

## Holy Spirit is God's guarantee of Our Inheritance (Sealed by the Holy Spirit/Identified as His own)

### 1. Benefits of the New Covenant.

- a) Where we left off in the last meeting was on **1 Jn. 4:13, 15 (AMP)** - We (who believe in Him) Abide in Him and He in us. - Greek for "Abide" Meno – **To continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, not to depart, to be held, kept, to remain as one. (In Union With)** - The difference between those abiding in Christ and those not abiding in Christ is the difference between the saved and the unsaved / Those who believe in Christ and those who do not." I focused on vs. 15 in regards to "Abiding in Him". Now I want to focus on vs. 13 in regards to "**Abiding** because He has given us His Holy Spirit. Let's read **1 Jn. 4:13 (AMPC)** - *"By this we come to know (perceive, recognize, and understand) that we abide (live and remain) in Him and He in us: because He has given (imparted) to us of His [Holy] Spirit."* I want to dig into this and discuss:
- b) **Eph. 1:13-14 (NLT)** – vs. 14 "When you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit." (Full context: **Eph. 1:3-14 NKJV**). *"Identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit. This is how we belong to Him. When we read scriptures that say "those who belong to Him" such as: **Jn. 1:12, Rom. 14:7-9, Gal. 3:28-29, Eph. 1:6-8, 1 Jn. 3:1**. We need to read these scriptures understanding that we (believers) have been sealed with the Holy Spirit. Christ has identified us as His own because of the Holy Spirit. We belong to Christ because of the Holy Spirit! Wooo! Now back to **Eph. 1:13-14 (NLT)**. v. 13 "...sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise who is the guarantee of our inheritance..." What is the inheritance?*
- c) The Holy Spirit is called a "seal" and "God's guarantee". A guarantee that we (believers) will receive the inheritance promised long ago. The inheritance is eternity in Heaven with the Lord. This is guaranteed by the Holy Spirit of which believers have. One commentary put it this way: "The believer's yet-to-be-received inheritance — eternity in heaven with the Lord — is guaranteed by the Holy Spirit."
- d) **2 Cor. 5:1-10 (NLT)**, specifically (vs 5 – new bodies in Heaven)
- e) **1 Pet. 1:3-10 (NLT)** – Now we live with great expectation, we have a priceless inheritance.
- f) **2 Cor. 1:22 (NLT)** - The first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.
- g) **Jn. 3:34-36 (AMPC)** - The Holy Spirit is given without limit and without measure to those who believe in Jesus Christ. – My notes on this: *"God gave the Son the Holy Spirit without limit, without measure and Christ is in those who believe in Him and those who believe in Christ are in Him (Christ), and are filled with the same limitless Holy Spirit without measure because Christ is in you and you (believer) are seated with Him in Heavenly places. You who believe in Christ have the Spirit without measure because Christ now lives in you which is the work of the Holy Spirit. This is how we can do greater works than Christ did. **Jn. 14:12**. Full context: all of chapter 14. Jesus said greater works we (believer's) will do because He was going to the Father. Jesus said this because the*

*Holy Spirit would not come unless He ascended to the Father so the Holy Spirit could descend. When a believer fails to believe and trust in all of God's word, then he limits the Spirit in his life. One can limit the Spirit with his own unbelief. .... I believe and I receive!"*

- h) **Gal. 3:2-5 (NLT)** – Received the Holy Spirit because you believed. **V. 3:2 (AMPC)** “*you received the Holy Spirit by hearing [the message of the Gospel] and believing [it]*”
- i) **Jn. 7:38-39 (NLT/AMPC)** – Those who believe in Christ have received (been filled with) the Holy Spirit.
- j) The Holy Spirit is what makes Him abiding in you and you abiding in Him possible. Back to **1 Jn. 4:15 (AMPC)** one more time: “*15 Anyone who confesses (acknowledges, owns) that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides (lives, makes His home) in him and he [abides, lives, makes his home] in God*”. Christ in you (**Col 1:26-28**) because of the Holy Spirit. Those who believe in Christ are filled with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit in you because of your faith in Christ. Believers abide in Him and He in them because of the Holy Spirit.
- k) **Eph. 4:30-32 (NLT)** – “*Do not grieve the Holy Spirit by the way you live; He has identified you as His own, guaranteeing that you will be saved.*” Full context of this verse is living as children of the light and living in the light **Eph. 4:17- 5-20**. – This will be a future meeting, just on this subject of living in the light. Read **Eph. 4:30-32** again in (AMPC).

*Next meeting, we will dive into: True Faith*

#### **Homework:**

**The work of the Holy Spirit and our union with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Read all of **John chapters 14–17**.

#### **Eph. 1:1-23**

Full context: God purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son, God revealed to us His mysterious will regarding Christ, sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise who is the guarantee of our inheritance. Believers have received an inheritance.

Read all of **Heb. 10:19-39 (AMPC)**. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

## **Believer's Bible Commentary for John 3:34-3:36**

3:34 Jesus was the One God has sent. He spoke the words of God. To support this statement, John stated that God does not give the Spirit by measure. Christ was anointed by the Holy Spirit of God in a way that was not true of any other person. Others have been conscious of the help of the Holy Spirit in their ministry, but no one else ever had such a Spirit-filled ministry as the Son of God. The prophets received a partial revelation from God but “the Spirit revealed in and by Christ the very wisdom, the very heart of God to man with all its infinitude of love.”

3:35 This is one of the seven times in John’s Gospel where we are told that the Father loves the Son. Here that love is manifested in giving Him control over all things. Among these things over which the Savior has complete charge are the destinies of men, as explained in verse 36.

3:36 God has given Christ the power to grant everlasting life to all who believe on Him. This is one of the clearest verses in all the Bible on how a person can be saved. It is *simply by believing* in the Son. As we read this verse, we should realize that God is speaking. He is making a promise that can never be broken. He says, clearly and distinctly, that anyone who believes in His Son has everlasting life. To accept this promise is not a leap in the dark. It is simply believing what could not possibly be false. Those who do not obey the Son of God shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on them already. From this verse we learn that our eternal destiny depends on what we do with the Son of God. If we receive Him, God gives us eternal life as a free gift. If we reject Him, we will never enjoy everlasting life, and not only so, but God’s wrath already hangs over us, ready to fall at any moment.

Notice that there is nothing in this verse about keeping the law, obeying the Golden Rule, going to church, doing the best we can, or working our way to heaven.