

## Sealed With the Holy Spirit Pt. 2

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### Ephesians 1:1-13-14 ESV

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 For on Him [Jesus] God the Father has SET HIS SEAL (sphragizō)."

*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.

*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."

*John 13:34-35 ESV*

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

### PROTECTION & SECURITY

*Matthew 27:66 ESV*

66 So they went and made the tomb secure by SEALING (sphragizō) the stone and setting a guard.

### **SEALED AND PROTECTED FROM GOD'S JUDGMENT**

*Revelation 7:2-4 ESV*

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 9:1-10 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."

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.

## **SEALED AND PROTECTED FROM THE EVIL ONE**

2 Thessalonians 3:3 ESV

3 But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.

- Establish (stērīzō - to set fast, make stable, firm, render constant)
- Guard (phylassō - guard, keep watch, preserve safe)

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.

**The Bible places great emphasis on our desire, passion and action to pursue God.**

Ephesians 6:11-12 ESV

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Luke 13:23-24 ESV

23 And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them,

24 "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

Hebrews 2:1-3 ESV

1 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

Matthew 24:12-13 ESV

12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

**The Bible places great emphasis on our desire, passion and action to pursue God. Yet our faith and relationship with God will be imbalanced and leaning towards error if we don't trust and rest in the keeping power and protection of Jesus Christ.**

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** (phyllassō - 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.

- **KEEP** (tēreō - to attend to carefully, to guard, care for, observe, watch, hold fast)

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** those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

- Uttermost (pantelēs - completely, perfectly, utterly, NASB - forever)

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."

- What saved Peter from his betrayal of denying the Lord?
  - Jesus' intercession?
  - Peter's tenacity, love for Jesus, godly sorrow?

Matthew 6:13 ESV

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

- Every temptation, test, trial and circumstance are custom designed and unique to:
  - Fit exactly what you need in this season of your life
  - Crucify self more
  - Increase and amplify God's grace and likeness in you
- Jesus will preserve and protect you by His sovereignty in your life, so your will never be overcome or destroyed.

1 Corinthians 10:13 ESV

13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Psalm 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.

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.

Jude 1:24-25 ESV

24 Now to him who is able to KEEP (phyllassō - 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.