

# The Holy Spirit in the Believer's Life

## EPHESIANS 1:14 Introduction

- I. The sealing of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life, revealed in [Eph. 1:13](#), presented as our *escutcheon*, badge of royalty, is now presented as our quality gift from God for a life of victory and triumph. The earnest money (down payment) has been made in full. It is the first installment, deposit on the plan of God for each born again believer.

Why do we say QUALITY GIFT? “*WHO IS*” begins this verse with no definite article. “*WHO IS*” refers to this magnificent Gift, with the emphasis on *QUALITY*, not *IDENTIFICATION*. The identification has already been given (The Holy Spirit). Now is given ἀρραβόν – a noun from the Hebrew word *E•RA•BON* meaning *PARTIAL PAYMENT ON A TOTAL OBLIGATION!*

- At Salvation, the Holy Spirit – convicts, convinces, converts, regenerates.
- At the time of growth, the believer has the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit for operational service.
- At the time of our departure, the Holy Spirit will provide a resurrection body.

GOD'S PLAN PROVIDES THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE BELIEVER at salvation. It is the fulfillment of God's promise – our badge of Royalty, our *escutcheon*. Receiving the Dry Baptism at salvation reveals that we are in the Eternal Plan of God forever. We may or may not let Him control, but in the Eternal Plan, we are secure.

In Fellowship—He controls. Being out of fellowship and under the old sin nature's control results in spiritual turmoil, defeat, perplexity and confusion. Then we will be either *GRIEVING OR QUENCHING THE HOLY SPIRIT*.