

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

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CHAPTER 1:13-14

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TITLE:

"ARE YOU SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT?" - PART 2

BEING READY TO SHARE THE LORD

THEME:

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

INTRODUCTION

Ephesians 1:13

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, Ephesians 1:14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

What does it mean to be sealed?

1.) Sealed By the Holy Spirit

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On August 13 1982 at 4:24 pm. My oldest daughter was born...
in all of the flurry of activity I recorded the hour & the minute even on film!

The certificate was recorded and stamped
she was ours and it was her moment to enter the world

Our Life Ahead

- It was planned by the Father
- Purchased by the Son
- Presented by the Holy Spirit

* **Sealed** **GRK 4972 sphragizo (sfrag-id'-zo);**
To stamp with a signet ring or to personally (emboss or mark) for security and preservation. To mark the genuineness of ownership

In the ancient world wealthy purchasers would have their buyers sent out to various parts of the known world to **SECURE** a desired item or article for their owner

Once the item was found, the **PRICE** was agreed upon and the buyer would take a kit that was made up of **A STRING, WAX AND SIGNET RING.**

Once the item was paid for it was **OWNED**

Once the item was sealed it was sealed for good until it **ARRIVED** before the owner.

The owner would then break the seal and take it as his **PERSONAL POSSESSION.**

The Buyer: He would be employed full time to travel about the world to claim items of interest from His master.

A Tribulation Example

Revelation 7:3

Saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

The Entire Redemptive Plan is Represented Here vv. 13

The Progressive Steps of Coming to the Lord

- #1 Hearing the Gospel
- #2 Believing the Gospel - Romans 10:13-15 (God's Plan for Evangelism)
- #3 Then Sealed (the final act of a transaction - even though delivery is yet coming)

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ownership, security, protection)

John 14:16-17

And authenticity like a signature upon a document so the signature of the Holy Spirit is upon our hearts...

Have You Signed for it?

I've signed for it

What is the Name that this is being reserved under?

The item of interest is being reserved under the name of the purchaser.

The Purchaser is responsible to take delivery

Sealed as in a corporate or official seal

The Sealing of the Believer is Done with a Deposit,
Which is The Promise to Take Delivery?

The Promise is the Holy Spirit

Turn to Luke 24; 46-49

“The Promise”

(The fact is, Jesus lives inside your heart, by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit)
Jesus had to go away so he could be everywhere at once

*	Promise	GRK 1860 epaggelia (ep-ang-el-ee'-ah) To make an announcement or pledge. To be given divine assurance
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It is the announcement of security, preservation,
& the mark of genuine ownership

It is Pledge of Commitment
(A desirable thing)

It is a Pledge of Ownership
(A desirable thing)

If I were engaged to a girl she would be set apart
“As my desire”

- She has been pledged all of my wealth
- She has been pledged all of my passions
- She has been pledged all of my love
- And she has been pledge all of my protection

HIS PROMISES ARE SURE (He's not moody or changing in nature)

2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. :21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, :22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

2.) Guaranteed By the Holy Spirit

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The Internal Dwelling of the Holy Spirit Is God's first Installment or Promise

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Guarantee / Earnest

GRK 728 arrhabon (ar-hrab-ohn')

A pledge, a part of the purchase-money or property given in advance as security for the rest:

The Down Payment

Writing a check against my account will not help you much because it is limited in its depth. - It can only cover up to a certain amount

Romans 11:33

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways Past finding out! (NKJ)

Philippians 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (NKJ)

The Holy Spirit is the Church's Irrevocable Pledge of Marriage

He would represent the authority
and wealth of his master

REBEKAH & ISSAC'S EXAMPLE

Eleazer - the comforter
Genesis 22-24

The (Announcement) Ring is in mind here.
The Ring of Engagement

Guarantees - Possessions - Inheritance - Purchase
Wealth and Security

The Holy Spirit is the Engagement Ring - Guaranteeing
the Promise !!!

2 Corinthians 5:5 Now He who has prepared us for this
very thing is God, who also has given us the
Spirit as a guarantee.

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inheritance 2817 kleronomia (klay-ron-om-ee'-ah);
Heirship, i.e. (concretely) a patrimony or (genitive case) a possession:

“The Redemption of the Purchased Possession”

This is the “Taking Ownership” of the entire you

- The Body in Resurrection or Rapture
- The Soul in Renewal
- The Spirit in Rebirth

The Redemption Process

WE HAVE BEEN REDEEMED
(By faith in Jesus Christ - Ephesians 1:7)

WE ARE BEING REDEEMED
(By the ongoing work of the Spirit conforming us - Romans 8:1-4)

WE SHALL BE REDEEMED
(By the return of the Lord we all shall be changed in totality - 1 John 3:1)

Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:19 for the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. :20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope :21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. :22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. :23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:50

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Verse 14d

Ephesians 1:6 to the **praise** (gratitude and appreciation) of the **glory** (overflowing and abounding) of His **grace**, (divinely favored)..... By which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:12

That we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. (NKJ)

What Should Be Our Response?

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU IS BEYOND WHAT
YOU CAN IMAGINE

1 John 3:1

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called Children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.