AFTER THE RESURRECTION

Does the Holy Spirit Have Emotions?

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1 John 4:8 God is love.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish, but have everlasting life.

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Romans 5:5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

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Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

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Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:2-3 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

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1 Thessalonians 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

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Acts 7:51 You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit!

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Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

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Romans 6:13-14 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Philippians 2:12-13 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

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Some people feel justified in criticizing emotional responses such as weeping in prayer or rejoicing in songs of praise. This would be totally unacceptable behavior to them. Some have been taught to have self control at all times. Scripture teaches us, self control as well, but, for Christians self-control is developed by yielding to the power of the Holy Spirit. A person who is happy, complimentary, loving, and tender reflects godly character, not weakness. We need to learn to express emotions honestly and properly, as God intended. When we realize that our emotions make up one third of our soul (the other two parts being intellect and will), we begin to better understand their importance to our health and happiness. The Holy Spirit is a Person who has definite emotional responses, as clearly described in the Scriptures.

1. Read 1 John 4:8, John 3:16, Exodus 34:6, Psalm 86:5, 15, 2 Corinthians 13:11c, Ephesians 2:4-5. The way we respond to the Holy Spirit either builds a loving relationship with Him or hinders the development of that relationship. Our choices affect our fellowship with God just as they do with people. Satisfactory relationships with people depend mostly on our responses to them. Our relationship to the Third Person of the Godhead is no exception to that principle.
2. In this week’s sermon we heard about the emotions of the Holy Spirit. Have you ever considered that the Holy Spirit does indeed have human emotions? Explain.

Negative Responses

1. Scripture is full of examples and instruction, regarding the emotional responses of the Holy Spirit. Examining the emotional responses of the Holy Spirit, that the Scriptures revealed to us will help us better understand this beautiful Third Person of the Godhead.
2. Read Ephesians 4:30-31, Acts 7:51. We can safely conclude that if we don’t follow these instructions and repent of these sins, we will grieve the Holy Spirit. Because He is love, whatever we do to sin against that love causes Him, grief. Rejection, rebellion, hardness of heart, disobedience, and lack of faith or sinful attitudes of the heart and mind that grieve the Holy Spirit. What are some actions you can take to avoid grieving the Holy Spirit?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19, 1 Timothy 4:14, 2 Timothy 1:6-7. As a gentle person, the Holy Spirit does not insist, against our will, that we obey Him. He waits to be invited and welcomed into our lives. Then He patiently persuades us of truth and righteousness. If we don’t choose to obey the Holy Spirit, we will quench His work in our lives. The word picture in the Greek for quenching the spirit is literally “choking the throat of the Holy Spirit.” Have here been times in your life when you knew that you have quenched the Holy Spirit in some way? Explain.

Positive Responses

1. If our disobedience grieves the Holy Spirit, then we can be assured that our obedience delights His heart. As we yield to His convicting power and obey His truth, as He reveals it to us, we will begin to know the righteousness, peace, and joy of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
2. Read Psalm 119:105, 8, 16, 80, Psalm 105:45, Ezekiel 36:27. Share some examples of the results of you stepping out in obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
3. Read Isaiah 43:10, Matthew 9:28, 21:22, Luke 8:50, John 9:36, Acts 15:11, 16:31, Hebrews 11:6. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. We must respond positively to the truth He reveals by choosing to believe Him if we are to experience His divine power in setting, us free from sin. Spend a few moments contemplating your belief. What did the Holy Spirit speak to your heart?