

God Sealed You!

Ephesians 1:11-14

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Who is the Holy Spirit?

- (1) Holy Spirit is a He.
- (2) 3rd person of the Trinity
- (3) He is the Spirit of the God we know. (Gen. 1:2). He is the Spirit of Christ (2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 4:6; John 14:18). He is the Lord (2 Cor. 3:17)

He brings life, truth, and community.

- He is life-giving

2 Cor. 3:6 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

- 1. The life of sonship

Galatians 4:6 Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”

- 2. A new life of love. (Gal. 5:22-23)

- 3. The gift of life.

- He is truth.

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth...

- He creates Christian community.

Rom. 8:6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

1 Cor. 14:12 So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church.

Ephesians 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 1:11-14

- We have an inheritance

Colossians 1:12 we are partakers of His inheritance ...

*Ephesians 1:11 In Him we were also chosen as **His inheritance** having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will...*

1 Peter 1:4 ...an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you...

- **We are a people of certain hope**

Eph. 1:12 ...in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory

- **We have a sealed deal**

*Ephesians 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were **marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit** ...*

A seal represents ...

1. A finished product or transaction.

Jer. 32:9, 10 ...so I bought the field ... and weighed out seventeen shekels of silver. I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed ...

Philippians 1:6 He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion in Christ.

1 Cor. 6:19-20 You were bought with a price, so glorify God in your body.

2. Security and protection.

Eph. 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

3. Mark of authenticity.

- **We have a guarantee of what's to come**

*Ephesians 1:14 ...who is **a deposit** guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of His glory.*

Ezek. 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.