

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Sealed by the Spirit
Ephesians 1:13–14

1. The Church Age believer is made a new possession of God's, "in Christ."

Eph. 1:11, "In addition, it was through union with Him we were made His possession by His laying claim to us according to His purpose who works all these things according to the counsel of His will." [~RD]

[consistent with *NET, ASV, Ols, et. al.*]

Deut. 4:20, “But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be His people, an inheritance, as you are this day.”

Deut. 9:26, “Therefore I prayed to the LORD, and said: ‘O Lord GOD, do not destroy Your people and Your inheritance whom You have redeemed through Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.’ ”

Deut. 9:29, “ ‘Yet they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your outstretched arm.’ ”

Deut. 14:2, “For you are a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.”

Deut. 32:9, “For the LORD’S portion [Septuagint (LXX) *meris*] is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance.”

***Meris* The word has legal connotations similar to נַחֲלָה, *nahalah*, “give as a possession” but with the more specific implication of what is granted. ~TWOT**

1. This reinforces the idea of corporate election. It is IN HIM that we are made a possession.

2. The idea of being made His possession fits nicely with being sealed by the Spirit in vs. 13.

3. This reinforces the teaching of eternal security. We are saved eternally because of our position In Christ, which cannot be lost.

Review

**προορίζω *proorizo* aor pass part masc plur
nom to ordain beforehand; to appoint
beforehand (~Thayer)**

Eph. 1:11, “In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

βουλή *Boule*

fem sing acc

**counsel; council,
the intelligent
deliberation of
God (~Hoehner)**

θέλημα *thelema*

**neut sing gen will,
desire**

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**Eph. 1:13, “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,” ~NASB 95**

**Eph. 1:13, “And when you heard the word
of truth (the gospel of your salvation)—
when you believed in Christ?—you were
marked with the seal of the promised Holy
Spirit,” ~NET**

**Eph. 1:13, “In Whom (Him), you also—
when you heard the word of truth (the
gospel of your salvation)—In Whom (Him),
when you believed—you were sealed by
the Holy Spirit of promise,” ~RD**

ETERNAL REALITIES



ACTS 16:31

IN CHRIST

Baptism by the
Holy Spirit

Sealed by
the Spirit

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ἀλήθεια *aletheia*

fem sing gen

truth,

truthfulness,

reliable,

steadfast

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The real importance of the seal is a legal one: the owner puts his mark on his possessions, his beasts ... and thereby guards his property against theft. To that extent one can call it a protecting sign or a guarantee.

~NIDNTT

Eph 4:30, “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you have been sealed to the day of redemption.”

2 Cor. 1:22, “who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

What the Bible Teaches About

Eternal Security



1. Definition: the work of God toward the believer at the instant of faith alone in Christ alone which guarantees that God's free gift of salvation is eternal and cannot be lost, terminated, abrogated, nullified, or reversed by any thought, act, or change of belief in the person saved.

**2 Tim. 2:11–13, “Faithful is the Word.
If we died with Him [and we have],
we shall live with Him.**

**If we endure [in suffering], we shall rule
with Him.**

If we deny Him, He will deny us [rewards].

**If we are unfaithful [faithless and fail], He
remains faithful, for He cannot deny
Himself.”**

John 6:47, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes [in Me] has eternal life.”

Jude 1:24, “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,”

Romans 8:38, “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

Romans 8:39, “nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**John 10:28, “and I give eternal life to them,
and they shall never perish; and no one
shall snatch them out of My hand.”**