

Themes from Ephesians

“The Seal of the Holy Spirit”

Ephesians 1:11-14

Ephesians 1:11-12

“¹¹ Also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, ¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.”

Genesis 12:1-3

“¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you; ² And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; ³ and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

John 12:32

“³² And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”

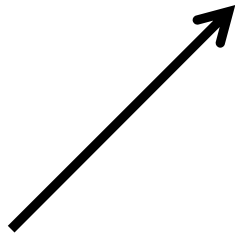
Ephesians 1:13

“¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise.”

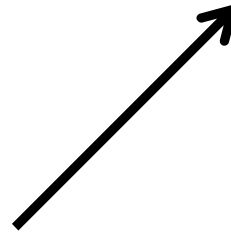
This is assent - it is necessary to salvation, but not sufficient for salvation. The next phrase makes this point.

“Having also believed...”

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“Sealed in Him with the
Holy Spirit of promise.”

Romans 8:16

“¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”

Revelation 13:16-18

“¹⁶ And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead, ¹⁷ and {he provides} that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, {either} the name of the beast or the number of his name. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.”

Revelation 7:1-3

“¹ After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind should blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. ² And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, ³ saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the bondservants of our God on their foreheads.”

Ephesians 1:13

“¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise.”

Ephesians 4:30

“³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-8

“⁶ And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; ⁷ and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. ⁸ And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.”

Romans 12:2

“² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

II Timothy 2:24-26

“²⁴ And the Lord’s bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, ²⁵ with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses {and escape} from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.”

I John 3:10

“¹⁰ By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.”

I John 5:19

“¹⁹ We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in {the power of} the evil one.”

Hendrikson:

“The Mark of the Beast is the God opposing, Christ rejecting, church persecuting, spirit of Antichrist wherever, and whenever it manifests itself.”

**It is God alone who
enables us to hear the
truth of the Gospel and
respond accordingly.**

We bear the mark of God upon us.

**Our seal is in contrast
to that of the Beast's.**