

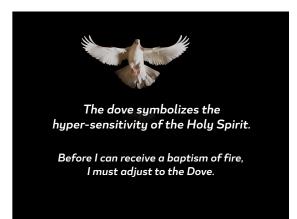






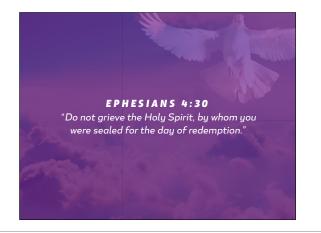
JOHN 1:32-33 "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit."











The Dove -Understand the Symbolism

The Holy Spirit will not adjust to me; I must adjust to the Holy Spirit.

The Dove -Apply the Principle

To live the Spirit-filled, Spiritempowered, Spirit-led life, I must find out what grieves the Spirit – and not do that.

What Grieves the Holy Spirit Bitterness: "Don't grieve the Holy Spirit ... Get rid of all bitterness." EPHESIANS 4:30-31

Bitterness Defined: "Get rid of all..." Rage: sudden outbursts of fury **Anger**: temper attributed to temperament **Brawling:** Yelling and screaming **Slander:** gossip, to speak ill of another who is not present; literally, to blaspheme **Every form of malice**: general relational nastiness **Bitterness** A natural feeling that is easily justified. It comes from being mistreated, maligned, misunderstood, misrepresented-or the perception of it! HEBREWS 12:14-15 "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Getting Rid of Bitterness Practice total forgiveness. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God

forgave you. **EPHESIANS 4:32**

