

HOLY SPIRIT: SEALING

Every believer has the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We are indwelt by the Spirit when we receive the Holy Spirit at salvation. Not every believer has the filling of the Holy Spirit. The filling depends on our yielding to the Spirit. You could say the filling of the Spirit is another way of talking about the Lordship of Christ. Every believer does, however, have the sealing of the Holy Spirit. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit in a believer that constitutes the seal. The sealing of the Spirit is part of the indwelling. Three New Testament passages mention the sealing of the Spirit. II Corinthians 1:22 – “who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.” The Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our completed salvation in Heaven where we will live in glorified bodies. Ephesians 1:13 – “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also having believed you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. The Holy Spirit is the promise of our full inheritance in Christ (1:14). Ephesians 4:30 – “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” The day of redemption is the day we will be glorified. The future redemption of our bodies is the subject here. The sealing of the Holy Spirit is God’s guarantee His purpose will be fulfilled in us (Romans 8:28-30). A study of the Romans passage reveals the security we have in Christ. Once the Holy Spirit enters us, He seals us and secures us for eternity.