

FIVE WAYS TO SIN AGAINST GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. By unbelievers only:
 - A. Resistance of God the Holy Spirit.

Acts 7:51, "Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit: as your fathers did, so do ye."
This is the rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ during the Church Age. The pre-salvation ministry of the Holy Spirit is a convicting ministry. John 16:7-11. The Holy Spirit convicts of unbelief in Christ, of God's righteousness, and of judgment. Rejecting Christ as Savior is resisting this ministry of God the Holy Spirit.
 - B. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 12:31, 32, "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come."
This is rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ while He was ministering on the Earth in the previous dispensation of Israel, the Jewish Age. Jesus Christ was filled with the Holy Spirit during His earthly ministry and to reject Him was blasphemy against God the Holy Spirit, an unpardonable act.
2. By believers only:
 - A. Lying to God the Holy Spirit.

Acts 5:3, "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the price of the land?"
This is the sin of false motivation. This is because of approbation lust from the old sin nature.
 - B. Grieving God the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."
This is producing sins from your area of weakness in your old sin nature. This includes moral issues, immorality, sins of the tongue, mental attitude sins. This is any sin in the life of the believer which involves a moral or an ethical issue.
 - C. Quenching God the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:19, "Quench not the Spirit."
This is producing human good from the area of strength in the old sin nature. This could be witnessing, giving, prayers, etc. This is done in order to gain approbation. Human good soothes the conscience and keeps the believer from being restored back into fellowship with God. This is disobedience to God's Word that doesn't involve an ethical or moral issue.

DO IT AS UNTO THE LORD, OR DON'T DO IT.

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