

Resisting the Holy Spirit

Acts 7:51-60

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I. What Is Not Meant

Many mistake the resisting of the call of a preacher to come forward in a service with the resisting of the Holy Spirit.

Salvation is not at the front of the church, but in Christ. The call of the Holy Spirit is not to come to the front but to the Savior. Many who come forward are worse off than those who resisted this call. (Joh.5:40; 6:35)

We cannot effectively resist the Spirit of God when He moves sovereignly and omnipotently upon the heart. (Joh.1:10-13; 3:1-8; 6:37-39; 2Th.2:13-14)

II. What Is Meant

Our text is clear that men do not resist the Holy Spirit. (Act 7:51)

When you resist the Word given by the Holy Spirit you resist Him. (Act.7:51; Neh.9:29-30)

God didn't just send His Son, He has now sent the Holy Spirit to testify of His Son. (Joh.15:26-27)

It is for our glory that the Savior went away. (Joh.16:7; 7:37-39)

To "reprove" is to convict or convince; to make to know as a certainty that something is so. (Joh.16:8)

A sin is against Jesus Christ, but also a result of not trusting Him. (Joh.16:9)

Jesus Christ is either: deceiver, deceived, demented, demonized or Deity. And indeed He is the Son of God, the only Savior. (Joh.14:6)

It is the Holy Spirit's mission to bring home to the sinner's heart that the Lord Jesus Christ was, and is, perfectly righteous. (Joh.16:10; Phi.2:8-11)

The Holy Spirit even now calls us to repent of our sins and to trust in the Lord Jesus, from Whom now there is relief from the guilt of our sins. (Joh.16:10; 15:26; Rom.8:33-34)

The Holy Spirit now makes us know the sense of emancipation from the fetters of Satan, whose judgment brings to men liberty to be holy, and transformation out of servants of the devil into sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty. (Joh.16:11; Col.1:13; 1Jo.4:4)

III. The INDICTMENT

A formal charge was brought by Stephen against these Jews of resisting the Holy Spirit. (Act.7:51)

All of us are accountable to God for the light that He has given. We are without excuse. (Rom.1:18-23; 2:14-16)

The Holy Spirit's message to us is to repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. To fail to do so is to be indicted a charge, and to perish one day for ever. (Joh.3:16; 5:40; Mat.7:23)