



SERMON NOTES

June 14, 2020

Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:16-20 (NAS)
"Hearts Warmed by the Fire of God's Spirit"
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- 16 Rejoice always;
- 17 pray without ceasing;
- 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- 19 Do not quench the Spirit;

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,
Congregation: But the Word of our God stands forever

I. NOT TO QUENCH

- A. Greek Word – To Quench, To Extinguish, To Put Out
- B. Used In Reference To Fire *Matthew 25:8; Ephesians 6:16*

II. WHY IS GOD'S SPIRIT EQUATED WITH FIRE? Acts 2:1-3

- A. He Brings Illumination *Matthew 3:11*
- B. He Enables Sanctification *I Thessalonians 4:3*
- C. He Gives Us Zeal For The Work Of God's Kingdom *Acts 2:13; Ephesians 5:18*

III. WE KNOW OF GOD'S SPIRIT Acts 19:2

- A. We Believe In A Triune God
- B. We Were Baptized In The Name Of The Spirit *Matthew 28:19*

IV. ARE WE EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- A. Illuminating, Sanctifying And Giving Us A Zeal For God's Work
- B. Or Have We Been Guilty Of Quenching The Spirit?

1. By suffocating His Work?

2. By not feeding the fire?

C. How Do We Approach Worship?

- 1. Is it with faith and sincerity? *Hebrews 11:6; John 4:24*
- 2. Or is it with hypocrisy? *Mark 7:6*

D. We Need To Grow In Our Zeal For The Lord Acts 3:6,8

E. We Need To Feed The Fire

- 1. Practice the joy of the Lord
- 2. Be regular in prayer
- 3. Give thanks to God always
- 4. Feed on His Word