

What is grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit?

Introduction

- Which New Testament verse tells Christians to walk in a straight line behind the Holy Spirit?
- What, on the other hand, do we sometimes do?

i Grieving the Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)

- What do you need to know if you are to understand any Bible verse correctly?
- What is the theme of v29-32?
- What does it mean to grieve someone?
- What is the Spirit called in v30?
- How does this help us to understand what grieves Him?
- What does this tell us about sin?
- What do you need to do if you are not a Christian?
- How do v29, v31 and v32 help us to understand a second way to grieve the Spirit?
- What does the Holy Spirit create in the church according to Ephesians 4:3?
- Why, then, does it grieve him when Christians do not treat each other correctly?
- Give three examples of how we might be guilty of this:
  - (i)
  - (ii)
  - (iii)

- What do you need to do if you have grieved the Spirit?
- Can a Christian ever grieve the Spirit so badly that he leaves?

## **ii Quenching the Spirit (I Thessalonians 5:19)**

- What does it mean to quench the Spirit?
- What is Paul talking about with regard to the Thessalonians in v19-22?
- What principle can we draw from this?
- What do we condemn ourselves to if we do not use the gifts the Spirit gives us?
- What do you need to do if you think you have been quenching the Spirit?

## **iii Walking in line with the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-26)**

- What does Galatians 5:16-26 speak about?
- What are the two sides in the battle?
- What does v16 tell us to do?
- What does v18 tell us to do?
- What does v25 tell us to do?
- What, then, is the secret of living the Christian life?
- Why is this not a mystical thing?
- What must you do?