

Sanctification, Communion & Comfort

- *elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in **sanctification of the Spirit**, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: 1Pet 1:2*
- *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and **the communion of the Holy Spirit** be with you all. Amen. 2Cor. 13:14*
- *Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in **the comfort of the Holy Spirit**, they were multiplied. Acts 9:31*

The Progression:

- *In Him you also, after you **heard** the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having **believed**, you were **sealed** with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance unto the redemption of the purchased possession, to the **praise** of His glory. Eph. 1:13-14*
- 1st we heard the word of truth, the gospel
- 2nd we believed
- 3rd we're sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise
- 4th the sealing is a guarantee of our inheritance
- 5th unto (*eis*) purpose redemption of God's possession - 1Cor 6:20
- Sixth purpose (*eis*) of our praising his glory.

Conclusions

- The day we obeyed the gospel we were sealed.
- God sealed us with Holy Spirit for day of redemption
- God expected this seal would bring greater praise and adoration to him.
- The day that we were sealed we were also anointed.

Sealed, Anointed, Guarantee

- *Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has **anointed** us is God, 22 who also has **sealed** us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a **guarantee**. 2 Cor 1:21-22*
- *And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were **sealed** unto the day of redemption. Eph 4:30*
- *you were **sealed** with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the **guarantee** of our inheritance unto the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. Eph. 1:13-14*
- *It is important that we understand the seal*

What is a Seal?

- A Seal reveals security
- electric meter (lead seal)
- Medicines (tamper proof seal).
- They sealed the tomb Mt. 27:66
- To be certain no entered and took the body
- A Seal marks and manifests ownership.
- Public library books (embossed seal)
- This belongs to _____
- The angel seals God's servants with a mark on the forehead. Rev 7:2-3; 9:4; Ezek 9:3-6

The Mark that Showed Ownership

- *And He called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer's inkhorn at his side; 4 and the Lord said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and **put a mark on the foreheads** of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it." ... 5 To the others He said in my hearing, "Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity. 6 Utterly slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; but do not come near anyone **on whom is the mark;** and begin at My sanctuary." So they began with the elders who were before the temple. Ezek 9:3-7*

The Mark that Showed Ownership

- *Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have **sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.**" Rev 7:2-4*
- *They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have **the seal of God on their foreheads.** Rev 9:4-5*

What is a Seal?

- 3 Confirms, authenticates – No Doubt
- Notary public seals a document when signed
- Church at Corinth Paul's seal of apostleship.
- *If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. 1 Cor 9:2*
- Circumcision - seal of Abram's righteousness.
- *And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, Rom 4:11*

- 3 Confirms, authenticates and makes beyond doubt

- The firm foundation has a seal.

- *Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” 2 Tim 2:19*

The Purpose of a Seal

- 1. Seal shows security

- 2. Seal marks and manifests ownership.

- 3. Seal confirms, authenticates – no doubt

- Which one best fits the Holy Spirit.

- Does He conceal us and keep us tamper proof?

- Does He mark us and manifest God's ownership?

- Does He confirm, authenticate and place beyond doubt we are prepared for the day of redemption?

- The last two are clearly affirmed in Scripture.

Seal – Marks and Manifests Ownership

- *So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, **if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.** 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Rom 8:8-11;*

confirms, authenticates – no doubt

- *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. Rom 8:15-17***

- *NKJV*



The Scriptures Affirm Strongly

- We were sealed by God with the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit is our guarantee or down payment.
- Won't mean much if we don't understand it.
- *in whom, having also believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 which is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of (God's) own possession, unto the praise of his glory. Eph 1:13-*
- *grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed unto the day of redemption. Eph 4:30*

The Scriptures Affirm Strongly

- God anointed and sealed us.

- God gave us the down payment/guarantee of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

- Does this comfort us?

- *Now he that establishes us with you in Christ, and **anointed** us, is God; 22 who also sealed us, and **gave (us) the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.** 2
Cor 1:21-22*

- *Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, **who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.** 2Cor. 5:5*

- We are missing a lot if we don't understand this.

It is not Complicated – Thru Word

- **In the first sermon**

- They heard mighty wind and saw tongues of fire
- heard fulfilled prophecy and eyewitness testimony
- It was the Holy Spirit who led the people to obey.

- **At the Jerusalem Conference:**

- Peter, Paul, Barnabas and James spoke.
- Peter: Holy Spirit sent me to Cornelius(Example)
- Paul and Barnabas: Holy Spirit's miracles (NI)
- James: Inspired Scripture. (Direct Statement)
- It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us)

It is Complicated

- *In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, Col 2:11-12*
- *He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:5-7*