

Sealed Unto The Day Of Redemption

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

The Holy Spirit is the Word. The Bible confirms this in St. John 6:63,

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

Further we read in II Timothy 3:16-17,

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

And in II Peter 1:20-21,

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Therefore we know, the Bible is the speaking of the Holy Spirit, God Himself in form of letters. And if we are sealed by the Holy Spirit of God, we are sealed by His Word; and that at the inside of our body, in the heart of our soul, and hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:1-4), staying in the presence of the glory of Shekinah. By the Holy Spirit we were baptized into the body of Christ, and sealed unto the day of the redemption of our body (Romans 8:23). In I Corinthians 12:13 it is written:

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

And also in Ephesians 4:4 we read,

"There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling."

Then we are not only sealed with the seal of righteousness of faith until the next revival or for a period of time, but for eternity (Romans 4:11-12).

When the assembly of the congregation of Israel looked upon the two side posts and the upper door post, which were stroked with blood of animals (Exodus 12), and they saw the blood (the name, the life) applied there and they entered through this door beneath this blood into the house, they never came out again until their exodus out of Egypt. And therefore we also may know: If we once were sealed by the Holy Spirit, that means, God has accepted us. For the Holy Spirit Himself is a seal, there is no getting loose of it. The work of redemption then is finished for us personally (St.John 17:4; St.John 19:30; Heb. 10:14). We read in Ecclesiastes 3:14,

"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him."

Somebody might say: 'I had received the seal of God - the Holy Ghost, but fell off again.' No, then you didn't have it. It's right, we may grieve the Holy Spirit by our behaviour or actions, but the sealing unto the day of redemption is lasting (Eph. 4:30).

The seal of God for you personally is speaking of

1. a finished work (St.John 17:4; Eph. 2:10),
2. a proprietary right.

We are the people of property then, people born for a divine purpose (I Peter 2:9; Titus 2:14; Malachi 3:16-18), and by the seal of God we have received a heavenly confirmation, certification, that we are fellow-heirs, co-incorporated of His promise in Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:6). The seal of God confirms also that the rights of redemption have become our proprietary rights: eternal life, perfect victory, healing of the body, joy of God, peace of God, the rest of God.... is my property. Even if I don't possess it yet, it is mine!

3. security (Psalm 32:7; Ps. 57:1; Ps. 61:1-4; Prov. 22:3).

We are sealed with Him into the kingdom of God, into the kingdom of His dear Son (Col. 1:13). Divine love is shed into our hearts by the Holy Ghost (Rom. 5:5), the sign which He has left us as an evidence, confirmation and guarantee. We are hidden with Christ in God, sitting in the secret place of the most High (Psalm 91:1-2), in heavenly places (Eph. 2:4-7), knowing that we have passed from death unto life (St.John 5:24). And if God shuts, none shall open (Isaiah 22:22)! You are sealed into the kingdom of God and you won't come out again until the day when you will move away from this world (like Israel out of Egypt) upon we are living, or will remove from the mortal body, the body of death in which we are still living (II Cor. 5:1-9; Rom. 7:24-25).

Yes, not only the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. Also we ourselves that have received the first fruits of the Spirit, which means the same thing as possessing the earnest of the Spirit (II Cor. 5:5; II Cor. 1:20-22), or to have the pledge, earnest-money, forerunner, a foretaste of our inheritance (Eph. 1:13-14).

Also we groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption: the redemption of our body (Romans 8:23). Let us read again especially the Word of Ephesians 1:13-14,

*"...in whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard **the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after (since) that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."*

Through this earnest we have the blessed assurance that we have been received in the body of Christ, that we are in security and have everlasting life. Yes, we are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:17) above all that what our Lord Jesus has purchased for us on Calvary through His blood. We have received the promise of God, His credentials, that everything Christ died for, also belongs to us. It is the speaking of God to you: I have received thee now and have given thee the sign of circumcision in the putting off of the body of flesh (the old worldly, self-loving nature) in the circumcision of Christ (Col. 2:11-12). We are groaning in ourselves, waiting for the adoption, that is to say, after our soul has already been redeemed, upon the redemption of our body (Rom. 8:19-23).

In Jesus Christ, in the beloved One, we have the redemption, releasing, liberation, deliverance through His blessed blood (God's blood), which is the Holy Spirit, the living message of this hour, in us (Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14). Also our body, which is now the temple of the Holy Spirit, of the divine dynamic (I Cor. 6:19-20; I Cor. 3:16-17), was redeemed (bought back) for a price and brought back to the original owner. This price was that a just one, Jesus Christ, God Himself as the Lamb of God, had to die for sinners. Through the death of Jesus at the cross of Calvary, by shedding His innocent blood, God bought back His property - His lost family which was captived by Satan (I Peter 1:17-21). Yes, also this our earthly body, the outward man, was redeemed almost 2000 years ago by our beloved Lord Jesus. The earnest of the Spirit gives us the guarantee that also our mortal body has been redeemed and this redemption will be visible soon: either by natural death or in the fullness of the first resurrection.

This happens either

v by being clothed upon (sudden transformation), mortality will be swallowed up of life (II Cor. 5:1-9), respectively this corruptible, this mortal flesh in which we are living, will put on incorruption and this mortal will put on immortality (I Cor. 15:51-54).

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v we may even emigrate before from this body of death (Rom. 7:24; Rom. 8:10), this mortal body (Rom. 7:13; II Cor. 4:11), by the laying down and dying of the mortal wrap of the body (II Cor. 5:1-9; Phil. 1:21-25), our earthly house being destroyed and dissolved, and moving yet before the first resurrection in a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

This body in which we are living, is temporal. Everything we see is temporal. Your eternal body or eternal house (II Cor. 5:1) which is being built and growing in us - the theophany - and the covering for it that is waiting for us, the heavenly garment, is eternal. For the things however which are not seen are eternal (II Cor. 4:16-18). As soon as we lay off this body, an eternal, glorious home is waiting for us. And the seal of God in us is the promise and guarantee that a heavenly body is waiting for us (St. John 14:1-3).

To be sealed means, to be completely under the blood of God, to be protected and preserved against the enemy. You are the son of God in the family of God. The devil can't reach you anymore. Because your real self - your soul, the seed of God, son or daughter of God, the attribute of God - is at the inside of the inside. You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. The part of your old husband is dead (Rom. 7:1-6) - that is your old nature, the nature of this filthy world. It has died and is buried through the baptism (Rom. 6:1-7) into the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and you have become a new creation of the Word (II Cor. 5:17). You have been born again through the Spirit of God, and through the new birth you have received the qualities of Christ in a quite supernatural way. The Holy Spirit made you gentle, forgiving, humble... The heavenly habits of a Christian are in you, and you are living as a Christian. You are so in love with Christ, and you believe every word He says to be the truth. Your new life is full of joy, everything has become different, opposite to that, what it was once before. That is the Holy Spirit, the seal of God - the riches of the love of God in the heart of His children, to obey the Word of God.

What a grace of having been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

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