

Betrayed Love

Ephesians 4:30

A New Testament passage with an Old Testament illustration

One of the deepest hurts is when love is betrayed. Have you ever loved someone to only have them turn their back on the love and care you've extended? A lot of music today deals with betrayed love. When someone betrays or lets you down that you don't love, you will be annoyed. But when it's someone that you love, then you grieve. Grieve means "to groan or feel sorrow." I'm saddened by the police and racial killings going on in our country but it fails in comparison to what that child feels to know their parent is never coming home again. Here in this passage, we see how God groans. The Holy Spirit is not a force you tap into but instead He is a person. You are a reflection of the Trinity. We are made up of a body, soul (who you are), and a spirit (the part of you that comes to life at salvation). You receive the Holy Spirit at salvation. If you were to ask Him "Am I doing anything that hurts You?" What would He say?

Things that every person does to the Holy Spirit:

1. Resist the Holy Spirit

- This is when the Lost reject the gift of salvation He offers.

2. Quench the Holy Spirit

- Means to stiffen or extinguish (1 Thess. 5:19). This is written to a cold church (Rev. 3:20-22).

What the Holy Spirit does for me as a Believer:

- Personal guide (John 16:13, Romans 8:14)
- Supplies your needs (Phil. 4:19)
- Prays for us to the Father (Romans 8:26)
- Comes to comfort (John 14:16-17) He's not just *WITH* you but *IN* you.

The Old Testament Illustration (1 Samuel 24:1-7): David

- David fleeing and hiding in a cave from Saul and his 3,000 men (vss. 1-2)
- Saul comes into the cave where David is hiding (vs. 3)
- David's temptation (vs. 4) Remember that David had already been anointed king.
- David's heart was in rhythm with the Holy Spirit (vss. 5-6)

How can we keep from grieving the Holy Spirit? Have a sensitive heart to the little things. You may say "It's no big deal." Why not ask the One that's grieved? He loves us more than we love ourselves. Our heart can be in sync with His. If you have grieved the Holy Spirit, work to restore it.