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Loved by God the Son (3)

Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:19

(Text: Jn. 14:21)

***Theme: Whoever loves Jesus will
be loved by Jesus.***

***(Focussing on: Jesus is continually with His
people through the indwelling Holy Spirit but
the Spirit may be grieved and/or quenched.)***

The Holy Spirit is a Person – the Sensitivity of the Spirit

**The Holy Spirit is not a Force or an
Influence.**

He is a Person.

**A Christian may negatively or
positively affect his or her
relationship with the indwelling
Spirit.**

There are two main ways the Christian can negatively affect the relationship:

1. A Christian may grieve the Holy Spirit, *cf.* Eph. 4:30.

Greek word refers to causing sorrow, pain, distress.

How may a Christian grieve the indwelling Spirit?

a) by engaging in works of the flesh. Unholy actions, talk, thoughts, *cf.* Gal. 5:16-17; Eph. 4:29.

b) by not yielding to the Spirit's promptings. *Generally*, grieving the Spirit is to do with matters of obedience *in daily living*.

2. A Christian may quench the Holy Spirit, *cf.* 1 Thess. 5:19.

The Greek word refers to extinguishing fire or light.

Generally, quenching the Spirit is to do with the Christian's behaviour ***in corporate worship.***

Context of 1 Thess. 5:19.

When the Spirit is grieved or quenched, He withdraws the sense of His presence, not His presence!

It is not just a matter of being *indwelt* by the Spirit; it is a matter of being *controlled* by the indwelling Spirit.

How to Avoid Grieving and Quenching the Holy Spirit

- Be obedient to God's ways. *Cf.* Ps. 119:9-11.
- Yield to the Holy Spirit. *cf.* Gal. 5:18.
- Repent when you grieve or quench the Holy Spirit.

Results of not Grieving or Quenching the Spirit

Generally: spiritual health.

Specifically:

a closer walk with God,
joy & peace in the Christian life,
spiritual growth,
guidance (*cf.* Rom. 12:1-2),
powerful witness.

Conclusion – The Christian's first thought each day

I am a child of God and have the Spirit indwelling me. He will be with me every second today. I will watch my thoughts, words, conduct so that I do not grieve or quench Him. I will listen to His promptings and obey Him.