#3-THE MISTREATMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Eph. 4:30/I Thess. 5:19/Acts 5:3/1 Cor. 3:16, 17; 11: 17-30; Acts 7:51

Introduction: Having discussed the *Meeting, Mission*, and *Ministry* of the Holy Spirit, I want to mention some tragic sins against the Holy Spirit. And, when we think of Who this wonderful Person is, and all that He does for us, you can understand why these are tragic sins.

• <u>Unbeliever's</u> Sins Against the Spirit

- **1-"Blasphemy"** Matt 12:31-32/Mk 3:2/Lk 12:10
- **2-"Resisting"** Acts 7:51
- **3-"Despising"** Heb. 10:28

• Believer's Sins Against the Spirit

- **1-"Grieving"** Eph. 4:30..."Doing What He says NOT to do!" Involves:
 - *Corrupt Communication
 - *Undisciplined Emotions
 - *Lack of Kindness & Forgiveness
- **2-"Quenching"** I Thess. 5:19 "NOT doing what He says <u>TO</u> do!"
- **3-"Lying, Tempting, Conspiring"** Acts 5:3 "Ananias & Sapphira"
- **4-"Willful Defilement of God's Temple"** 1 Cor. 3:16, 17; 5:5; 11: 17-30

Conclusion: If you're not saved, don't resist Him. Be converted. If you are saved, with sin in your heart, don't grieve Him. Be clean. And, if you are saved and clean, don't quench Him. Be compliant. Say, "I'm here Lord, what do you want out of me? Lead me, guide me, direct me, speak to me, Lord, I'm listening."

We have a dear friend. He is the Holy Spirit. He is to us what Jesus Christ was to the disciples when they were here on earth. And, we are to be to Him what the disciples were to Jesus. He is our Best Friend.

BLASPHEMY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Illusions ... What it is NOT!

Suicide

Abortion

Murder

Criticism of False Teaching

Interpretations

Can be committed today

Cannot be committed today

Implications

Dangers associated with this sin