

THE SEAL OF JESUS –THE HOLY SPIRIT

2 Corinthians 1:22 *Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*

Ephesians 1:13 *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

Ephesians 4:30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

In ancient times, kings set their seals only on that which was valuable – the king's treasure. When King Jesus fills you with his Holy Spirit, it is proof that you are his treasure. We are redeemed not with corruptible things like silver and gold, but with the blood of God himself (Acts 20:28). Therefore, given the priceless cost of our souls, God seals his purchased possession with his own Holy Spirit. To be filled with the Holy Spirit is proof that God has chosen you and that you are royal property. At Bygdøy, in Oslo, there is a ranch or farm with the King of Norway's seal. Everyone knows the entire property belongs to King Harald of Norway. So too, being filled with the Holy Spirit is proof positive that we are the treasured property of King Jesus. In fact, this was why the Apostle Peter was shocked when the household of Cornelius began to speak in tongues.

Act 11:17 *Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?*

Act 11:18 *When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.*

We have heard of the “Black Lives Matter” movement in the USA which is spreading all over the world. Two thousand years ago, the Jewish disciples realized that “Gentile Lives Matter” for Jesus when they witnessed the gentiles speak in tongues. Hallelujah! Indeed, we know that God is no respecter of persons because he fills all nations, tribes and colors with his Holy Spirit. Come on! That is a very good reason to respect all people – they have the capacity to become the property of Jesus. You can be sealed with the Holy Spirit right now – your life matters for Jesus. He wants to make you his treasure, his property. Peter and the Jewish brethren knew they were no longer at liberty to criticize the gentiles. The prophet Isaiah writes: “And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed” (Isaiah 29:11). When Jesus puts the seal of the Holy Spirit upon you, none can

criticize or judge you – you are a book sealed by Jesus. In fact, the Book of Revelation declares that only the Lamb of God, Jesus, is worthy break the seals of the Book of Judgment.

Rev 5:2 *And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?*

Rev 5:3 *And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.*

Rev 5:4 *And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.*

Rev 5:5 *And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.*

Only Jesus is worthy to seal us with the Holy Spirit, and only Jesus can break the seals of the Book of Judgement! Glory be to the God of seals, Jesus! In ancient times, wax was melted by fire before the king put his seal upon it with his ring. Through the preaching of the Gospel, King Jesus heats up and melts away the hardness of our hearts until we are ready to shout, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37). You see, a seal involves wax, fire, writing and a seal. We are the wax that God heats up with his Holy Spirit, until we are ready for God to write his law in our hearts. Wax can burn for a long time; thank God we can burn with the fire of the Holy Spirit until Jesus returns. Say, this candle will burn until Jesus returns! Once the wax has melted by the heat of the fire, the King uses his ring and puts his name on the wax, which is sealed. Once we are filled with the Holy Spirit, King Jesus has written his name on our souls – no one can erase or dispute our salvation. This is why the Apostle Paul asked the disciples of John the Baptist:

Act 19:1 *And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,*

Act 19:2 *He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.*

Let us not forget that it was to these same Ephesians that Paul later wrote: “: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13). Now the Ephesian church was sealed with the name of Jesus – the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is proof of this. The message from heaven was “The church of Ephesus is mine”. May I boldly ask you like the Apostle Paul, “Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?” It was the same Apostle Paul who stated emphatically:

Romans 8:9 *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

John the Baptist was given one sign by God concerning Jesus. “And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost” (John 1:33). The proof of Jesus’ deity and identity was the dove which represented the Spirit of God. That settled the issue: Jesus was sealed as the one God manifested in flesh. The proof was the sealing of the Spirit. We need to make sure we are sealed of God – we must ensure that we are filled with the Holy Spirit. When Paul discovered that the Ephesians did not hear about the Holy Spirit, he guessed correctly that there was something wrong with their belief. “Unto what then were ye baptized?” (Acts 19:3). Also “In whom ye also trusted, *after that ye heard the word of truth*” (Ephesians 1:13). In other words, the fire of God can only descend upon and ignite a certain kind of wax – the one made by God – the new man made in the image of Jesus himself. The Holy Spirit does not fall on untruth, but the truth. Candle wax is made from tallow (beef, mutton), sperm whales, beeswax, paraffin etc. There is only one body the Holy Spirit can descend upon and burn – the one God has prepared.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Once we put off the body (wax) of Adam and put on the body (wax) of Christ, we are ready for the fire from heaven.

Ephesians 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Ephesians 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

I believe that Jesus can seal you right now even through this digital platform with the Holy Spirit. All you need is to believe in the truth – that Jesus Christ is the one God manifested in flesh and he will fill you with the Holy Spirit. Peter did not lay hands on anyone in Cornelius’ house – the Lord Jesus decides who he will seal with his Spirit. In the Old Testament, the anointing of oil signified the sealing of the King of Israel before many witnesses, as was the case with David and Solomon his son. Today, we can be the witnesses that Jesus has sealed you with the Holy Spirit of promise. Be the anointed of the Lord of whom David said, “Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm” (I Chronic 16:22).