

Bible Reading

Ephesians 4 (p. 1175)

The Holy Spirit

The vastness of the work of the Spirit

The Spirit of God is in
the whole of the Bible
from Gen. 1:1 to
Revelation 22:17.
Active in the OT. Active
in the NT.

The Holy Spirit

The Spirit and Jesus Christ

John 1:32 :

*I saw the Spirit come down
from heaven as a dove and
remain on him*

Heb 9:14 :

*Christ, who through the
eternal Spirit offered
himself unblemished to
God,*

Acts 10:38 :

*God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy
Spirit and power (Peter)*

The Holy Spirit

The essential companion

Jn. 14:16-18 (p. 1082)

- One like Jesus
- Unknown to the world
- Not just with them but in them
- Cared for

A relationship to be respected and nurtured

‘Do not grieve
the Holy Spirit of God...’

Eph. 4:30

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2 Cor 2:1,2

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b) Relational

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*'very great sadness, especially
at the death of someone'*

*'implying deep mental
suffering often endured alone
and in silence but revealed by
one's aspect'*

How amazing this is!

So what causes
grief to the Holy
Spirit of God?

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Phil. 3:12

*‘Everyone who has this
hope in him purifies
himself, just as he is
pure*

1 John 3:3

Eph. 4:25-32

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*These are stated because
they are directly related to
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The everyday mundane
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realities

- Giving the Devil a foothold
- Forgetting that God has forgiven you

AND

- Grieving the Holy Spirit of God

*Our small behaviours affect
our relationship with the Holy
Spirit of God.*

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Live carefully (Eph. 5:15)