

1 Thessalonians 13 - (5:19-28)

Quench Not the Spirit

1. 5:19-20 - Quench not the Spirit

- a. The Spirit is God – Acts 5:3-4; John 15:26; 2 Cor 3:17
- b. The Spirit of God dwells in us – 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19; 2 Tim 1:14
- c. Time past: the Spirit would leave – Psa 51:11; 1 Sam 16:14; Isa 63:10
- d. But now: we are sealed with the Spirit – Eph 1:13, Rom 8:9
- e. **The Spirit's ministry**
 - i. Power vs. possession – 1 Samuel 10:10; Joel 2:28; Acts 2:4
 - ii. Then, they were filled – we are told to be – Eph 5:18
 - iii. Now, he's an earnest of a possession - Eph 1:14; Rom 8:15 & 23
 - iv. Then he would cause – Eze 36:27; 1 John 2:27
 - v. Now he directs – Rom 8:14, Gal 5:18, Eph 3:16
- f. **“quench”** – *def.* to still or repress, to stifle, to extinguish
 - i. The Spirit can be resisted! – Acts 7:51, Romans 8:1; Gal 5:16
 - ii. He can be grieved by bad behavior - Eph 4:30, 1 Cor 6:19
 - iii. Paul's exhortation to holiness – “walk in the Spirit” – 4:7
- g. **“Despise not prophesyings”**
 - i. Prophecy is necessary to have God's revelation – 2 Cor 12:1
 - ii. It was needed to instruct the church in the mystery – 1 Cor 12:28
 - iii. It was a greater gift than healing or tongues – 1 Cor 14:1, 19
 - iv. Prophecy was for edification and understanding – 1 Cor 14:3, 20
 - v. It was despised because it was less spectacular – 1 Cor 14:4
 - vi. It was used as a tool for edification and reproof – 1 Cor 14:24-25
 - vii. They confirmed Paul's message – 1 Cor 14:37
 - viii. Prophecy was only partial and would cease – 1 Cor 13:9-10
 - ix. Preaching on the complete revelation wouldn't cease → 2 Tim 4:2

2. 5:21-24 - Prove all things

- a. Prove – *def.* To make certain, to test, establish as truth
- b. Salvation from the power of sin – Rom 8:2
- c. Prove it in you; work it out – Rom 12:2, Eph 5:8-10, 1 Cor 2:15, Phil 1:10
- d. 5:22 - “appearance” – preaches 1000 sermons; most of them correct
- e. 5:23 – There will be a judgment in that day – 1 Cor 3:14-15; 2 Cor 5:10
- f. 5:24 – He is faithful to keep you → 2 Tim 1:12

3. 5:25-28 – Conclusions

- a. “Pray for us” – Paul saw the need of prayer - Eph 6:19-20, Rom 15:30
- b. 5:26 – Dealing with “cultural issues” – Be careful!
 - i. Truth is not cultural or merely the beliefs of a certain society
 - ii. 1st – Find the doctrine = sincere friendly greeting by a kiss
 - iii. 2nd – Does it affect salvation? – Rom 16:17
 - iv. 3rd – Apply Romans 14:16-19
- c. 5:27 – “charge you by the Lord” – Paul's authority sets the precedent