

A Life of Faith- Every Day
Ephesians 1:11-14
The Holy Spirit

“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.”

Ephesians 1:13

Question: If you were with Jesus, would you believe that it is better that He go away?

Setting the context:

- Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to believers: “...if I go, I will send him (the Holy Spirit) to you.” (John 16:7)
- Jesus said it was actually better that He go: “...it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you.” (John 16:7)
- The Holy Spirit will convict us of sin and be a guide in all truth. (John 16:8, 13)
- Remember- this is a section of doxology, that is, a section of praise and worship.

Main Point: The blessing of being in Christ is the promised _____.

“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”

John 6:63

Point One: We have an inheritance which we benefit from both _____ and in the _____.

“Ephesians 1:13-14 focuses on the Spirit as the verification that we belong to God... Texts like this show us that the gift of the Spirit is not some second blessing or higher stage of Christian faith... Rather, the Spirit is the possession- the necessary possession of all Christians.”

-Klyne Snodgrass

The Holy Spirit leads us to faith, guides us now, and is our deposit for heaven.

Point Two: True Christians are sealed with the Holy Spirit _____.

The Holy Spirit is...

- God’s promise (v. 13)
- God’s seal (v. 13)
- God’s guarantee (v. 14)

“...everything we have and are in Christ both comes from God and returns to God. It begins in his will and ends in his glory.”

-John Stott

Wrap Up:

When God sealed and guaranteed believers with the Holy Spirit, He had in view our full and final redemption as sons and daughters in His family.

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, February 8th, 2015
Next week: Ephesians 1:15-23 How Great is Our God