

Sealed With The Spirit

## J. C. Ryle, *Assurance*, p. 51-52

“assurance makes him patient in tribulation, calm under bereavement, unmoved in sorrow, not afraid in evil tidings, in every condition content, for it gives him a fixedness of heart. It sweetens his bitter cups, it lessens the burden of his crosses, it smooths the rough places over which he travels, it lightens the valley of the shadow of death.”

## Ephesians 1:13-14 - Message

Since we are God's portion, He has sealed us with His Spirit to keep us secure until we experience the fulness of our redemption.

God keeps His inheritance secure (us) while we are on earth so that we will one day enjoy our inheritance He has kept secure in heaven.



# Outline of Ephesians

Discover the vastness of God's love in calling you (1-3)

Greetings (1:1-2)

Paul praised God for the riches of His glory (1:3-14)

Work of the Father (3-6)

Work of the Son (4-12)

Work of the Spirit (13-14)

Selection  
Sacrifice  
Sealing

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# Praise God the Spirit because...

- I. Prior to sealing you believed the gospel (13a).
- II. The Holy Spirit is the seal that secured you for God (13b-14b).
- III. You are kept secure until full redemption for God's glory (14b-c).

# The Gospel Message

- God is holy
  - Man has sinned, breaking God's law
  - Sin separates man from God
  - Jesus died to pay man's penalty for sin
  - Sinners must put their trust in Jesus' work to be delivered from sin and be reconciled to God
- God is holy
  - Man is sinful
  - Jesus provides salvation
  - Man must respond in faith



# “Seal”

Seals were used to:

- ✓ 1) Indicate security
- 2) Authenticate or certify
- ✓ 3) Identify ownership
- 4) Indicate authority



# God the Holy Spirit

He is the seal

He is holy

He is spirit

He was promised

He is our guarantee



# “Pledge”



- ❖ Earnest money put as a “down payment that was forfeited if the purchase was not completed” (Hoehner, *Ephesians*, p. 241)
- ❖ Served to guarantee that the rest of what was pledged would certainly follow
- ❖ The initial installment, part of the full payment

We are God's  
inheritance and He  
is ours

He will keep safe all those who bear His seal and He will do so until the day of our future redemption.

And those who bear His seal will certainly receive the fulness of their promised inheritance.