



Holy Spirit, Five Sins Against

Two of the five sins against the Holy Spirit are from unbelievers - resistance of the Holy Spirit and blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. The other three sins against the Holy Spirit are from believers only - lying to the Holy Spirit, grieving the Holy Spirit, and quenching the Holy Spirit. All are a result of being controlled by the old sin nature.

Resistance of the Holy Spirit

Resistance of the Holy Spirit is rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church Age. The Pre-salvation ministry of the Holy Spirit is a convicting ministry of the sin of unbelief, the absolute righteousness (+R) of God, the relative righteousness (-R) of man, and judgment from rejecting Jesus Christ as Savior by resisting the convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit. Acts 7:51; John 16:7-11.

"You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did." (Acts 7:51, NASB)

"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged." (John 16:7-11, NASB)

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit was rejection of Jesus Christ while He was ministering on the earth in the previous dispensation - the Jewish Age. Jesus Christ was filled with the Holy Spirit during His earthly ministry and to reject Him was blasphemy against the Holy Spirit - the unpardonable sin. Matt. 12:31-32. See category on [The Unpardonable Sin](#).

"Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come." (Matthew 12:31-32, NASB)

The following three sins against the Holy Spirit are from believers only - lying to the Holy Spirit, grieving the Holy Spirit, and quenching the Holy Spirit. All are a result of being controlled by the old sin nature.

Lying to the Holy Spirit

Lying to the Holy Spirit is sin resulting from false motivation plus approbation lust. Two examples are Ananias and Sapphira. Acts 5:3-11. See category on [Ananias and Sapphira](#).

"But Peter said, 'Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.'" (Acts 5:3-4, NASB)

"Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. And Peter responded to her, 'Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?'"



And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out as well." (Acts 5:7-9, NASB)

Grieving the Holy Spirit

Grieving the Holy Spirit is producing sins from the area of weakness in your old sin nature. These are moral versus immorality issues, sins of the tongue, and mental attitude sins. This is any sin in the life of the believer which involves a moral or ethical issue. Eph. 4:30. See category on [Grieving the Holy Spirit](#).

"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:30, NASB)

Quenching the Holy Spirit

Quenching the Holy Spirit is producing human good from the area of strength of the old sin nature such as witnessing, giving money, etc., to gain approbation. Human good soothes the conscience and keeps the believer from confessing their known sins to God the Father and thereby regaining the filling of the Holy Spirit. The application is to do it as unto the Lord or don't do it! This is disobedience to God's Word that doesn't involve an ethical or moral issue. 1 Thess. 5:19; 1 John 1:9.

"Do not quench the Spirit;" (1 Thessalonians 5:19, NASB)

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9, NASB)