

## THE HOLY SPIRIT - VII

### "The Seal of the Holy Spirit"

Eph. 1:13

#### I. WHAT IS A SEAL?

- A. Stamp of authenticity
- B. Makes something official
- C. Guarantee--can count on it
- D. Established--it is so; cannot be reversed
- E. Corporate seal; notary seal; backed officially by one whom seal represents

#### II. THE SEAL OF THE KING

- A. 1 Ki. 21:8 - *"So she (Jezebel) wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles..."*
- B. Esther 3:12 - (Haman) *"...letters written...in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring."*
- C. Esther 8:8 - *"Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse."*
- D. Dan. 6:17 - *"The king sealed it with his own signet."*

#### III. THE SEAL OF GOD

- A. The Holy Spirit
- B. God confirms His word with power of Holy Spirit

#### IV. WE ARE SEALED UNTO DAY OF SALVATION

- A. Eph. 4:30 - *"...whereby ye are sealed unto day of redemption."*
- B. Redemption is yet to come--*"Look up, your redemption draweth nigh."*
- C. Will not be saved until safely over
- D. What is our assurance now?

#### V. SEALED WITH HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE ( EPH. 1:13)

- A. *"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation..."*
- B. *"In whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed...with that holy Spirit of promise."*

#### VI. THE EARNEST OF OUR INHERITANCE

- A. II Cor. 1:22 - *"Who hath also sealed us and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."*
- B. Earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession
  - 1. Earnest money is down payment guaranteeing completion of deal
  - 2. A portion of fullness to come
  - 3. Our inheritance or purchased possession is yet to come, yet guaranteed
  - 4. The Holy Spirit provides a little heaven to go to heaven in
- C. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard...but God has revealed to us by His holy Spirit...

#### VII. THE SEAL OF GOD AS OUR PROTECTION

- A. Rev. 7:2-3 - *"And 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 given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying; Hurt not the earth neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads..."*
- B. Rev. 9:4 - *"And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads."*
- C. Ezek. 9:4-6 - *"...Go through the midst of the city...and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof...go ye after him through the city, and smite...but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary..."*

#### VIII. THE LORD KNOWETH THEM THAT ARE HIS (II TIM. 2:19)

- A. *"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 from iniquity."*
- B. I Jn. 4:13 - *"Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit."*
- C. Rom. 8:16 - *"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God...And if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ."*

One of most important uses of sealing was to give a proof of authenticity and authority to letters, royal commands, etc.