

## **The Enemy Within** part 5

- I. At salvation the new believer participates in the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4).
  1. Brings new perspective.
  2. New desires (Phil. 2:13).
  3. Still have a sin nature (1 Jn. 1:8).
  4. Still have the capacity to sin (1 Jn. 1:10).
  5. Divine enabling from the Holy Spirit is the only method of overcoming our sin nature.
  
- II. Christians can grieve the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30).
  1. By a routine of acting unrighteous (Eph. 4:25-29).
  2. Grieving is not a question of salvation.
  3. Godly grief is designed to produce a change of mind regarding the unrighteous behavior (2 Cor. 7:9-10).
  
- III. Christians can quench the Holy Spirit (1 Thes. 5:19).
  1. “Stop! Quenching the Spirit!
  2. Heed warning regarding the Christian life (v. 12).
  3. Consider the leaders’, teachers’ work, in love (v. 13).
  4. Be at peace! Among yourselves (v. 13).
  5. Warn the unruly! Out of rank, neglecting duty (v. 14).
  6. Comfort! the fearful (v. 14).
  7. Be longsuffering! Toward all (v. 14).
  8. See! that no one repays poor character with poor character (v. 15).
  9. Pursue! That which is pleasant—believers, then all (v. 15).
  10. Have joy! Always (v. 16).
  11. Communicate to God—repeatedly, without signing off [e.g., cough] (v. 17).
  12. In everything give thanks! (v. 18).
  13. Stop! Ignoring, downgrading prophecy (v. 20).
  14. Approve! All things (v. 21).
    - 1) Hold on to that which is fitting in character.
    - 2) Abstain from the appearance of evil.