Signed, Sealed and Delivered
Ephesians 1:13-14

Introduction

I How To Be "In Christ"
A. ______ the Word - Jn 5:24; Rom 10:14-15, 17
   1. The Word of truth - Eph 4:21; Col 1:5
   2. The gospel of salvation - Rom 1:16-17
B. ______ the Word - Rom 2:13; Acts 28:26-27
   1. One believes the gospel - Rom 10:9-10; Jn 1:12
   2. One becomes a child of God - Gal 3:26-27; 4:6-7

II God's Seal On The Deal
A. The purpose of a seal
   1. To guarantee _____________ - Ester 3:12; 1 Cor 9:2
   2. To protect against _____________ - Mt 27:66; Rev 5:1
   3. To mark _____________ - Song 8:6
B. The Holy Spirit as our seal
   1. He guarantees our authenticity - Ro 8:16; Gal 4:6
   2. He protects us from tampering - Ro 8:14; Eph 3:16
   3. He marks us as belonging to God - 1 Co 6:19-20;
      2 Cor 1:21-22
C. The Holy Spirit as our guarantee
   Deposit = "A pledge or _____________ accompanied by
   a promise that the balance will be paid in full"
   1. Of our inheritance - 2 Co 1:22; 5:1-5
   2. Until the redemption of God's possession
      a. We _______ redeemed - Eph 1:7
      b. We _______ redeemed - Eph 4:30

III How To Be Filled With The Holy Spirit
A. We _________ have the Holy Spirit - Rom 8:9
B. We are to be _________ with the Holy Spirit - Eph 5:18
C. We have a part in being filled with the Holy Spirit:
   1. ___________ - 1 Jn 3:24; Jn 14:21; Acts 5:32
   2. ___________ - Josh 24:23; Rom 12:1; 1 Cor 6:19-20;
   3. _________ - Lk 11:9-13

PERSONAL APPLICATION
Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. Paul emphasizes repeatedly that all our spiritual blessings are
   found "in Christ". Share briefly what it personally means to you,
   to be "in Christ".
2. Ephesians 1:13 indicates that there are two essential factors in
   someone becoming a Christian: hearing the Word and believing
   the Word. Take a moment to discuss these two components and
   their roles in evangelism. Are you active in sharing your faith?
3. Paul tells us that God has set His seal of ownership on your
   life. This means two things have occurred:
      a. You have surrendered your rights to your life.
      b. You are guaranteed the rights and privileges as God's child.
   Does your life reflect the understanding that you are "not your
   own" but belong to God? Are you available to God? Are you
   keeping in step with the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:25)?
4. Take a moment to discuss how making a down payment on a
   house is like God depositing His Spirit in our hearts. He's
   committed to finishing His part of the deal. What are your
   obligations and are you fulfilling them?
5. Read Ephesians 5:18. What conditions do you need to meet in
   order to respond appropriately to this command (obedience,
   surrender, desire)?
6. Pray for a wholehearted surrender to, and renewal of, the Holy
   Spirit's work in your life. Thank Him for the spiritual deposit and
   guaranteed promises He is committed to fulfilling.

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