

A Sin So Easy to Commit 1/17/93 PM.

Did you know that "Quenching
the Spirit" is a Sin — "It
is / Because it does not
allow the Holy Spirit of God
to work freely" / And He will
not stay where He is not welcome //

It's no wonder As Paul wrote
to saved people in the church
at Thessalonica that He said
"Quench not the Spirit"
(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

It's no wonder that He put that
warning between telling them
that God has a will for their
lives and telling them not
to ignore the word of God //

Now someone may be thinking
"what is the world is the
church talking about? // And
who would dare do it?"

~~Let's~~ Let's take the 2nd Question
First, "Who would ~~do~~ "Do it?"
or "Who can do it?"

Well Jesus said is talking to
Sinner People, It must be Sinner
Folks who Cross Church. The
Spirit — Wouldn't you Agree
especially after Reading Verses
18 and 25 where He use the
Word Brethren —

And here that word means: "People
United By a Common Interest"
"By a Common Calling" "Believers"

But people don't fit into that
Category // Since they are not
Believers in "The Very God
of Peace" they do not share
a Common interest or Common
Calling with ~~those~~ who Believe //

2/ Now Lets Consider the Word
"Quench" Very Carefully:

The Greek Word for "Quench"

Literally means:

- ① To hinder the Operating of the Holy Spirit —
- ② Failure to Recognize or Submit to the Spirit —
- ③ To Put out the Fire — //

It means:

To Allow the impulses of the flesh to try and upstage the Holy Spirit — // In other

words, "To try and do that which only He can do" // or rebel against His efforts //

OR Taking the reins out of Gods hands and trying to drive the team ourselves — //

Let me tell you this has been tried here — // We did not recognize the effort as such, but God showed us —

I Recall Very Well what took place back then —

There were cliques // Little groups of people who excluded others // There were Accusers // Backbiting // There was An Unforgiving Spirit by some // There was Opposition to the way the church had been going // Opposition to the preaching of the word as God had given it // And this was done by people in the church //

I remember talking to Jerry Wayne Bernard about this and he said: "Be Careful // You see it's the water inside the boat that dunks it" // And I understood what he was saying // The spirit was quenched and we saw little or nothing happen —

3/ It was Almost As if No One
was listening. // It Broke my
heart & Surely it Broke the heart
of God // The Result was The
Spirit of God was Quenched //

Have You Noticed, Except For
This Morning, How little Response we
see of Love // How little
movement when Commitment
is called for // Let me tell
you As I have so often - God expects it //

Could it be due to "A
Quenching of the Spirit" ?
~~Saved people doing Nothing Quenches the Spirit~~

Now Paul tells us that
There must be a willingness
to be Directed in all we do
By/And with/ the Assistance
of the Holy Spirit /

He tells us there must be
No Resisting the way the
work. //

There is An Urgency in the Way
Paul writes - I believe it's
Saying : "Don't hesitate to
Comply with the Spirit's
Directions" if you expect
God to Bless //

Have you ever considered
what would happen if we
would finally quench the
spirit so long that he cease
working in our midst - I don't
even want to think about it //

Jesus warned that it could
happen several times in the
Gospels when he said : "I will
come and remove
all thy candlesticks out of
their place" And I'll do
it suddenly //

Now I believe Jesus was saying:
(1) You'll lose your Influence
(2) You'll NOT see Results'

4/3 The Church appears to be alive, but is really dead // you see
⑦ The Holy Spirit will Not Dwell where He is Quenched

I believe Jesus Was Saying:
"Quenching the Spirit will Result in Loss of Knowledge"

Let me tell you ^{why} "Choues" Quench the Spirit // Our Sign Says "North Creek Baptist Church, where Everybody is Somebody, And Jesus Christ is Lead" //

Let me ^{also} tell you "A Choues" Say, "Not everybody is somebody because Not everybody is Included" //

Accusations & Back Biting serve only ONE purpose, And that to "Cause Discord" Among the Brethren" And Proverbs 6:19 Says: "God Hates It"

People who have An "Unforgiving Spirit" are out of Fellowship With God, because His word says "If you expect to be forgiven, you must exhibit a forgiving spirit" //

Opposition to the Church Program And the Preaching of Gods Word Only Confirms That One is "Out of Fellowship With God"

oh Beloved, we Best be Careful // We Best Check Ourselves Out Daily. — //

How Terrible it would be if God wrote the word "I CHABOD" Over the Door of this Church. //

It means: "The Glory of God is Departed from this Place" It Asks the Question: "Where has the Glory Gone?"

5/ You see,
"The Glory Leaves when
The Spirit is Quenched" /
And when the Spirit
is gone, so is the Influence
of the Church. // There is
a power shortage //

Well how do we overcome
the problem?

① We must turn from
Any thing that quenches
the Spirit — you see
it would be better to lose
all we have in this world
than to have the Spirit taken
from us. //

② We must do all we can
to "Stir up the Fire & keep
it burning brightly" where
there is no fire, there is no meeting
of the Spirit. //
Paul said: "Stir up the Gift"
"Stir up the Fire the Holy
Spirit Starts"

Well how do we do it?

We do it by:

- ① Meditating on God's Word /
- ② by prayer / fervent prayer //
- ③ by loving one another /
- ④ by carrying for one another /
- ⑤ by watching for evidence
that the Spirit is not
working - ~~And do something~~
about it //

Dear hearts, "It is a personal
matter" // It ought to be
uppermost on our hearts //

For you see "The Holy Spirit
must be able to work
if anyone is to be saved"

The Holy Spirit must be
allowed to work in the
heart of every Believer
if they ever become willing
to commit themselves
to God unconditionally

6/ It Only Takes
One Person To Quench The
Spirit is a Sinner Like
This / And when it happens /
Nothing else happens. //

Paul said: Brethren & Sisters /
"Saved People" / Don't be Guilty //
Quench Not The Spirit //

Would You Bow Your heads
of Close Your Eyes, And
Think Back Over those
things we mentioned that
Quench The Spirit.

"Clones" / Ask Yourself, Do I
Include everyone, Or Just a
Select Few "

Accusations / Backbiting / Am I
Guilty? / what does my husband
or wife hear at Home? / what
do my children hear or my
Friends —

Forgiving Spirit: / Am I willing to
forgive? / God is / We should
be willing also / This could
be a problem / I said "could"

Opposition / 1) To the Church Program
when the it's the result of
Church Actions in Conference

Opposition / In the preacher or
the messages he feels are
from God / This could also
be a problem.

If He's Not Doing what God
called Him to do - Vote Him out /

If He is, Support Him in
your conversation and pray
for Him

Are you loved? / Can you
feel where you could be
quenching the spirit - If so
ask God to forgive you & change
your ways —

7/ You may want to come and
pray about it — Not because you
are, but because you want
strength to keep from questioning
the Spirit —

Someone may say: Well I'll just
quit going to church // That won't
help, God knows where you
are and has ways to convince
you that you are wrong

Don't just say "I love you and
want you to be saved" — So don't
God — He sent Jesus to show
it — Would you come let me
tell you how to be saved?

(Open doors to church)
Let's pray —