



**Community Bible Church**  
**Sermon Discussion Questions: Mar 5, 2023**  
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**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. Here are 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.**

**Question #1:** Hearing from the Holy Spirit is crucial to our growing relationship with Jesus. While God desires to speak to each believer, it can sometimes be difficult for us to hear His voice. **Read Psalm 25:8-14** as a group. Discuss why God would want to speak to us and answer this question: *What do you think is required of us to hear from the Holy Spirit?*

- 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.**

**Question #2:** In 2 Corinthians 7:10, Paul explains that grief from the Holy Spirit leads us to repentance. It leads us to let go of habits, actions, and emotions that God wants to free us from. Oftentimes believers experience this grief after a moment of falling into temptation, frustration, or selfishness. *Have you ever experienced this grief in your Christian life? What did that feel like, and how did you respond?*

- 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.**

**Question #3:** When the Holy Spirit moves, He brings unity, healing, restoration, and growth. *In what areas of your life would you like to welcome the Holy Spirit to move? What steps will you take to invite Him into these areas?*

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.**

**Question #4:** 1 Timothy 4:14 simply states, “Do not neglect the gifts you have.” *How are you using your God-given gifts, talents, and abilities to serve the church or your local community? If you want to improve your service to others, brainstorm ideas with your group about where to start. (This is a great opportunity to discuss the group’s next service project or to get one on the calendar!)*

**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?

**Question #5:** Discuss the takeaway statement and “Critical Question.” *In what ways did God speak to you through this sermon and discussion? What part stood out most to you, and what will you do in response?*