

## Morning Worship

October 18, 2015

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Tim Waters

Piano — Sharon Waters

**As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.**

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Welcome and Fellowship		Allan/People
Chorus # 236	"Bless That Wonderful Name"	Tim/People
Worship Prayer		Allan Lane
Hymn # 521	"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"	Tim/People
Hymn # 522	"When the Morning Comes"	Tim/People
Offering Prayer		John Lewis
Tithes and Offerings		People
Offering Music		Sharon Waters
Hymn # 528	"My Savior First of All"	Tim/People
Solo		Don Beavers
Children's Worship		
Scripture Reading		Allan/People
Message		Allan Lane
Hymn # 312	"Softly and Tenderly"	Tim/People
Prayer Concerns		Allan/People
Chorus # 457	"Lord, Be Glorified"	Tim/People

## Our Precautions

John 20:19-23

The Bible says God has entrusted us with a very special gift. When we put our faith in Jesus Christ God placed His Holy Spirit inside of our hearts. Because His Holy Spirit is such a special gift, God is offended when people misuse His Spirit. There are specific aspects of the Holy Spirit's work through regeneration, indwelling and equipping. Therefore we will look at four specific "do nots" which concern the Holy Spirit and His relationship with us.

### 1) Do Not Blaspheme The Holy Spirit.

I decided to discuss this first because it is the most feared as well as the most intense of all the sins against the Spirit. The reason is clear: It is described in Scripture as "The Unforgivable Sin" (Matthew 12:31).

If ever there was a misunderstood and misrepresented passage in the scripture, it is this one. Many people live in fear that they have committed this terrible sin. One notable is the father of Evangelist Dr. Billy Graham. Dr. Graham said that his father lived with dread after having gone to a revival meeting and heard a sermon about this sin, and then being convinced that he, himself, had committed it. He lived in agony "until he realized that the agony he felt was the conviction of the Spirit in his heart drawing him to Christ which he would not have felt if he had truly blasphemed the Spirit."

So what is blasphemy against the Spirit? To quote Billy Graham, he goes on to say, "All other sins against the Spirit are committed by believers; not so with blaspheming the Spirit. This sin is committed by unbelievers."

With that in mind let me ask a question: What is the ministry of the Spirit concerning the unbeliever? Isn't it to draw people unto Christ and to convict or convince people of their need for a Savior? If a person resists that drawing, he then cannot be saved. Because a person who has not been saved will not receive the

forgiveness of sin, he has in essence committed the unforgivable sin. Blasphemy of the Spirit is the conscious rejecting of the convicting work of the Spirit in the life of an unbeliever.

## **2) Do Not Resist The Holy Spirit.**

Stephen later refers to resisting the Holy Spirit when he was rebuking the unbelieving Pharisees in Acts 7:48-53. Stephen was saying that just like their fathers in the Old Testament didn't heed the warnings to repent given them by the prophets, they too were now ignoring the drawing of the Spirit to repent. And they were in danger of death without forgiveness. It seems that no one has committed this unpardonable sin who continues to be under the disturbing, convicting and drawing power of the Spirit. So long as the Spirit strives with a person, he has not committed this sin. If a person is even concerned, it shows that the Spirit is still at work in the area of conviction.

So the unforgivable sin of blasphemy is the irrevocable and deliberate rejection of the Spirit's drawing to salvation. As Christians we receive the unfettered forgiveness of our sins by the payment made by Jesus on the cross. The promise of 1 John 1:9 has no exceptions. Those who are guilty of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit want nothing to do with Christianity because they have totally and finally rejected the truth.

To resist the Holy Spirit is a determined rejection of His purposes and plans from a human perspective. Resisting is the action of a hardened heart towards God, and as a consequence of that hardened heart the person does not perceive or recognize the opportunity of grace when it comes. We see here that Stephen while addressing the Sanhedrin reminds them of the resistance of his own people. God had sent prophets to the people so they may hear His word and be delivered. Yet, time and time again the people resisted His mercy. This is why Stephen exclaims in verse 51, "You stiff necked people...You always resist the Holy Spirit..." Everything carried out by God on earth is through the Person and Office of the Holy Spirit; to resist Him is to resist God, for He is God. They resisted the Holy Spirit by resisting the plan of God.

## **3) Do Not Grieve The Holy Spirit.**

When you speak, you should only be speaking what will edify and build others up. If all you're talking is about tearing others down, then you are grieving the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:29 – 32). God doesn't want to hear it. As Christians we are supposed to be speaking words of encouragement to each other according to others needs in order to benefit them and not ourselves. Most people who talk bad about others do so to build themselves up. It makes them feel better about themselves. But we know from Scripture that "He who exalts himself will be humbled..." The scripture makes it clear that it grieves the Holy Spirit when you tear others down.

We are warned 'point blank' to "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. When you behave in this manner, you accomplish two things.

**First** you hurt God, causing Him to grieve, but **secondly** you ruin your Christian testimony. If you do these things, you are grieving the Holy Spirit of God. To grieve means to cause sorrow or sadness, to injure or offend. When you behave in those manners, you offend God. You cause God to be sad because of your behavior.

Picture an old mansion in need of repair. A mere shadow of its former glory, but it is under renovation. You can see scaffolding and tools about the areas that have already been restored although work is still needed in other areas. You see the worker, who is fulfilling his obligation to the owner by the agreement in which they made with each other. Now every time the owner breaks that agreement, he so grieves the worker, that he downs his tools and ceases the renovation. No work is

done. If left long enough, the mansion will deteriorate to a state even worse than when the work began. So the house remains in a state of disrepair until the owner apologizes to the worker for the breach of agreement and asks the worker to return to the restoration.

In the same way, sin has the same effect on us as time and neglect had on the mansion. When we received Jesus as our Lord and Savior, He gave us His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's job is to sanctify us. That is, He lives in us and bit by bit he renovates (or transforms) us, and just like the workman, the Holy Spirit can be grieved, and in turn our renovation (and sanctification) has ceased, until such a time we repent from that sin and ask the Holy Spirit to continue His work within us.

This sin, this grieving of the Holy Spirit of God can happen in different ways. It may be through willful ignorance of His Word. Or it may be through disobedience. As Ephesians 4 stated, it could be because we are tearing others down instead of building them up. Or perhaps we have or are harboring bitterness, rage, anger, slander or gossip. This grieving of the Holy Spirit may be caused by our apathy or lack of concern towards His illumination of the Holy Word. Or perhaps when God grants us new insight and understanding it's not accompanied by an appropriate response from us. He may show us the meaning of "dying to self" only for us to reject His insight as too difficult, costly or inconvenient.

And this would be resisting the Holy Spirit, which in turn grieves the Holy Spirit. Any time you resist Him, He grieves. Any of these things and many more are sufficient to grieve the Holy Spirit of God.

When we do this, we hinder the purpose of God to transform us into the image and likeness of His Son. This is how we lose the fullness of the Spirit, and if we continue in sin, (grieving the Holy Spirit) not only is there no work of transformation going on within us, but in time we will go to a state which is worse than when He began.

#### **4) Do Not Quench The Holy Spirit.**

Do not quench the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:12–22). In other words, where God is working, do not put that fire out. In fact, the Apostle Paul instructed Timothy: "...fan into a flame the gifts of God..." (1 Timothy 1:6).

Are we fans or fire extinguishers? When we see the Holy Spirit working, we should be building up, edifying and supporting, not tearing down with our mouths, speaking evil against, gossiping and trying to put a stop to it. That's Satan's job, not ours.

When the Holy Spirit indwells us with a purpose of equipping us for service, evil comes against us to quench that. But we are warned to build up each other and edify the Body of Christ, not tear it down. The Holy Spirit unhindered will burn within us so that we are on fire for Jesus. Without this equipping, which is the Spiritual Gifts from the Holy Spirit, you will do nothing more but flounder and fail.

We are capable of quenching the Holy Spirit in ourselves and in others if we are not careful. We quench the Holy Spirit when we stifle the desire to witness through Word or deed concerning the Lord. When we fail to make the most of every opportunity or through our lack of interest in setting aside time for God. When we misuse our gifts and use them to glorify ourselves and advance our own cause rather than that of Jesus Christ and what God's Holy Word says. When we criticize or discourage others with a spiteful or ungracious attitude. When our words or deeds are constantly acting as a wet blanket to smother the service or joy of others, then you are in effect throwing cold water in the face of the Holy Spirit. We need to be careful we are not putting out anyone's fire, including our own.

#### **Conclusion**

The following words may help you to put this message into perspective:  
Blaspheme not the Spirit's INTERCESSION. Resist not the Spirit's INCOMING. Grieve  
not His INDWELLING. Quench not His OUTGOING.

Billy Graham said "We should be open to Him as an INCOMER; Please Him as an  
INDWELLER; And open to Him as an OUTGOER in His testimony of the things  
concerning Christ, whether through yourself or others."

## ***Incōmer – Indwelling – Outgoing***

### ***The Four States of Man***

In the 5th century AD, St. Augustine wrote about the "Four States of Man." The first state of man (the haec sunt prima) is "living according to the flesh -- with reason making no resistance." This can be seen in so many ancient cultures and religions (and unfortunately more than a few in our own time) with their human sacrifices, their idols, their pagan ceremonies, and even cannibalism. Human life -- without power -- was lightly regarded. Animals, especially domesticated animals, were often valued more highly than human life. Reason often vanishes when weighed against lust and self-gratification. Even today, this seems to be coming full circle.

The second state of man is "recognition of sin through the Law . . . but sinning knowingly." It was so important for Satan to remove the Ten Commandments from our classrooms and courtrooms. It was critical for him to "separate church and state." So long as people knew the Law, it would not be so easy to ignore the Law. Without the reminders of the Law, we easily return to the first state of man. Does any of this sound familiar?

The third state of man is "faith in the help of God -- but he perseveres in seeking to please God." Man has begun to be moved by the Spirit of God. We are already standing with one foot in the hell which we have created, but in the "third state", man knows it. So he still struggles against his own sinful nature because he has not yet been fully healed.

The fourth state of man is "the full and perfect peace in God." This we find in harmony with Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the person of Jesus Christ, we see how far we have departed from God.

Augustine adds, "The will of man is always free, even and particularly when it can no longer will to do evil." But Adam and Eve were not gods, "and their 'free will' would not have sufficed, even in paradise, to merit immortality. Divine assistance was needed. Their immortality could only continue by their continued relationship with the Divine. So how much more do we need God's help since our fall?"

Augustine continues, "Even the good merits and qualities which people may display toward one another are gifts from God. Every good quality comes from His grace. God's mercy is the ground of salvation. Therefore, let no man boast. Out of faith spring hope and love. We hope only in God -- not in men and not in ourselves."

Dorothy Sayers wrote, "If men will not understand the meaning of judgment, they will never come to understand the meaning of grace." The Founding Fathers of our nation understood this. John Adams once remarked, "It is the duty of the clergy to accommodate their discourses to the times, to preach against such sins as are most prevalent, and recommend such virtues as are most wanted.

When they put up Christians symbols on government or public property they did so because they knew where their freedom came from and they wanted to honor Him.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

## **Opportunities For Service**

**Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan**

**Sunday, October 18, 2015**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: John Lewis, Gary Yarbrough, Joseph Coats, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Larry McKahan

No Evening Worship.....

**Monday, October 19**

Workers Meeting.....6:30 pm

**Wednesday, October 21**

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study .....6:30 pm

Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

**Thursday, October 22**

Food Pantry Day

W Team.....6:30 pm

**Sunday, October 25, 2015**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel, Ken Kirkpatrick, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Ken Nice

Diversicare.....2:30 pm

Evening Worship..... 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, October 28**

Prayer Warriors..... 10:00 am Youth Study ..... 6:30 pm

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

**Up-Coming Events.....**

**October 18 — Collect for Patee Park Food Pantry**

**October 19 — Workers Meeting 6:30 pm**

**October 22 — Food Pantry Day**

**October 25 — Diversicare 2:30 pm**

**October 26-28 — Missouri Baptist Annual Meeting**

**November 1— Daylight Saving Time Ends**

**November 2 — Food Kitchen**

**GROW Team**

Commit to **GROW!** Everyone make a contact! Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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**Sunday Nights**

We will not have Sunday Evening Service here tonight at 6:30.

**Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study**

We will be meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Please make plans to attend. Prayer and Bible Study matter!

**Ladies Bible Study—**

**Beth Moore "Children of the Day"**

This Bible Study has been postponed until November. Watch for a new start date.

**Missouri Missions Offering**

We have been emphasizing Missouri Missions throughout the month of

September. Our goal for our church is \$1,500, so far we have collected \$1,504. Prayerfully consider how God would lead you to give.

## **October is Pastor Appreciation Month**

Please let Pastor Allan and Ellen know how much you appreciate them.

### ***Food Pantry***

Today, October 18, is our collection day for Patee Park Food Pantry. If you would like to donate monetarily please see Margaret Dotson. You may place your canned or boxed goods in the hallway basket any time.

### **Diversicare Nursing Home**

**October 25, 2015 at 2:30 pm**

Please join us as we minister to those who can no longer attend their own churches.

### ***Food Kitchen***

*Please come serve with us at the Valley Food Kitchen. We will serve Monday, November 2, at 5:30 pm.*

**Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Sunday, November 1 at 2 am**

**Please remember to set your clocks back 1 hour Saturday night,  
October 31, 2015.**

### ***For the Record-***

#### **Attendance:** October 11, 2015

Sunday School.....	46
Visitors.....	2
Total.....	48
Contacts Made.....	12
Morning Worship.....	60
Children's Worship .....	12
Sunday Night .....	10
Wednesday Night .....	15

#### **Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received...	\$ 2,031.97
MMO Goal .....	\$ 1,500.00
Received .....	\$ 1,504.00

#### **Offering Received by Mail:**

#### **October Counting Team:**

Don Beavers and Daniel Waters

#### **October Van Driver:**

Mike Green

Remember to call 232-3747  
**before 8 am** if you need a ride.

## **October Birthdays:**

03...Don Hart  
08...Brigida Winans  
09...Elvera Crow  
10...Fred Kerns  
10...Jaden Schottel  
14...Dillon Burgess  
18...David Schottel  
18...Abby Sutton  
19...Caitlyn Schottel  
22...Angie Liechti  
28...Ellen Lane  
31...Tim Izer

## **October Anniversaries**

Mike and Martha Green  
October 1, 2005

## ***Prayer Requests ...***

Margaret Dotson—stomach cancer  
Maxine and George Ferbert—tests  
Bill Haskins—recovery  
Joyce Izer—knee  
Stacy Gray—cancer treatment  
Muriel Elder and Family  
Ann Riddle—health  
Linda Rails—Doris' Richardson's sister  
LoLeta's Family in Doug's death  
Allen Jennings—recovery  
Grant Schottel—advanced training  
Henrietta Caballero—Brigida's Sister  
Austin Chalfant—Abby's nephew  
Gary and Marilyn Singleton—health  
Bob Barquist—cancer  
Jozy Winans—rehabilitation  
Louanne Laurence—Joyce's Mother  
Lester Buck            Kathryn Beavers  
Jim Winans           Dorothy Post  
Nellie Reynolds       Leona Reynolds  
Kevin Duty           Opal Roberts  
Madeline Swink       Bobby Griswold  
Lois Pace            Susan Patten  
Debbie Sands        Sue Higgins  
Brenda Burgess       Judy Anderson  
Carolyn Houts       Roscoe Lane  
Larry and Flora McKahan's grandsons  
-T C Thompson       -Keon McKahan  
Missionaries Don and Diane Combs  
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church  
David and Deborah Grace  
Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People

Our Nation and Leaders  
Our Military Service people  
**Today's Prayer Requests ...**

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**Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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**Five More New Families...**

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