

“Secure”
Ephesians 1:13-14

Introduction: Do you ever feel insecure about whether or not you really have a relationship with God, about your ability to live for Jesus, and whether or not you are really going to heaven? We are going to see today how the Spirit secures us.

Main Idea: We glorify the Holy Spirit because He has secured the redemption that was purchased by God the Son and that we were chosen for by God the Father.

We have been looking at the incredible spiritual blessings we have in Christ. How do we know that these incredible blessings really belong to us now and forever? It is because of the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Here is what He does to secure us.

1. The Holy Spirit is God’s seal on us. A seal in Scripture represents:

- A. Security (Eph. 4:30- this is why we can’t lose our salvation)**
- B. Authentication of Genuineness (Romans 8:16)**
- C. Ownership (v.14)**
- D. Authority (Mt. 28:18)**

Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we belong securely to God, and we can be assured of the fact of this security.

2. The Holy Spirit is God’s power in us. This is based on Him being called “the Spirit of Promise.” Through Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4-8 we learn that God sent His Spirit to empower us to live out the Christian life. We can be secure in God’s ability to empower us to be the people He called us to be even as we know our inability (Zechariah 4:6).

What is the role of the Holy Spirit? He is the Person, Presence, and Power of God in our lives. This means that:

- (1) In Salvation - The Holy Spirit:
 - A) Convicts (John 16:8-11)
 - B) Regenerates (John 3:5, Titus 3:5)
 - C) Baptizes (1 Corinthians 12:13)
 - D) Indwells (1 Corinthians 6:19)
 - E) Seals (Ephesians 4:30)
- (2) In Suffering - The Holy Spirit:
 - Comforts (John 14:27)
- (3) In Scripture - The Holy Spirit:
 - A) Inspired (2 Peter 1:21)
 - B) Illuminates (John 16:13)
- (4) In Spiritual Growth - The Holy Spirit:
 - (A) Bears fruit (Galatians 5:22-23)
 - (B) Teaches (1 Corinthians 2)
 - (C) Helps us to pray (Romans 8:26)
 - (D) Enables us to worship (John 4:24)
- (5) In Service - The Holy Spirit:
 - (A) Empowers us to witness (Acts 1:8)
 - (B) Gives Spiritual Gifts for Service (1 Corinthians

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3. The Holy Spirit is God’s down payment for us. Guarantee means down payment, earnest money, deposit, first installment, or pledge. It is literally “payment of part of a purchase price in advance.” Inheritance refers to a relationship with God Himself and all the spiritual blessings that come with it. Despite our uncertainties and maybe even fears about death, we can be secure about eternity because of the presence of the Spirit in us now.

Conclusion:

- 1. Believe the gospel and trust Jesus.**
- 2. Be secure in the Spirit.**
- 3. Be filled with and walk in the Spirit.**