

Sealed With The Holy Spirit

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Ephesians 1:1-10 ESV

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God...

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and blameless before him. [In love]

5 [In love] he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

SEALED (sphragizō)

- occurs 19 times in NT
- to mark with a seal, set a seal upon
 - to prove, confirm, attest, authenticate, place beyond doubt
 - for security, protection, concealment

CONFIRM & AUTHENTICATE

John 6:27 ESV

27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him [Jesus] God the Father has set his SEAL (sphragizō)."

Matthew 20:17-19 ESV [Matthew 16:21, Matthew 17:22-23]

17 And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them,

18 "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death

19 and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."

Acts 2:22 ESV

22 Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested (apodeiknymi - to approve by proving) to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know--

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 ESV

21 And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us,
22 and who has also put his SEAL (sphragizō) on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Mark 16:17-18 ESV

17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;
18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Mark 16:20 ESV

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

2 Timothy 2:19 ESV

But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this SEAL (sphragis): "The Lord knows those who are his," and "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

PROTECTION & SECURITY

Matthew 27:64-66 ESV

64 Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first."
65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can."
66 So they went and made the tomb secure by SEALING (sphragizō) the stone and setting a guard.

Revelation 20:2-3 ESV

2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,
3 and threw him into the pit, and shut it and SEALED (sphragizō) it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

Revelation 7:1-4 ESV

1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree.
2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea,

3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have SEALED (sphragizō) the servants of our God on their foreheads."

4 And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

Ezekiel 9:1-11 ESV

1 Then he cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, "Bring near the executioners of the city, each with his destroying weapon in his hand."

2 And behold, six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with his weapon for slaughter in his hand, and with them was a man clothed in linen, with a writing case at his waist. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub on which it rested to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writing case at his waist.

4 And the LORD said to him, "Pass through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it."

5 And to the others he said in my hearing, "Pass through the city after him, and strike. Your eye shall not spare, and you shall show no pity."

6 Kill old men outright, young men and maidens, little children and women, but touch no one on whom is the mark. And begin at my sanctuary." So they began with the elders who were before the house.

7 Then he said to them, "Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain. Go out." So they went out and struck in the city.

8 And while they were striking, and I was left alone, I fell upon my face, and cried, "Ah, Lord GOD! Will you destroy all the remnant of Israel in the outpouring of your wrath on Jerusalem?"

9 Then he said to me, "The guilt of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great. The land is full of blood, and the city full of injustice. For they say, 'The LORD has forsaken the land, and the LORD does not see.'

10 As for me, my eye will not spare, nor will I have pity; I will bring their deeds upon their heads."

11 And behold, the man clothed in linen, with the writing case at his waist, brought back word, saying, "I have done as you commanded me."

Acts 17:30-31 ESV

30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

1 Thessalonians 1:10 ESV

10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 ESV

9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

Ephesians 4:30 ESV

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were SEALED (sphragizō) for the day of redemption.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 ESV

3 But the Lord is faithful. He will establish (stērizō - to set fast, make stable, firm, render constant) you and

guard (phylassō - guard, keep watch, preserve safe) you against the evil one.

1 John 5:18-19 ESV

18 We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but He who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

John 17:11-15 ESV

11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, KEEP (tēreō) them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

12 While I was with them, I KEPT (tēreō) them in your name, which you have given me. I have GUARDED (phylassō - keep watch, guard, protect) them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you KEEP (tēreō) them from the evil one.

Hebrews 7:23-25 ESV

23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office,
24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost (pantelēs - completely, perfectly, utterly, NASB - forever) those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Luke 22:31-32 ESV

31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,

32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

Hebrews 4:15-16 ESV

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Psalms 37:23-24 ESV

23 The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in his way;

24 though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD upholds his hand.

Jude 1:24-25 ESV

24 Now to him who is able to KEEP (phylassō - guard, keep watch, preserve safe) you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.