

A seal implies ownership, authenticity, and security. What does it mean for a believer that they have been sealed?

Why has the Holy Spirit been given to believers (both Jewish and Gentile believers)?

Ephesians 1:14a

What does that mean for us in the here and now?

What does that mean for us in the future?

Verse 14b

Why has all this happened?

Ephesians 1:14b

How is God glorified through this?

How should we respond to this wonderful truth that God the Father has given Gentile believers to His Son as an inheritance?

Ephesians 1:3a

How should we respond to this wonderful truth that God the Father has sealed all believers with the promised Holy Spirit?

Ephesians 1:3a

EPHESIANS LINE BY LINE

The story so far...

Paul writes this letter as an apostle to those who are saints and faithful to Jesus in Ephesus.

These Ephesian saints are those who have received grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ and have been blessed by God the Father with every spiritual blessing.

God the Father has blessed us by choosing to adopt us as sons, by redeeming us through the death of His Son, and by uniting us (and one day all things) under the rule of His Son,

Ephesians 1:13-14

“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,
who is the guarantee of our inheritance
until we acquire possession of it,*

to the praise of his glory.”

Verse 13a-d

Who is the 'you' referring to?

Ephesians 1:12-13

What had happened to them?

Ephesians 1:11a

If both Jewish and Gentile believers have been given by God the Father to His Son as an inheritance, what does this mean?

What was the first thing that had to happen for the Gentiles to be included in this?

Ephesians 1:13b

Romans 10:14-15

What is the word of truth?

Ephesians 1:13c

Ephesians 4:21

What happened when they heard the word of truth?

Ephesians 1:13d

What does it mean to believe in Jesus?

How can our belief or trust in the Jesus be strengthened?

Verse 13e-14a

What has happened to those who believed in Jesus?

Ephesians 1:13e

How have believers been sealed?

Ephesians 1:13e

How is God the Spirit described?

Ephesians 1:13e

Why does Paul describe the Spirit as promised? What does this mean for us if we have been sealed with the promised Spirit?

Ezekiel 36:27

Joel 2:28

John 14:18

John 16:7

Acts 1:8

Why does Paul describe the Spirit as holy? What does this mean if we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit?

Ephesians 1:4