

VI. Sins Against The Holy Spirit

A. By Unbelievers

1. Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit

Read Matthew 12:22-37 and Mark 3:22-30. Note: A careful study of these 2 texts (the only passages that speak of this sin) clearly show that Jesus was addressing *unsaved* people.

2. Resisting the Holy Spirit

Read Acts 7:51-60. Resist means “to fight against.”

B. By Believers

1. Quenching the Spirit

See 1 Thessalonians 5:19. This is caused by *not* doing what the Spirit *wants* us to do. A sin of omission.

2. Grieving the Spirit

See Ephesians 4:30. This is caused by *doing* what the Spirit *does not want* us to do. A sin of commission.

3. Vexing the Spirit

See Isaiah 63:10. “To vex” means “to wear down or to weary.”

*4. Lying to the Spirit

See Acts 5:1-6. Keep your vows (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7)!

*5. Tempting the Spirit

See Acts 5:7-10. When two or more believers agree to do something together against the direction of the Holy Ghost.

*Note: Numbers 4 & 5 are examples of “the sin unto death.” See 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 and 1 John 5:16.

6. Doing Despite unto the Spirit

See Hebrews 10:29. Despite means “to insult.” In this case (Hebrews 10:24-31) it refers to insulting the Holy Spirit by a light, indifferent attitude towards church attendance and love for God’s people.