

## **SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **Ephesians 1:13-14**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- A. When we become children of God – baptized into His body (Ephesians 1)...
  - 1. ...God bestows on us every spiritual gift, vs. 3.
  - 2. ...We are adopted as sons, vs. 5.
  - 3. ...We have redemption through Christ, vs. 7.
  - 4. ...We know the mystery of God's will (the church, Eph. 3:8-10), vs. 9.
  - 5. ...We receive the inheritance (eternal life), vs. 11.
  - 6. ...We are sealed with the Holy Spirit, vs. 13.
- B. Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit to His disciples is applicable to Christians today.
  - 1. John 14:16-17a, with you forever (Mt. 28:20).
  - 2. God's gift is given to all Christians, Acts 2:38-39.
- C. How does the Holy Spirit help us today?
  - 1. One way is through the Word of God.
    - a. 2 Peter 1:21 (fulfillment of Jn. 14:26).
    - b. Ephesians 6:17, sword of the Spirit.
  - 2. But, it would be wrong to limit the work of the Holy Spirit through the Word alone.

#### **I. CHRIST PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

- A. The Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian.
  - 1. He is a gift from God, 1 Cor. 6:19-20.
  - 2. The Holy Spirit is a pledge, 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5.
  - 3. The Holy Spirit is the mark to identify us as being in the family of God.
    - a. He is a birth certificate.
    - b. He erases all barriers between children, 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28.
    - c. He is the tie that binds us together.
  - 4. He is the seal of the New Covenant, much as circumcision was the seal of the Old Covenant, Gen. 17:10-11; Eph. 1:13.
- B. But, how does the Holy Spirit dwell within us?
  - 1. I don't know, but I know He does, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.
  - 2. He just does – faith. Because we don't understand...
  - 3. Avoid speculation about words, 2 Tim. 2:23; Titus 3:9 (addressed to preachers).
- C. What does the Holy Spirit do?
  - 1. He helps us to live moral, godly lives. How? Romans 8
    - a. Mind the things of the Spirit, vs. 5-6.
    - b. Dwells in us, vs. 9.
    - c. Receive life by the Spirit, vs. 11.
    - d. Puts to death the deeds of the body, vs. 13.
    - e. Led by the Holy Spirit, vs. 14.
    - f. He gives us assurance as Christians that we are God's children, vss. 15-16.
    - g. He aids us in our worship, vss. 8:26-27 (Jn. 4:24).
  - 2. Power beyond our understanding, Eph. 3:16-20.
  - 3. Helps in our daily attitudes.
    - a. Galatians 5:16, 22-23 [fruit of the Spirit].

- b. Eph. 4:30, do not quench (grieve).
- c. Eph. 5:18, be filled (undisputed control).

## **II. HOW WE BECOME MARKED WITH THE SEAL.**

- A. We hear the word of truth.
  - 1. It is not a miraculous receiving of the Spirit.
  - 2. The word is taught and heard, Romans 10:17.
- B. The gospel of salvation.
  - 1. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
  - 2. The same gospel preached at Pentecost, Acts 2:22-36.
    - a. Jesus, God's Son, came to this earth from heaven.
    - b. Did signs, miracles, wonders as proof.
    - c. According to God's plan.
    - d. You put Him to death on the cross.
    - e. He was buried and rose again, as He said.
    - f. Exalted to the right hand of God.
    - g. God has made Him both Lord and Christ.
- C. We believe the message.
  - 1. This is an active obedient belief.
  - 2. The demons believe, Jas. 2:19.
- D. We confess Jesus as Lord and Son of God.
  - 1. Peter made this great confession, Mt. 16:16, 18.
  - 2. Jesus before Pilate, Jn. 18:33-37.
  - 3. Everyone since Pentecost, Acts 2:36; Romans 10:10.
- E. We are baptized into the blood of Christ.
  - 1. Old Testament, blood of covenant, Ex. 24:8.
  - 2. Heb. 9:22, "...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."
  - 3. Eph. 1:7, in Him redemption, through His blood.
  - 4. We touch His blood in baptism.
    - a. 1 Pet. 3:21
    - b. Rom. 6:3-4
    - c. Acts 22:16