

Holy Spirit: Sealed by the Spirit - Eph 1:7-14

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Introduction

Series

Central idea -like a seal in wax on a letter

I. He is Our Seal (Holy Spirit)

1. A wax seal

- other definitions come to mind
- gasket/ seal
- notorary seal
- embossed book

2. A seal shows ownership

- seal/ embossing on library books
- a braqnd on cattle
- I write my name on something - that's my seal

3. A seal makes us secure

- sealed in
- letter with a wax seal

4. A seal makes us certain

- "this is official" - it has a seal

5. How do you know a document is genuine?

- a seal
- birth cirtificate has the seal of the state
- a ltter from the king

II. He is Our Earnest (Holy Spirit)

1. An earnest is given after a contract is completed

- earnest money
- example - give you things money to hold the item
- anyone can say, I want to buy this car
- Holy Spirit makes it "sincere" - not a lie

2. An earnest is a pledge of more

- example - layaway at Walmart
- first shotgun at Walmart
- not all the Holy Spirit you're gonna get

3. Holy Spirit is God's earnest... to us - God's pledge

- pledge of inheritance - verse 14

4. Our provision

Segue

Holy Spirit is our Seal

Holy Spirit is our Earnest

III. He is Our Supply

1. Supply (Choregia) - loving generosity

In Philippians the word for supply is a noun “epichoregia” (a supply)

In Galatians the word for supply is a verb “epichoregian” (to supply)

2. Choregia is used three ways:

(1) at marriage - the husband promised to “choregia” his wife - supported

(2) a military use - the soldiers were “choregia” - equipped

(3) in great plays - civic-minded persons paid the whole tab - “they “choregia”

3. So...

-like a husband supports his wife - So... God supplies His bride (the church)

-like a commander equips his troops - So... God equips us for growth and conflict

-like a donor pays the bills - So... God provides for our service to others

So, God takes care of us at salvation

God also takes care of us from salvation

That makes sense...

IV. Two verses:

-1 John 4:4 - greater is He that is in you

-Rom. 8:11 - the same Spirit that raised Christ from dead - lives in you

V. Sealing the stone

1. Mt. 27:62-66 - verse 66 - sealing the stone

2. Here, Christ' seal on us

3. Jesus' seal is greater