old Testament and New Testament describes all three with the same "God traits."
2. *John 4:24 God is a **Spirit**: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.*
3. Everything that can be said about God can be said about the **Holy Spirit**.
  - a. The Holy Spirit is **eternal**. (Hebrews 9:14)

- b. He is the **creator**. *Genesis 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*
- c. The Holy Spirit is all powerful, all knowing, and all present - He is **God**.

4. The Holy Spirit is a **person**.

*John 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever- <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept **Him**, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.*

2. WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKE IN MY LIFE?

- A. We are saved only because the Holy Spirit **led** us to salvation.

*John 16:8 And when the Holy Spirit comes he will convince the world of its sin, and of the availability of God's goodness, and of deliverance from judgment. (Living)*

- B. The Holy Spirit **baptizes** us into God's family.

*1 Corinthians 12:12-13 Each of us (believers) is a part of the one body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But the Holy Spirit has fitted us all together into one body. We have been baptized into Christ's body by the one Spirit, and have all been given that same Holy Spirit. (TLB)*

- C. The Holy Spirit is the **author** of the Bible.

*2 Peter 1:20-21 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (NIV)*

- D. The Holy Spirit helps us **understand** the Bible.

*1 Corinthians 2:12-14 And God has actually given us His Spirit (not the world's spirit) so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup> When we tell you this, we do not use words of human wisdom; we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. <sup>14</sup> But people who aren't Christians can't understand these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them because only those who have the Spirit, can understand what the Spirit means. (NLT)*

- E. The Holy Spirit teaches us, guides us, comforts, empowers, convicts, and strengthens our life. He **prays** for us, gives us spiritual gifts whereby we can serve God and others and even disciplines us when we are unrepentant.

3. What is **my** part in the partnership with the Holy Spirit?
  - A. The power and effectiveness of the Holy Spirit within our life is in direct proportion to our **surrender** to Him.
  - B. What happens when we do **not** surrender control of specific areas of our life to the Holy Spirit of God?
    1. We can **grieve** the Holy Spirit by our disobedience and how we live our life.
 

*Ephesians 4:30 And do not **grieve** the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*
    2. When we rebel against God, the Holy Spirit's power is **quenched** within us.
      - a. *1 Thessalonians 5:19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire;*
      - b. To quench the Spirit is to put out or to stop what the Holy Spirit is wanting to do in our life. It is the act of saying **NO** to God.
    3. *1 Thessalonians 5:20 Do not treat prophecies with **contempt**.*
    4. *1 Thessalonians 5:23 May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Action Steps I will take this week...**

1. In one of my quiet times with God I will review my completed notes to cement some of the aspects of the Holy Spirit I learned about today.
2. I will yield my heart to the Holy Spirit instead of putting out His "fire" within me. The answer to God's Spirit will be, "Yes, Lord!"
3. I will not treat God's Word with contempt by turning my back on what I know His Word tells me to do.

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