

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

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Here is more grace in the plan of God. God the Holy Spirit had a ministry in our salvation, He also has a ministry in our lives. This is part of God’s purpose and plan of God for every one of us.

Verse 13 ended with the sealing of the Holy Spirit of everyone of us who believes in Jesus Christ as Savior. And now, in verse 14 the Holy Spirit is given to each believer as a pledge. We are sealed in Him and now given to everyone of us as a pledge.

Who is. Refers to the Holy Spirit *given as a pledge*. We have to slow down in the Greek word *arrabon* because this word is used but three times in the New Testament. These three are used only by Paul and each time this word is used it is in relationship with the Holy Spirit. In 2 Corinthians 1:22 and 5:5 Paul wrote that God is given the Holy Spirit as a ‘guarantee’ or ‘pledge’ or ‘down payment’ or ‘first installment.’ Then in Ephesians 1:14 God gives the Holy Spirit as a pledge of our inheritance. The Holy Spirit is the first installment from Jesus Christ to His Father to everyone who believes in Jesus Christ.

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Romans. 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Please be sure that you understand that God has freely given all things to everyone who believes in Jesus Christ. God the Father first gave His Son on the cross, then God gave His Son, all blessings, which everyone who believes in Him receives. This is the beautiful, wonderful, gracious promise from God to His Son in Isaiah 53:1-10, primarily:

Isaiah 53:10 But the Lord was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand.

Many preachers find it satisfying to say that God will take away these blessings from those who are believers in Jesus Christ as their savior, that God will take away these things that were actually given to them at salvation, who do not live the straight and narrow. That is according to them. Those like Bill Wiese like to teach that God does not take all believers out of the world in the Rapture, but says that they will have to lose out here, and live in the Tribulation. Many try to teach that a believer can lose these blessings given to them at salvation if they do not live straight and narrow. God will take away all that He has given to them in spite of His Son being rendered as guilt offering. I don't know what kind of God they have who seals by the Holy Spirit and given as a pledge. Please know, this is not the God of the Holy Word.

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Ephesians 1:14 who (the Holy Spirit) is given as a down payment of our inheritance.

He is a down payment or pledge to every believer for all eternity. He is a down payment for phase 2 of your life as a believer on earth and for all eternity. The Holy Spirit is not only the seal on us, but He is also the first installment by God the Father in His plan and for the blessing from the Father to His Son. The point is that the Holy Spirit indwells you right now and forever in eternity. There is so much for us to learn about the Holy Spirit. It is most interesting to understand the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. We are seeing right now in Kit's study of Judges, the ministry of the Holy Spirit in many different ministries of the Holy Spirit throughout the Old Testament.

Now God the Father seals every believer by the Holy Spirit and He is given as a pledge to every believer. This means that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer. He may or may not control your life, but He is still inside of every believer. When God the Holy Spirit controls your soul, controls your life, this is what we call the 'filling of the Spirit.' In Galatians chapter 5 there are other titles of the ministry of the Spirit. Galatians 5:16 says *walk by the Spirit*; in verse 18, *led of the Spirit*; *live by the Spirit*; and *follow the Spirit*. He may not be in control of your life and instead of His filling your life, or your walking by the Spirit, or being led of the Spirit or in living in the Spirit or following the Spirit, you are in sin, and in the desire of your flesh. (Galatians 5:16) And, in sin instead of being filled with the Spirit, you will grieve the Spirit, and if you are producing human good you have quenched the Spirit. So, there are three conditions of the Christian way of life. If you are walking in the Spirit, this means the Spirit controls your life. If you are grieving the Spirit—that is when you are sinning. If you are quenching the Spirit—that is you are

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producing human good. What is so important and points to God the Father, is regardless of any of these three conditions you are still indwelt by the Holy Spirit or you are sealed by the Holy Spirit or you are a pledge by God. You will not lose the Holy Spirit. Let's take a brief look at the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

- I. The teaching of the indwelling of the Spirit in the Church Age is never even mentioned in the Old Testament. This is presented in the Church Age in Romans 8:9; Galatians 3:2; 4:6; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20:

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

1 Corinthians 6:20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

- II. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit is also called by one other name in the Bible: *anointing*:

1 John 2:20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.

1 John 2:27 And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you remain in Him.

Here, we have to understand *anointing*. First, the figure of speech, metonymy, is used of “anointing” in substitution of the Holy Spirit.

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In other words, every believer in the Church Age is anointed, meaning every believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Secondly, in John 16:7-14 the ministry of the '*Paraclete*' (alongside to do the work for us; advocate, intercessor) instead of Jesus Christ saying 'the Holy Spirit' 'The Spirit of truth (Holy Spirit) will guide you in all truth' (Thayer, Greek English Lexicon)

- III. Jesus Christ, Himself, gives the prophecy of the *Indwelling of the Holy Spirit for the Church Age* in John 7:37-39 and John 14:16-17. In Ephesians 1:13 we have the promise of the Holy Spirit. In John chapter 14, Jesus Christ gave a promise of the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit for believers in this age.
- IV. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit must be distinguished from the Filling of the Spirit. The Indwelling occurs at the point of salvation and never changes. The Filling of the Holy Spirit is commanded in Ephesians 5:18 and lost through sin, Ephesians 4:30. But whether you lose the filling of the Spirit or not, you never lose the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Never forget this, many erroneously like to claim, you can lose your salvation which of course would mean that you also lose the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit. But, the Bible tells us we are promised by God and Jesus Christ our Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
- V. What is the difference between the filling of the Holy Spirit and the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit? The fact is that we can lose the Filling of the Holy Spirit but we cannot lose the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The purpose of the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the seal of every believer. Ephesians 1:13 This is why carnal Christians will not lose the Holy Spirit nor lose their salvation. We have the Holy Spirit to teach the Word of God, to fulfill the divine 9 of the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

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VI. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit must be distinguished from the indwelling of Christ. In the Church Age every believer is indwelt by Jesus Christ, every believer is indwelt by God the Holy Spirit. These must be distinguished. Christ indwells the believer for the purpose of fellowship:

Romans 8:10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?

The Holy Spirit indwells the believer for the purpose of function of life itself. God the Holy Spirit makes the Christian life function in his life. Maximum fellowship with the Jesus Christ brings the believer to surpassing love.

VII. The function or purpose of the Holy Spirit is there to learn the Word of God and remember the Word of God through your life. (John 14:26)

John 16:12 “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them at the present time. (because the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit has not yet happened)

John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but

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whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

John 16:14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.

John 16:15 All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes from Mine and will disclose it to you.

The purpose of the Holy Spirit is declared in 1 Corinthians 2:9-16. Here in verse 16 it is so clear that the Holy Spirit is the mind or thinking of Jesus Christ. It is the purpose of the Holy Spirit to cause us to comprehend the Word of God.

VIII. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the Church Age is necessary because of the intensification of the Angelic Conflict John 7:37-39.

Ephesians 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Verse 14 is confusing to many people who read this passage.

Ephesians 1:14 who is given as a pledge or who is given as a down payment of our inheritance with a view to the redemption of God's own possession to the praise of His glory.

Or as NIV "who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory."

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Let's look at it this way: *the Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of His glory.*

NIV *who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance* of our coming to Christ at Rapture *until the redemption* that is until the redemption of the resurrection of the body. *Of those who are God's possession* or God's *owning to the praise of His glory.*

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Who. The Holy Spirit is by God *given as a pledge of our inheritance,* of our salvation

until the redemption or better *because of the redemption.* The redemption here refers to receiving the resurrection body. This is actually every believer receiving a resurrected body at the Resurrection of all believers. Redemption of the soul occurs at the point of salvation – at the point of our belief in Jesus Christ. Redemption of the body occurs at our positional redemption at the rapture of every believer. There is a salvation redemption and there is a Rapture redemption.

The *redemption of God's own possession,* This means that every believer's redemption at the rapture is the possession of God. *to the praise of His glory*

In verse 13 the Holy Spirit is called a 'seal.' Now He is called a guarantee or a pledge.

who is given as a pledge. The Holy Spirit is given to all believers as a pledge from God, the Holy Spirit is a guarantee; the Holy Spirit is given as surety for a fuller gift hereafter or the Holy Spirit is given to every believer as a down payment, to be given at the Second coming of Jesus Christ.

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Of our inheritance. We have not yet received,

With a view to the redemption. This refers to redemption of the coming of Jesus Christ.

Of God's own possession. We are each one of us given to the possession of God when Jesus comes to earth.

To the praise of His glory. As we think of the future blessing that we are to God and to Jesus Christ, we are to praise Him all the more of His glory. Verses 12 to verse 14 refer to the praise of the Glory of God. This teaches the Holy Spirit's work in a believer's life.

The praise of the Glory of God the Father summarizes what Jesus taught in John 17:1-25 as is glorified in verse 26:

John 17:26 and I have made your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.

The Holy Spirit is a down payment of our coming inheritance because of the redemption of God's own possession (or property, all believers are the property of God) which is going to result in the praise of His Glory. No matter how you may live your life here on earth, at the redemption of Jesus Christ you will offer the greatest of praise to the Glory of God.

Since God the Holy Spirit indwells you, regardless of the status of His indwelling, you have an *inheritance* from God forever. There are so many truths as to why a believer cannot, will not ever lose his salvation. The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance.

Ok all the glory of Ephesians 1:1-14 is brought into the first apostolic prayer from Paul in verse 15 and following.

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Ephesians 1:15 For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints,

Ephesians 1:16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers

The greatness of the blessings prepared for everyone of us in Eternity past. Verses 1-14 are the most precious plan by God for every believer. It does not matter how good or how horrible history is, God has a marvelous plan for you. This passage lays it clear, you have to have no fear, worry, or anxiety throughout your life. God loves you and He has planned a marvelous life for you.

The first message of Ephesians chapter 1 is so important. I hope you learn it and never forget it. *God is never taken by surprise. God is never shocked, there was never a time when God was not aware of your needs!!!* These troubles often come as a surprise on us in our lives, but God has been aware of every need we have every day of our lives and not only is He aware of our needs but He is always ready to supply your every need...just be ready to trust Him. No matter what goes on in your life, what you can secure of Gods provision. This security in your life was set up by God before you ever came along. Which came first, you or your security? Every need that you may have, came before you...it came from God. Paul is a great teacher of the importance of God's word, God's plan. And here Paul is so overtaken by the teaching of the Word of God that it causes Him to go into deep prayer.

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Note the beginning of verse 15: **for this reason** which refers to what is preceded in this verse, and what precedes is the declaration from God in verses 1-14. It should be translated *because of this* or *for this reason*. This is because of the plan of God declared in these verses. Verses 1-14 contain some of the most wonderful, powerful teaching in the Word of God. What is here declared is the eternal plan of God. It is very difficult for us to understand eternity past. It is very difficult for us to understand that there never was a time when God did not exist, that God did not live. There never was a time or a point when God was not perfectly happy, perfectly satisfied and was not in perfect control of everything. Oh, and for the record, after you die, and especially after the time of mankind, you, yourself, will be eternally happy, eternally satisfied with your existence.

So, *because of this* or *for this reason* Paul now reads himself into the plan of God. Verse 15 **for this reason I too, having heard** Paul has heard some good news about the believers in the Roman province of Asia. Ok, this is an *aorist participle*, which precedes the action of the main verb. So, what is the main verb? *Not cease—giving thanks for this reason or for this reason I ceased not*, but first we are going read what he heard.

having heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus. Ok, Paul has heard that these people heard of the Lord and they have placed their faith in Jesus Christ.

Which exist among you and your love for all the saints. They have heard about their love from the Holy Spirit—*their love is agape or love of the Holy Spirit.* These are two wonderful about things about these believers. They know how to live by faith in the Holy Spirit. And secondly, they have this love toward one another. It is amazing how many believers do not have Spiritual Love about others in their assembly. It is so wonderful for many believes in the same assembly

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to get together and have spiritual love toward one another. This is something that is really a wonderful, powerful blessing. First, you have to have the Filling of the Holy Spirit but also you have to grow in the Word of God. You see, spiritual love is from the power of the Holy Spirit but also about the impact of doctrine or the Word of God toward each other.

This kind of spiritual love between believers causes others to love being with them and not ceasing to give thanks for them.