

# SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

## INTRODUCTION

You and I were given the gift of the Holy Spirit when we were baptized:

(Acts 2:38; Acts 5:32)

The Holy Spirit dwells within us: (Rms. 8:9, v11; 1 Cor. 6:19; 1 John 3:24; 1 John 4:13)

### 1. (Matt. 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-30) "BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE SPIRIT"

The sin is defined in the text: (Mark 3:22) "He has Beelzebub" and "By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons" (v30) "He has an unclean spirit"

(Matthew 12:32) "speaks against the Holy Spirit"

**"BlaspHEME"** - railing; speech defamatory of the Divine; revile; to speak contemptuously of God or of sacred things; speaking evil.

For us "in the age to come," the NT era, it's to turn against the inspired message.

· This "eternal sin" is not a one time action; it's a way of life that rejects God's delivered way of salvation in Christ. Not to live as a Christian invites eternal destruction and you become one who "never has forgiveness." Unforgiven.

(John 5:36; John 20:30-31; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

### 2. (Acts 5:3) "LIE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT"

It's a lesson on hypocrisy, being two-faced, professing to be what you know you are not, pretense, fakery, and artificial or not real.

### 3. (Acts 7:51) "YOU ALWAYS RESIST THE HOLY SPIRIT"

Stephen reviewed their history from Abraham to the crucifixion, told them (v52) "of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers" (v53) "received the law and not kept it," and the result was (v57) "they stopped their ears."

For us, "resist the Spirit" by fighting against the truth, the Spirit's message of the NT.

### 4. (Galatians 5:16-17) "THE FLESH LUSTS AGAINST THE SPIRIT"

Since "flesh" and "Spirit" are "contrary to one another," we are admonished to "walk in the Spirit, and you shall fulfill the lusts of the flesh."

(Romans 13:14) "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof."

### 5. (Ephesians 4:30) "GRIEVE NOT THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD"

**"Grieve"** - to cause grief; to ache; to bleed, hurt, and groan; pain.

(v25-32) reveals attitude and actions that cause grief to the Holy Spirit.

### 6. (1 Thessalonians 5:19) "DO NOT QUENCH THE SPIRIT"

Do not smother the indwelling Spirit with "pleasures of life" (Luke 8:14).

### 7. (Hebrews 10:29) "AND INSULTED THE SPIRIT OF GRACE"

**"Insult"** - offend; wound; mock; ridicule; disparage; show scorn.

There is no Plan-B, alternate route for salvation, or new and improved way.

(v23-31) text reveals right and wrong actions, and consequences.