

Blessings Involving the Holy Spirit



READ IT:

¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

EPHESIANS 1:13-14

The main point: For reasons known only to Himself, God has *chosen, predestined, and accepted* those who believe in Christ.



EXAMINE IT:

Observation—What do I see?

- Any repeated words? _____
- Who is the subject? _____
- Who is the object? _____
- What are the action verbs? _____
- What are the conjunctions? _____
- Any purpose clauses ("so that")? _____
- Any commands? _____



OUTLINE IT:

Structure/Bones—What are the important markers?

- A. The Holy Spirit is our seal. (v. 13)

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1. What does it mean that we are sealed?
2. How is the Holy Spirit our seal?
3. When are we sealed with the Holy Spirit?

B. The Holy Spirit is our guarantee. (v.14)

¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own possession*, to the praise of His glory.

1. What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is our guarantee?—"... *who is given as a pledge...*"
2. What is the Holy Spirit a guarantee of?—"...*of our inheritance...*"
3. How long does the guarantee last?—"with a view to the redemption of *God's own possession*, to the praise of His glory."



UNDERSTAND IT:

Interpretation—What does it mean?

Key words and theological and practical uses

What are the key words and why do they matter?

What is the key doctrine(s) and what other passages support it?

What are the uses of this doctrine in everyday life?



APPLY IT:

Choose which applications apply and how you will seek to practice it in your life today.

- What *instruction* does this text reinforce?
- What *error* does this text refute?
- What *duty* does this text require?
- What *prohibition* does this text forbid?
- What *examination* does this text call for?
- What *commitment* does this text declare?
- Is there an *example* to follow?
- Are there *commandments* to obey?
- Are there *errors* to avoid?
- Are there *sins* to forsake or confess?
- Are there *promises* to claim?
- Are there *principles* to implement?
- Are there *temptations* to resist?
- Are there *praises* to render?
- Are there *attitudes* to adjust?

Write it here: (bring it back with you next week to see if you applied it—I double-dog dare you!)

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