

# Sealed by the Holy Spirit

**Eph. 1:13b** *“...in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise”*

**II Cor. 1:22** *“Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.”*

When a person accepts Jesus Christ the Holy Spirit is given as the earnest (down payment) of our further inheritance.

1. The SEALING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT belongs to all saved people. Sealing is not dependent upon behavior! Paul told the Corinthians that he could not write unto them as unto spiritual “But as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ (**1 Cor. 3:1**) To these same folk in the second letter Paul said: *“Now he which established us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God: Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts”* (**II Cor. 1:21-22**).
  - a. This Sealing takes place at the time of salvation and we never become unsealed.
  - b. Never in the Bible are we exhorted to be sealed.
  - c. We are admonished to be *filled*, but not *sealed*.
  - d. The sealing of the Holy Spirit follows automatically with our being born-again.
2. The SEALING OF THE SPIRIT signifies a finished transaction (**Phil. 1:6**) *“He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it (finish it, complete it) unto the day of Jesus Christ (Rapture).”*
3. The SEALING OF THE SPIRIT speaks of Ownership.
  - a. Sealing is the mark of God upon the believer.
  - b. Jesus asked His disciples, *“Whose insignia is on a coin?”* “Caesar” was the reply! *“Give to Caesar that which belongs to Caesar and to God which belongs to God”* said Jesus. This reveals ownership.

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4. The SEALING OF THE SPIRIT speaks of authority.
  - a. In the Old Testament we read of such men as Pharaoh giving Joseph a ring, or the King of Persia giving to Mordecai a ring as a symbol of authority.
  - b. In [Acts 1:8](#) we read, *“Ye shall receive power (authority) and you shall be witnesses to be in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and unto the extremity of the earth.”*
  - c. Paul said to the Ephesians ([Eph. 2:6](#)) *“We have been raised together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”*
5. The SEALING OF THE SPIRIT signifies security.
  - a. Security is one of the greatest truths in the Word of God.
  - b. Like any doctrine of the Word of God the Christian’s Security can be misrepresented and abused.
  - c. On the other hand, we are not to deny ourselves of the blessings of this great doctrine of God’s book.

[II Tim. 2:19](#) *“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His. And let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart (stand away) from iniquity.*
  - d. [John 10:27-30](#) *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father which gave them to Me, is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand. I and my Father are One.”*
6. WHEN A PERSON ACCEPTS JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR
  - a. He is redeemed from the guilt of sin.
  - b. He is redeemed from the power of sin as he is controlled by the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - c. He will be redeemed from the very presence of sin at the coming of the Lord when he is taken away from this earth and upon the reception of a new, glorified, spiritual, resurrection body.