

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU, PART 2

Ephesians 1:13-14

Emmanuel = "God _____ us," but Jesus ascended 40 days after His resurrection: what of God with us in 2024? We still have God with us in the person of the Holy Spirit: Jesus sent Him to indwell believers _____ days later

I. _____ WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. A Seal Is a Mark of _____

- 1) Ex: a _____ bill has 4 seals on it; larger bills have high tech seals that mark them as authentic
- 2) How do we know our faith is authentic? There is Someone else living _____ us who is not us

B. A Seal Is a Mark of _____

- 1) In the NT era many could not read, so owners used a visual _____ to mark what belonged to them
- 2) The indwelling of the Holy Spirit means that God owns our bodies, our lives and our _____

C. A Seal Is a Mark of _____

- 1) After Joseph buried Jesus' body, the Sanhedrin asked for guards & secured the tomb by _____ it
- 2) In a similar way, the Holy Spirit secures every believer: nothing can _____ us out of God's hand

D. A Seal Is a Mark of a Finished _____

- 1) Even today, we formalize completed transactions by having a _____ place his/her seal on them
- 2) The presence of the Holy Spirit marks our salvation as a completed transaction: it cannot be _____

II. THE _____ OF OUR INHERITANCE

The NET Bible uses a better translation: the Holy Spirit is "the _____ of our inheritance"

A. A Down-Payment Is a _____ that the Rest of the Payment Will Be Made

- 1) The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us our full _____
- 2) According to Eph.4:30, God will give us our full inheritance at the _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ
- 3) The flip side is that we cannot negotiate a deal with another: we must honor our _____ with God

B. A Down-Payment Is the First Part of the _____ Payment

Because we have the Holy Spirit within, we can enjoy a little bit of eternal joy here and now in 3 ways:

- 1) We have a foretaste of heaven in the fellowship we now have w/ believers at the _____ level
- 2) We may know the peace, joy and _____ of heaven by depending on the Spirit as a Person within
- 3) The greatest aspect of our eternal inheritance is _____ Himself: we can walk with the Spirit now

III. THE REDEMPTION OF THE _____ POSSESSION

A. Our redemption will be completed in the _____: when Christ returns God will have what He purchased

B. Until this redemption is completed, we have only the _____ on this purchase: the Holy Spirit

C. Not a normal purchase, but the purchase of a _____ and the down-payment is the engagement ring

- 1) In ancient Jewish culture, the groom's father paid a *mohar* (bride price) to the _____ family
- 2) When the groom completed preparing a place in his father's house, the _____ feast occurred