

God's Holy Spirit Today

Quench Not ... Grieve Not

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*“Dear children, this is the last hour ...
now many antichrists have come” 1 John 2:18*

“The last hour” is denoted by the coming of “ many antichrists”
... false teachers who claim special knowledge and twist and deny
the Biblical teaching of Jesus Christ! **1 John 2: 18-27**

The Gnostic heresy, (from Greek word for “know”)

1. Matter is evil – deny incarnation of Jesus Christ
2. Secret hidden knowledge – themselves as spiritual elite
3. Above morals of the flesh leading to gross sins

In denying the Son, they deny the Father also! v. 22,23

“The Anointing” refers to the Holy Spirit – “Spirit of Truth” Jn 14:17

1. Indwells and illuminates every believer in truth (v.20, 27)
(John 14:25-26; 16:12-15)
2. We know the truth, and discern the lie/liar (3 Tests)
3. Equips us to confirm truth with Word and the Spirit

“We know” the spirit of antichrist fails three tests (1 Jn 5:1-3)

1. Righteous living, obeying Jesus’ commands (1 Jn 2:3-4)
2. Love of the brethren (1 Jn 2:20-11; 3:14-18; 4:7-8)
3. Belief in Jesus Christ, the incarnate God-man (1 Jn 4:2-3)

Satan is ... a counterfeiter. He imitates the work of God. . .
Satan has counterfeit “ministers” (2 Cor. 11:13–15)
who preach a counterfeit gospel (Gal. 1:6–12)
that produces counterfeit Christians (John 8:43–44) who
depend on a counterfeit righteousness (Rom. 10:1–10).
— Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*

“Quench not the Spirit”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

Quench = to smother, douse, or dampen down a fire;
to suppress the ministry of God’s Spirit through me, or others.

1. Praying, rejoicing, giving thanks (worship) are the
super/natural expression of the Spirit of God through us!
The lack of these **quenches the Spirit!**
2. Not serving others with the gift God has given me
quenches the Spirit! (1 Pet 4:10; 2 Tim 1:6)
3. Rejecting the preaching of God’s Word out of hand, or
receiving it without testing **quenches the Spirit!**

*“When we criticize, act unkindly, belittle the work of others by
careless or unappreciative words, we smother the fire ...”*

— Billy Graham, *The Holy Spirit*

“Grieve not the Spirit”

Ephesians 4:29-32

Grieve = to bring sorrow, to wound the Spirit’s love for me by
causing harm to the body of Christ, breaking the unity of the Spirit

*“Grieve is a love word ... we may hurt or anger one who has no
affection for us, but we can grieve only a person who loves us.”*

— Billy Graham, *The Holy Spirit*

1. Speech that damages and tears down fellow members of
the body of Christ.
2. Attitudes that do not manifest the kindness, love, and
forgiveness from God received in Christ Jesus.

The Christian’s speech should be:

Edifying. It should result in building up the hearers.

Appropriate. It should be suitable to the occasion.

Gracious. It should impart grace to the hearers.

— MacDonald, *Believer’s Bible Commentary*