

**Series "Our Riches In Christ"**  
**"The Spirit's Blessings"**  
**Ephesians 1:13-14**  
**Study-4**

**Romans 8:15-17**

**Ephesians** was written to reveal to believers the wealth of the person that is in Christ. **1-3 – Wealth of the Christian; 4-6 – Walk of the Christian.**

**Ephesians 1:3-14** Introduces us to the trinity and their part in the redemptive plan. It tells us that all 3 persons of the trinity do not work independently, they work together to make possible our salvation (God's plan to save us). In each one of these, it is all done with the view of **"the glory of God."**

**Verses 3-6 – Blessings of the Father;** He called us, adopted us, and accepted us. **Ephesians 1:6 – "to the praise of the glory of His grace,"**

**Verses 7-12 – Blessings of Jesus Christ;** He redeemed us, set free from the power of sin. **Ephesians 1:12 – "would be to the praise of His glory."**

**Verses 13-14 – Blessings of the Spirit;** sealed us, our inheritance for the future. **Ephesians 1:14 – "to the praise of His glory."**

**The Thought Of The Passage:** "In Salvation, The Holy Spirit Seals The Believer, Which Is God's Pledge Of Our Inheritance."

**1. Verse 13 – The Blessing Of Being Sealed**

**2. Verse 14 – The Blessing Of A Pledge**

**1. Verse 13 – The Blessing Of Being Sealed:**

Ephesians 1:13 – "In Him" – The theme of the book of Ephesians. It speaks to Christians that are in Christ, used over 20X in this book.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – "Therefore if anyone is in Christ,"

"In Christ" – Greek perfect tense stresses "will continue to remain."

1 John 5:11-13

Transformation With A New Nature In Christ: God will continue the work that He started. "Christian" is one of the strongest terms for someone that is a child of God. Christian is used 3X in the Bible, "In Christ, in Him, in Jesus Christ" used 169X in N.T., 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Union With Him, And Oneness With Others: When you are in Christ, you not only have a relationship with Jesus but there is a oneness with other's that are in Christ, 1 John 3:14.

Satisfaction In Christ: John 6:35.

John 14:6

### **We see the work of the Holy Spirit in Our Salvation:**

- 1. Hear The Word:** "you also, after listening to the message of truth," – The Bible is Truth. Holy Spirit works through the Word of God, John 3:5; John 17:17.

"the gospel of your salvation" – We need to define what is meant by "Gospel" today!

Not Gospel Of Religion: Which not only does not work, but is a barrier to coming to Jesus Christ.

Not The Gospel Of Self Improvements: There is nothing to improve; we are dead! Matthew 16:24-26

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

As the message goes forth, the Holy Spirit reveals God's terms of salvation.

The Holy Spirit convicts of sin: John 16:8-11.

- 2. We Believe, Placing Our Faith In Jesus:** "having also believed," – God's choice of man is called election, mans choice of God is called faith.

Holy Spirit urges us to accept Jesus. If we say "we will not," there will come a time when we say "we cannot!"

- 3. Sealed With The Spirit:** "you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,"

Person hears the message, they believe, then they are sealed by the Holy Spirit.

"Seal" – could involve hot wax that was imprinted with a signet ring. It was placed on a letter or on cargo that was shipped.

### **3 Purposes For Being Sealed:**

- 1. Seal Is For Ownership** – Identification; that it belonged to the person. Seal would have a specific mark that is like no other, 2 Timothy 2:19; Romans 8:16-17.
- 2. Seal Is For Protection** – security; when Rome placed a seal on an object, if it was tampered with, it meant death. The seal meant the backing of Rome was with it, Matthew 27:66.

Revelation 7:1-8 – The Lord seals 144,000 Jews for protection and to preach the Gospel during the tribulation. We later see these same 144,000 in heaven, safe with the Lord, Revelation 14:1.

- 3. Seal Of Certification** – authenticity; The verb for seal is “certified.” People during this time could not read but they could recognize a government seal, or the seal of another, Romans 8:9.

“Holy Spirit of promise.” – Because that is what the Holy Spirit was in the O.T.; the Spirit of promise, Haggai 2:5; John 14:17.

“Spirit” (Helper) – One called alongside to help, to render service, to be with, John 14:26.

Ephesians 4:30 – Grieve – “to make sorrowful, to hurt, to injure.”

Ephesians 4:19-32 gives a list of ways that we can grieve Him; Hinder His work in our lives.

Verse 19 – Lust, Greed; Verse 25 – Lying; Verse 26 – Anger; Verse 28 – Stealing; Verse 29 – Unwholesome talk; Verse 31 – Raging anger, Bitterness, Slander, Malice, Clamor.

### **2. Verse 14 – The Blessing Of A Pledge:**

Ephesians 1:14

“who is given as a pledge” – “earnest, or down payment, to guarantee the final purchase of some commodity or piece of land.”

To the Greeks, it was also translated “Engagement Ring.”

Holy Spirit is a Pledge of Our Inheritance: The down payment of what is to come, 2 Corinthians 5:4-5.

“with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession,” – That is us, we are God’s own possession that will someday be fully redeemed.

Revelation 5:5-13 – Jesus paid to redeem the earth from the curse of sin; All creation blessing Him for His work.

**When the Bible speaks of Salvation/Redemption, it is presented in 3 tenses:**

- 1. Justification** – Deals with sins of the past; we say, “Just as if I did not sin!” Past sins dealt with.
- 2. Sanctification** – Dealing with sins of the present; Being saved, we are daily dying to self and yielding to the Holy Spirit; Sanctification.
- 3. Glorification** – Future effects of sin no longer; We will be in a sinless state, new bodies.

“to the praise of His glory.” – Paul has used this phrase at the end of each person of the trinity’s part in salvation.

God The Father – Ephesians 1:6.

God The Son – Ephesians 1:12.

God The Holy Spirit – Ephesians 1:14.

“the praise of His glory” – To live so as to worship Him, to so live that our lives of worship are observed by others, bringing glory to Him.

**Application:**

1. Have We Been Sealed And Marked By The Holy Spirit?
2. If We Know That We Have Not Been Sealed Or Marked By The Holy Spirit In Our Lives, Do We Desire To Be Sealed And Marked By The Holy Spirit?
3. If We Say We Have Been Sealed And Marked By The Holy Spirit In Our Lives, Are We Thankful or Are We Proud?