

The Promised “Seal”

Ephesians 1:13-14 TPT

¹³And because of him, when you who are not Jews heard the revelation truth, you believed in the wonderful news of salvation. *Now we have been stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.* ¹⁴ He is given to us like an engagement ring is given to a bride, as the first installment of what’s coming! He is our hope-promised of a future inheritance that {seals} us until we have all of the redemption’s promises and experience complete freedom - all for the supreme glory and honor of God.

Paul wrote this letter about 60 AD, while in a prison cell in Rome, and sent it as a circular letter to be read to all the churches.

The Book of Ephesians, by some accounts, is viewed as the constitution of our faith, the great summary description of all that is precious and esteemed in Christian doctrine and Christian living.

Ezekiel 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

Apart from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, it is impossible for a person to have true life and follow God’s ways. It is essential that we remain open to the Holy Spirit.

Through the fulfillment of God, He gives the leadership of Jesus Christ to be the Head of the Church and the fullness of God in Human flesh.

Jesus Christ gives His church extraordinary power to walk filled with the Holy Spirit, revealing the nature of God in all things. Jesus loves the church and cherishes everything about her.

He is the one who brings Jews and non-Jews into one body. The church is God’s new humanity {one new man}. It is the temple where God’s glory dwells.

The Book of Ephesians is full of life and its words reach higher in Christian thought than any letter in our New Testament.

Ephesians is full of living revelation; it simply drips with the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a “promise” and a “seal”

- The promise:
 - Ezekiel 36:26 “...a new spirit”
 - Joel 2:28 “...that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh;...”
 - John 14:25-26 These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

- The seal:
 - A seal, in biblical times as today, is used to guarantee security or indicate ownership.
 - Ancient seals were often made with wax, embedded with the personalized imprint of their guarantor.
 - The Roman authorities used such a seal to secure Jesus’ tomb (Matt.27:66).
 - The significance of the act of sealing is dependent on the importance of the one doing the sealing.
 - The Holy Spirit seals those who trust in Christ.
 - The Spirit’s presence is God’s guarantee that believers are owned by him and secure in him.
 - The seal is evidence that they are God’s adopted children and that his redemption is real when the Holy Spirit is present in their life.
 - The seal comprises the initial down payment that anticipates the future redemption of God’s “marked possession” (vs.14)

Ephesians 1:1 Paul an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in “Christ Jesus”.

- In Christ Jesus:
 - The terms in Christ Jesus, “in the Lord”, “in Him, etc. occur 160 times in Paul’s writings (36 time in Ephesians).
 - “In Christ” means that the believer now lives and acts in the sphere of Christ Jesus.
 - Union “in Christ” is the redeemed Christian’s new environment.

“In Christ” the believer has conscious communion with their Lord and Savior, and in their relationship, their life is seen as the life of Christ living in them.

Union “in Christ” comes as a gift of God through faith, manifested from the presence of the indwelling “sealed” Holy Spirit.

The “sealer” at work:

Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

- ❖ The Christian is marked as a “new self”, a “re-creation” of God, indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ His name “Holy Spirit” is not without significance.
- ❖ His sealing separates the believer from the world and from their unholy past.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

- All believers have been crucified with Christ on the cross.
- Because of salvation “in Christ”, sin no longer has dominion over you!!!
- It is through the “sealed” Holy Spirit that the risen life of Christ is continually communicated to us, and manifested from us; belief, confidence, devotion, loyalty, and love “in Christ”.
- This personal fellowship with Christ is the most important thing in the Christian experience.

This identity is crucial in our ongoing struggle with spiritual darkness and powers, overcoming our former lifestyle, and living as God has called us to live.

- Union “in Christ” comes as a gift of God through faith, manifested from the presence of the indwelling “sealed” Holy Spirit.
- Christ and His strength dwell within us, becoming the source of all life and center of all our thoughts, words, and deeds.
- Those who have faith in Christ Jesus live their lives in intimate union with their Lord both in His death and resurrection.

Before experiencing a *right relationship* “in Christ”, along with the “sealed Holy Spirit”; it requires a born-again experience through Christ’s death, burial, resurrection, and ascension.

- We can know that we really belong to God when the “sealed” Holy Spirit regenerates and renews us (Jn. 1:12-13; 3:3-6)
- When the “sealed” Holy Spirit delivers us from the power of sin (Rom. 8:1-17)
- When the “sealed” Holy Spirit gives us a consciousness of God as our Father (Gal. 4:6).
- When the “sealed” Holy Spirit fills us with power to witness for Him (Acts 1:8 2:4).

May you, brothers, and sisters, be full of living revelation, and drip with the anointing of the “sealed” Holy Spirit!

1 Peter 4:18 TPT Glorify God, because you carry the “anointed ones” name!

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