

QUENCH NOT THE SPIRIT (Part Two)

In our last study we introduced the subject of “Quench not the Spirit” from (1 Thess.5:19). We learned that the Greek word for quench was (sbennumi) which mean to **put out the fire of the Indwelling ministry of The Holy Spirit (IHS)**.

- We also introduced eight ways the Church Age Believer can quench the Indwelling ministry of The Holy Spirit (IHS) in their Christian way of life.
- We also learned **one way** to quench the Indwelling ministry of The Holy Spirit (IHS) was by **walking by means of the flesh** [the Old Sin Nature (OSN) and personal sin (P/S)] rather than by means of the IHS (Gal.5:16-17).

Walking by means of the flesh results in Carnality in our Christian Walk, way of life. (1 Cor.3:1-3).

- Evidence of **Carnality** in Christian way of life (CWL) is personal sin (Jas.1:14-15).
- Confession of the personal sin restores the Church Age believer to **Spirituality** (1 John 1:9; 1 Cor.3:1-3; Gal.5:16).

This lesson will study four aspects of the second way a believer can quench the Indwelling ministry of The Holy Spirit (IHS) as noted in (Gal.3:18-19a).

1. A believer can quench the IHS by being LED by their flesh (their OSN) to engage in works of the Law (legalism) as an alternative to walking by means of the Spirit and Grace.

(Gal.5:18) “**But** (de) [contrast] (Gal.5:16-17) **if** (1st class condition = true) **you are led** [and you are] (ago/ p.p.ind.2pl) **by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.**

- Legalistic work system, a false system of spirituality.

(Gal.5:19) **Now the deeds (works) of the flesh are evident**

- Personal sins. i.e. mental attitude sin, sin of the tongue, or overt sin.

Let us look at the context of (Gal.5:18-19a) which is (Gal.5:13-26).

- Warning regarding **spiritual freedom** of grace (Gal.5:13-14) **God’s Love!** (Rom.5:5, 8).
- Warning regarding the working of the flesh (OSN) (Gal.5:15) Do not bite, devour, and consume.

NOTE: The First Divine Solution is walking by means of the Indwelling ministry of The Holy Spirit (IHS) (Gal.5:16-17) which has power over the flesh (OSN).

2. The Second Divine Solution involves this lesson, which is walking by means of the IHS, so as to be led by The Spirit (our choices) rather than by the deeds of flesh (Gal.5:18-22).

Being **led by the Spirit** is the only divine alternative to being led by the flesh - “**The fruit of the Spirit**” (Gal.5:22-23).

Paul points to **Walking by means of the IHS and being led by the Spirit** “as crucifying the flesh with its passions and desires” (Gal.5:24).

He also called it “**living by the Spirit**” in the Christian way of life. (Gal.5:25).

3. Paul’s words on how to live the Christian way of life - “If you are led by the Spirit, YOU ARE NOT UNDER THRE LAW.” (Gal.5:18)

Paul says, “You have been freed from the Law and its legalistic system of living by God’s Grace”.

(Gal.5:1) “It was for **freedom** that **Christ set you free**; therefore, keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of **slavery**.” (Eph.2:8-9/ Gal.2:4, 9; Acts 15:5, 9-11)

Walking out your Christian Life in a “Law, work, wage, system” is in opposition to God’s Grace Gift system found only IN Christ (Rom.4:4-5; Jas.2:10-12; Gal.3:22-29).

(Rom.7:6) “But now **we have been released from the Law**, having died to that by which we were bound, **so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.**”

(Gal.3:24) “Therefore the Law has become our **tutor to lead us to Christ**, so that we may be justified by faith.”

4. Paul issued a final warning to spiritually advancing believers in Gal.5:13-14.

(Gal.5:13-14 “For you were called to freedom, brethren; **only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh**, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Lev.19:18)

(Rom.6:14) “For sin (OSN) shall not be master over you, for you are not under the law but under grace.”

(Rom.6:12) “Therefore **do not let sin (your flesh, your OSN) reign** in your mortal body so that you obey it lusts.”

Question:

HOW do you **Not Quench** The Spirit?

Answer:

You walk
by means of The Spirit,
to be led
by The Spirit,
in every aspect
of your Christian Life!

(Gal5:16-17; Rom.7:6; 1 John 1:9).