

Hear the Word: God's Holy Law (Ex. 20) – Ephesians 4
Praise & Prayer: 306 – 141:1 – 123 – 380:1-2 – 431:3, 6

The Grieving of the Holy Spirit is a sore evil you must avoid

A. The Holy Spirit dwells in you as believer (Eph 1:13-14; 2:19; 2:22; 3:15-16)

1. This was Jesus promise: John 14:16-17

2. He is not just a heavenly Guest (Gen. 2:18; Ps. 10:14; 54:4; 121:1,2)

B. Therefore you are to treat Him well so He will not be grieved

1. God uses language we understand (Matt. 17:23; Mark 10:22; John 21:17)

C. Yet besides grieving the Holy Spirit, you bring grief on others also

1. Eph 4 is about the body of Christ living together under Jesus' Headship

2. Taste God's love in warning of vs. 30

D. If the Holy Spirit is grieved, we all suffer in many ways

1. Jesus gave HS to dwell within you for great purposes

2. When He is grieved, He stands back and let's stumble and suffer (Ps. 44:9-14; 137:1-2; 32:3-4; Is. 63:10)

E. So you need to *do what pleases Him if to be healthy & flourishing church*

1. If disobedience grieves Him, then *specific* obedience pleases Him!

a. you are to study all the details given in Ch. 4-6

2. The key to the life of godliness is in looking to Jesus Christ (John 3:29-30)

F. If you will resolve to do all to avoid grieving the Holy Spirit, it will bring you the richest blessing according to Jesus' promise (John 14:23)