WEEK 4

A SURE SALVATION

POWER

Power of a sure salvation.

PROMISE

The Holy Spirit is active in the act of salvation. While we are saved by Jesus, we are secured by the Spirit. He "seals" us. He positions us in the family of God as a child of God.

PRAYER

Seal me.

EPHESIANS 1:13-14 ESV

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

CONSIDER

There's nothing more unnerving than being unsure of an important outcome. Satan knows this, that's why he'll do his best to make an earnest, well-meaning believer question the outcome of Jesus' redemptive work in them. Fortunately for us, the Holy Spirit has taken it upon himself to be our guarantee! He seals us, telling the devil, "Hands off!" and setting our minds at ease until the very day we are together with God in glory.

PRAY

Invite the Holy Spirit to reveal your identity as an adopted child of God. Ask him to give you full confidence in your permanent position in the family of God. Ask him to reveal the significance of being sealed by the Holy Spirit.

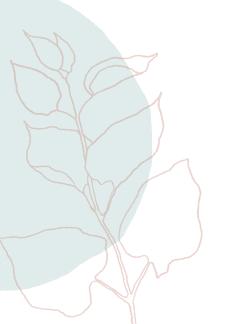
Holy Spirit, thank you for joining with my spirit and making me a child of God. Help me trust more and more in the completed work of Jesus in my life. Give me conviction of my inheritence, and my place in our Father's family. Amen.

DISCOVER

Read: Romans 8:14-17

What is the difference between the way a slave interacts with their master and the way a child interacts with their parents?

What inclines us to interact with God as slaves? What dangers lie in this approach to our relationship with God? What is the truth? Why are we free to interact with God as his children?



What does it mean to be heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ?

DISCOVER

Read: Ephesians 1:11-14

What are some examples of sealing? How does this help you understand what the Holy Spirit has done for you?

What actions precede the sealing work of the Holy Spirit?

What results from the Holy Spirit's work to seal all those who believe the gospel?

ACT

Who do you know that should hear this truth of a secure salvation? Perhaps it's someone who hasn't yet entered a relationship with God? Or maybe it's a Christ follower who fears death and questions their eternal security? Begin by praying for this person, then invite them out to coffee or lunch and share with them these truths from Scripture. Share personal stories of how the salvation of God has transformed your own life. Encourage them to live free from fear and believe the truth – the Holy Spirit secures all of God's children for a promised eternity with God.

PRAY

Pray each day for people in your life who have not yet encountered the sure salvation of Jesus Christ. Pray for them to know the peace and love that comes with salvation. Be open to take any action steps you hear the Holy Spirit nudging you to take.

READ YOUVERSION Days 22-28

2 Corinthians 5:1-8

Ephesians 4:30-32 2 Corinthians 1:20-23 Galatians 4:28-31 Romans 8:14-19 Philippians 1:4-6 1 John 5:11-12 Hebrews 10:19-23 Romans 5:1-5

John 3:3-8