

Title: Warning Signs: Ways We Reject the Holy Spirit

Text: *“But the person without the Spirit does not receive what comes from God’s Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually.”*

1 Corinthians 2:14 (CSB)

Target: Because of the different ways the Holy Spirit moves, it is possible to sin against the Holy Spirit. Some warning **signs and solutions** for rejecting the Holy Spirit.

- I. **DEFYING the Holy Spirit:** *“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit.”* (Acts 7:51)
 - A. **The Warning Signs:**
 - i. Refusing to listen (Acts 2:42)
 - ii. Rejecting the word (1 Cor. 14:37)
 - B. **The Solution:**
 - i. Be eager to listen. **The Holy Spirit reveals, so we should respond to Him accordingly.**

- II. **DESPAIRING the Holy Spirit:** *“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”* (Ephesians 4:30)
 - A. **The Warning Signs:**
 - i. Continuing corrupt speech (Eph. 4:29)
 - ii. Holding on to bitterness and anger (Eph. 4:31)
 - B. **The Solution:**
 - i. Be mindful of your conduct/speech. **The Holy Spirit purifies, so we should want His cleansing.**

- III. **DISRESPECTING the Holy Spirit:** *“How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which He was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?”* (Hebrews 10:29)
 - A. **The Warning Signs:**
 - i. Living in willful sin (Heb. 10:26-27)
 - ii. Lacking a desire to repent (Acts 3:19)
 - B. **The Solution:**
 - i. Be willing to repent daily. **The Holy Spirit unifies, so we should welcome His movement.**

- IV. **DOUSING the Holy Spirit:** *“Do not quench the Spirit.”* (1 Thessalonians 5:19)
 - A. **The Warning Signs:**
 - i. Suppressing the work of the Spirit (Rom. 15:13)
 - ii. Neglecting the gift(s) of the Spirit (1 Tim. 4:14)
 - B. **The Solution:**
 - i. Be open to receiving. **The Holy Spirit empowers, so we should desire the fullest of His spirit.**

Takeaway: Until we acknowledge and address the warning signs, we will never experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit. **Critical Question:** Which sign(s) are you rejecting?