

Ephesians 4:30~ Also, do not be grieving¹ God's Holy Spirit, with which you have been sealed for a day of releasing by ransom.

Footnote: Literally; not be you saddening

- 1• Paul also shows, that we should not be grieving God's Holy Spirit, with which we have been anointed, for it is the helper that will carry us through to our goal, and we must be making progress spiritually, and not to be doing things, that will make it leave us. For Yehowah God is holy, and we must also be holy.

[Question] Why should anointed Christians be very careful, not to grieve the Holy Spirit within us?

[Question] What condition must we maintain within ourselves, and why?

- 2• But they themselves rebelled, and made his Holy Spirit feel hurt. He now was changed into an enemy of theirs. He himself warred against them. (**Isaiah 63:10**)

[Question] How did the Israelites many times behave?

- 3• Working together with him, we also entreat you not to accept the undeserved kindness of God, and miss its purpose. (**2 Corinthians 6:1**)

[Question] Could we accept God's undeserved kindness, and then miss its purpose, that of being clean and holy in all our conduct?

- 4• **Do not put out** the fire of the **spirit**! (**1 Thessalonians 5:19**)

[Question] What must anointed Christians be careful not to put out?

- 5• But you also hoped in him after you heard the word of truth, the Good News about your salvation. By means of him also, after you believed, you were **sealed** with the promised **Holy Spirit**. (**Ephesians 1:13**)

[Question] With what are anointed Christians sealed, and what do they need to do in faith to gain this anointing?

- 6• Not only that, but we ourselves also who **have** the firstfruits, namely, the **spirit**, yes, we ourselves groan within ourselves, while we are earnestly waiting for adoption as sons, the release from our bodies by **ransom**. (**Romans 8:23**)

[Question] What is the firstfruit of righteousness?

[Question] What must then guide us, until we gain true righteousness before God?

- 7· Do not throw me away from before your face, and your Holy Spirit, O, do not take away from me. (**Psalms 51:11**)

[Question] What did the Psalmist ask his God not to take away from him?

- 8· How often they would rebel against him in the wilderness, they would make him feel hurt in the desert! (**Psalms 78:40**)

[Question] How did the Israelite nation make God feel, through their rebelliousness in the wilderness?

- 9· The night is well along, the **day** has drawn near. Let us therefore put off the works belonging to darkness, and let us put on the weapons of the light. (**Romans 13:12**)

[Question] Where do we now stand, regarding the dawn of the day of righteousness from God?

[Question] How then, should we be acting before God?

- 10· He has also put his seal upon us, and has given us the token of what is to come, that is, the **spirit**, in our hearts. (**2 Corinthians 1:22**)

[Question] How and where, has God placed a seal upon us, of his intention for us for the future?

- 11· Of how much more severe a punishment, do you think, will the man be counted worthy who has trampled upon the Son of God and who has esteemed as of ordinary value the blood of the covenant, by which he was sanctified, and who has outraged the **spirit** of undeserved kindness with contempt? (**Hebrews 10:29**)

[Question] How will those be treated, who through repeated wrong conduct, express contempt for God's undeserved kindness through Christ?

- 12· Nevertheless, I **have** a few things against you, that you **have** there those holding fast the teaching of Balaam, who went teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the

sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication. (Revelation 2:14)

[Question] What was the teaching of Balaam, and how did he cause Israel to stumble?

- 13·** **Saying; Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until after we have sealed the slaves of our God in their foreheads. (Revelation 7:3)**

[Question] What work must progress to completion, before the great tribulation erupts?

- 14·** **And I heard the number of those who were sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel. (Revelation 7:4)**

[Question] How many of these sealed ones does the Bible record designate?