

Tapiola Apostolic Lutheran Church Newsletter

We Should Not Grieve The Holy Spirit That Is Within Us

"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption" Eph 4:30

These words were written by the Apostle Paul to admonish us to live a Christian life as led by the Holy Spirit. We are told not to grieve the Holy Spirit. When we have repented of our sins and have received the word of forgiveness in the name and blood of Jesus, we have been given a great gift of God, the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38), just as He was given to the disciples on that first Pentecost in Acts 2:1-4. He is a personal gift that no one else has, except those who have been saved and He will remain with us until the day of redemption. God has given the Holy Spirit as a comforter and as our advocate who teaches us all things pertaining to the Spirit and the Christian life (John 14:26). He is the Spirit of truth (John 14:17) and He produces fruits of the Spirit in us which are "love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance..." Galatians 5:22-23.

The Holy Spirit is often referred to in scripture as that still, small voice within us that warns us of the temptations of sin, and in love implores us to flee from it. He also inspires us to speak of God's love and witness of our faith unto others. He is with us every day and will remain with us the rest of our lives. He is the love of God within us.

Having such a personal advocate and loving presence in our lives, why would we grieve the Spirit, and how do we do it? We cause the Holy Spirit to grieve when, because of our sinful nature, we do not walk carefully and instead follow the temptations of this world despite the warnings of the Spirit. He is grieved, not angered, by our actions because He is the Spirit of love. While we can discern most outward sins and perhaps avoid them, there are other sins which are not so easily recognized, such as the pride of life, not caring for our neighbor, or not witnessing unto him. In 1 Thessalonians 5:19, we are warned not to quench the Spirit, as we do when we do not witness unto others either by neglecting to speak to them of living faith, or by not living a Christian life. We grieve the Spirit when we do not show love to our neighbor, when we do not have a forgiving heart unto others just as God forgives and remembers

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our sins no more.

We read accounts in scripture how many came unto living faith through Jesus, and how the Holy Spirit worked in them and changed their lives. They became caring of others and truly became lights unto this world. Oh, that this would happen in all of our lives!

May we earnestly pray that we would not either grieve or quench the Holy Spirit within us by being careless in our walk of faith. Amen.

God's Peace,

Al Wuori

Sept 3	Ken Storm	Holy Communion
Sept 10	Chad Kuivanen	Sunday School 9:45 Church begins at 11am
Sept 17	Ken Storm	
Sept 22	Andy Kandoll	7pm
Sept 23	Andy Kandoll	6pm
Sept 24	Andy Kandoll	

Looking ahead: Church Membership dues must be paid by Sept 31st. Bi-Annual meeting October 18th 7pm

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