

Sermon Series: *The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit*

Sealed With the Promised Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:11-14 (ESV)

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*11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,
12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.
13 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,
14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.*

As we conclude our 13 week series on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit, we conclude with one of the most wonderfully, glorious works of the Holy Spirit—the work of sealing of the believer. We find this truth embedded within one of the longest sentences that the apostle Paul writes. In the Greek, verses 3 through 14 comprise one long sentence of praise flowing out of Paul's worshipful heart toward His great and mighty God.

If you ever wonder what enabled Paul to live the kind of radically obedient and sacrificial life that he did, it is because of his deep conviction of the truth for which he is praising God in this opening doxology. The truth Paul expounds in these eleven verses changed his life forever and he wanted the Ephesians to know what they were. And God the Holy Spirit as the ultimate Author of Scripture wants us to know them also. The Lord intends that these truths give us strength and boldness.

So what it is the Lord wants us to know? In these verses, verses 13 & 14 in particular, Paul writes about the work of the Holy Spirit. The Lord wants His children to *know* that they are His children **forever** and that nothing will remove them from all the promises that they have hoped for in Christ. God wants His children to know that they *will* experience all of the glories that they have been promised in Jesus.

God has been pleased to see to it that the final and fullest experience of our salvation is not *finally* dependent upon us, but upon God Himself! God wants you to know that you know that you are His child and nothing will change that. Becoming a Christian does not mean you are removed from all doubt about your salvation, but it does mean that the presence of the Holy Spirit within you will most certainly help you **overcome** all doubts. The apostle John told us that,

1 John 5:13 (ESV)

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

God wants His children to know that they are secure in Him. God desires you to know with certainty that you *will* be saved. He does not want you plagued your entire life with the immobilizing fear that in the end you might not make it into heaven. What good will we be if for the kingdom if we are constantly living in fear that we might not receive the salvation that we are hoping for? How boldly will we share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ if we do not think that we will actually receive the blessed promises we are proclaiming? How willing will we be to pursue holiness (Heb 12:14) if in the end we think we will only wind up in hell?

God does not want His children living unholy, unfruitful, timid lives in constant fear of losing their relationship with Him. God wants His children to live boldly courageous, righteous lives being willing to lose our lives in this world because we are unshakably confident that we will gain a better life in the glorious heavenly world that is sure to come! ***It is the work of the Holy Spirit to seal all those who have faith in Jesus to ensure that they actually procure the promises that Jesus purchased through His death and resurrection.***

My prayer is that not one of you will leave this room today in doubt about your relationship to God. Please do not leave if you are in doubt about your salvation. God wants you to know that your eternal state is secure in Him through Jesus. God wants you to know that in Jesus your soul is safe and nothing will tear you away from Him. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to accomplish this.

The apostle Paul mentions in verse 13 that ***“you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.”*** He mentions this fact three times in two of his epistles (2 Cor 1:21-22; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30). He mentions this twice in the letter to the Ephesians and once in 2 Corinthians.

Ephesians 1:13 (ESV)

13 *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 Are the Ones Who Are Sealed?

The first question is, “Who are the ones who were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit? Who are the one’s who experience this work of the Holy Spirit?” The answer is, clearly those who are believers in Jesus. *Only those who have **received** the Spirit have been **sealed** by the Spirit.*

Paul tells us who he is talking about. He has in mind those who **heard the word of truth and believed** it. The ‘word of truth’ is further explained as ‘the gospel of your salvation.’ Those who have been sealed by the Holy Spirit are those who heard the word of truth, which is the gospel of salvation, and believed it.

Salvation Is Hope In Christ

The gospel is simply a word meaning ‘good news.’ The fact that there is salvation is good news, but what are we to believe about it? Paul expounds what salvation is by explaining that salvation is **hoping in Christ**. Look at verse 12.

Ephesians 1:12 (ESV)

*so that we who were the first **to hope in Christ** might be to the praise of His glory.*

Salvation, then, is **to hope in Christ**. It is not to hope in good deeds or good works, it is to hope in Christ. Salvation is not hoping that all your kind actions will in the end outweigh all the unkind actions. *Salvation is hoping in Christ*. Salvation is not hoping in your own righteousness, it is hoping in the righteousness of Christ. Salvation is not hoping that God, in all His love and mercy, will overlook all your sins. Salvation is hoping that in the death of Jesus all your sins have been paid for. Salvation is hoping **only** in Christ and in no other thing. Hope in any other thing than Christ is not salvation.

Salvation Is Faith In the Lord Jesus

Again Paul further explains what salvation is in Ephesians 1:15-16.

Ephesians 1:15-16 (ESV)

15 *For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,* 16 *I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,*

Salvation is **faith in the Lord Jesus**. Salvation is *faith* in Jesus, it's *believing* in Jesus. Salvation is putting one's faith in the person of who Jesus is in all of His fullness. Salvation is believing that all that Jesus said was true. Salvation is believing that when Jesus said He is the Son of God He was indeed telling the truth. Salvation is believing that when Jesus said, "all authority in heaven and earth has been given to Me,"¹ that He spoke the truth. Salvation is believing that Jesus is Lord, meaning that all of His commands are not optional, but they are exceedingly good for us and that He intends for us to obey His good commands and not disobey them. **Salvation is faith in the Lord Jesus.**

Those who **hope in Christ** and have **faith in Jesus** are the ones who receive the Holy Spirit and are thereby sealed by Him as He enters your life and gives you a new heart. This is true of all true² Christians.

Romans 8:9 (ESV)

9 *You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.*

You cannot be a true believer in Jesus apart from the work of the Holy Spirit. It is impossible to be a Christian without receiving the Holy Spirit. Being born again only happens through the work of God's Holy Spirit.³ If you do not have the Spirit of God dwelling within you, then you are not a child of God.

Romans 8:14 (ESV)

14 *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.*

Receiving the Holy Spirit by faith in Jesus is what it means to become a child of God. Apart from receiving the Holy Spirit, there is no new birth and if there is no new birth, then there is no entrance into the family of God. Remember what Jesus told Nicodemus, "**Unless you are born again you cannot**

¹ See Dan 7:13-14; Mt 11:27; Jn 3:35; 13:3; 17:2; Acts 2:36; Rom 14:9; 1 Cor 15:27; Eph 1:20-22; Phil 2:9-10; Col 2:10; Heb 2:8; 1 Ptr 3:22 (cf. Mt 9:6 authority to forgive sins & Jn 5:27 authority to execute judgment).

² See Jesus words in John 8:31 where speaking to new "believers" He says, "*If you abide in my word, then you are truly my disciples...*"

³ "*That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit*" (Jn 3:6). "*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail.*" (Jn 6:63).

see the kingdom of God” (Jn 3:3). The sealing that we are speaking of here is only experienced by those who receive the Holy Spirit into their lives by **hoping in Christ** and **having faith in the Lord Jesus**.

What Does ‘Sealing’ Mean?

So we have answered the question “Who experiences this ‘sealing’ with the Holy Spirit?” Now we will ask, “What does this ‘sealing’ mean?” This best way to understand this is take a look at how a seal is used in Scripture. There are at least four functions of a seal in Scripture. A seal serves to 1) authenticate, 2) indicate ownership, 3) to secure, and 4) to complete a transaction.

1) A Seal Serves to Authenticate

The first function of seal is **to authentic**. Seals were (and are) used to authenticate that a document is genuine and that its source is genuine. For example, nearly every official agency has a seal whereby a message or a document can be authenticated as having officially come from that agency.



In ancient times every king had a seal by which all of his edicts were authenticated. The king would impress his seal, usually in clay and later in wax, upon all official edicts so that they could be identified as having truly come from the king. Here is a photo of the signet ring King Tutankhamen who ruled Egypt from 1333 to 1323 B.C.

One example of this is found in the book of Esther. After king Ahasuerus realized the evil plot of Haman, he gave Mordecai the authority to write an edict in his name and seal it with his royal seal so that all the land would know that the king had authorized the Jews to defend themselves against any who might try to kill them.

Esther 8:7-8 (ESV)

7 Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, “Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hanged him on the gallows, because he intended to lay hands on the Jews. 8 But you may write as you please with regard to the Jews, in the name of the king, and seal it with the king's ring, for an edict written in the name of the king and sealed with the king's ring cannot be revoked.”

An edict sealed with the king’s royal seal was known to have been authentic. It had indeed come from the king himself and served as his signature. A seal was used to authenticate a message or an edict. We all recognize the United States Presidential Seal because it is constantly used to help us know that what has been said or written has come from the office of the president.



2) A Seal Serves to Indicate Ownership

The second function of a seal is **to indicate ownership**. Some people have their own seal with which they mark their books. This is especially helpful if you are prone to loaning out books but forgetting to whom you have loaned them.

We learn from Revelation 7:3 that the Lord in the end will place His seal upon all who are His servants and that this seal will mark them off from all other people. This seal will then protect them from harm.

Revelation 7:3 (ESV)

3 “Do not harm the earth or sea, or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”

Then as the judgment of God continues (into Rev 9) we see that the locusts were commanded to torment only those who did not have God’s seal on their foreheads (Rev 9:4). So the seal of God marked off certain people as God’s property and because they belong to God and these people were protected from judgment and wrath. The seal of God separated God’s people from all other people. It was in this separation that God’s people found protection.

We see this today on large cattle farms. Farmers brand their cattle in order to clearly identify the owner of the cattle. This protects them from being stolen. One cannot claim as his own property what has already been marked as the property of another. A seal indicates ownership.

3) A Seal Serves to Secure or Lock Up

The third function of a seal was **to secure** or **to lock up**. We see the seal used in this way in Daniel’s cave, Jesus’ tomb, and Satan’s pit.

When Daniel’s enemies conspired against him, he was thrown into a cave and the cave was sealed.

Daniel 6:16-17 (ESV)

16 Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!”

17 And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.



During Daniel’s day the seals used were cylinders which were rolled across moist clay placed over the stone and the mouth of the cave. The stone was sealed so that nothing would change about Daniel’s circumstance. No one could go in and no one could go out. The entrance to the cave was secure, locked up and no one could tamper with the contents. [In the end the God whom Daniel served did deliver him and his enemies (and their families⁴) were then fed to the lions.]

We see a similar situation with Jesus’ tomb.

Matthew 27:62-66 (ESV)

62 Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate 63 and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’

64 Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.”

65 Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.”

66 So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

⁴ Daniel 6:24.

The tomb was sealed to secure it and lock it up so that nothing about it could be altered. No one goes in and no one comes out.

The final example is Satan's pit.

Revelation of John 20:1-3 (ESV)

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain.

2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,

3 and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

Satan's pit was sealed over him. The seal secures the pit so that nothing about it could be changed. No one gets in and no one comes out. A seal then was used to secure something or to lock it up.

4) A Seal Serves to Complete a Transaction

The fourth function of seal is to complete a transaction and prevent it's terms and conditions from being changed.

Jeremiah 32:9-10 (ESV)

9 "And I bought the field at Anathoth from Hanamel my cousin, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver.

10 I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales.



We go through nearly the same process today. Most likely this deed was written on papyrus,⁵ tied around with a string or a cord, and then "sealed with Jeremiah's official seal stamped into a lump of clay placed over the string."⁶

After the terms of the sale had been agreed upon, witnesses found, the deed signed, and the money paid, then the deed was sealed to complete the transaction and prevent any changes to the terms and conditions. Once the terms were set and the money paid, the sealed deed closed the deal.

So which of these four functions of seal does Paul have in mind when he says that believers were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**? Is he thinking of only one? Or does he have in mind all four?

1. Does he mean that the Holy Spirit authenticates the believer as a child of God?
2. Does he mean that the presence of the Holy Spirit dwelling within the believer is a mark of ownership by God?

⁵ Frank E. Gaebelin, Geoffrey W. Grogan, Charles L. Feinberg et al., *The Expositor's Bible Commentary, Volume 6: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986), 582.

⁶ John F. Walvoord, Roy B. Zuck and Dallas Theological Seminary, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary : An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1983-), Je 32:10–12.

3. Does he mean that the Holy Spirit secures the salvation of the believer?
4. Or does he mean that presence of the Holy Spirit indwelling the believer completes the transaction and ensures that the terms of salvation will never be changed?

The Holy Spirit Authenticates The Believer

Does the Holy Spirit authenticate the believer as a child of God? Yes, He does.

How do you tell the difference between a true believer and a false believer? It is possible to claim to be a child of God and yet not be. It is possible to say you are a child of God and actually be a child of Satan. Remember the Jews who claimed to be children of God, but Jesus said they were actually children of the devil? (Jn 8:41-44).

John 8:31 (ESV)

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, [then] you are truly my disciples.”

These Jews had “believed” in Jesus to some degree, but Jesus still warns them that they will only truly be His disciples if they abide in His word, that is, only if they continue to consistently obey His teaching. It is easy to be a disciple for a while, especially when there are crowds of people following Him. However, when the tide changes and Jesus is hung on the cross, will they abide in His word then?

Two Ways of Authentication

So how does the Holy Spirit come into the picture? Does the Holy Spirit do anything in the life of the believer that gives evidence that a person truly is a child of God? The answer is yes. He does this through an **outward authentication** and through an **inward authentication**.

Outward Authentication

The *outward authentication of the Holy Spirit is sanctification*. The Holy Spirit sanctifies the believer.⁷ This was the point of last week’s sermon. When God’s Holy Spirit enters a person’s life through giving them a new heart, He begins leading that person into putting to death the sinful deeds of the flesh (Rom 8:12-14). This is process of becoming ever increasingly more and more like Christ, of “being transformed from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit” (2 Cor 3:18; 4:4; Rom 8:29). The Holy Spirit begins producing in that person the fruit of holiness—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22-23). The best way to authenticate that an apple tree is indeed an apple tree is to test the fruit.

The outward authentication of the Holy Spirit should be evident to all through the observance of a holy life. *The Holy Spirit authenticates a person as truly a child of God by producing in that person the fruit of holiness— holiness that is practically demonstrated by our daily decisions and choices*. If you say that you are a follower of Jesus, then you ought to look and live like Him.

I John 2:6 (ESV)

whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

⁷ See 2 Thess 2:13; 1 Ptr 1:2; 1 Thess 4:3; Heb 12:14.

Inward Authentication

The inward authentication of the Holy Spirit is evident in at least two ways. First, through our desire to commune with God the Father through prayer and second, through the inner witness of God's Spirit with our spirit.

Romans 8:15-16 (ESV)

15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Authentication Through Prayer

Receiving the Holy Spirit brings a person into the family of God and that truth manifests itself through the new believer then desiring to draw near to God in prayer. The believer (with a new heart) senses that now as a son of God, no longer a slave to sin, he has permission to cry out to God, not as distant, unknown divine benefactor, but as a loving Father who is near and intimately known.

Authentication Through Inner Witness of the Spirit

And it is in those moments of intimate spiritual prayer that the Holy Spirit within us bears witness to the fact that we are indeed God's children. It is from within the context of communing with God the Father in prayer that the quiet but powerful inner witnessing of the Spirit takes place. In those moments the Spirit speaks to our souls and tells us that we are His children because only God's children have a right (through the work of the Son) to approach His throne and speak to Him. No one else possess such a right.⁸

Does the Holy Spirit authenticate the believer as a child of God? Yes, He does. The sealing of the Holy Spirit then authenticates the believer as true child of God.

The Holy Spirit is a Mark of Ownership

Is the Holy Spirit a mark of ownership? Does the Holy Spirit mark off believers as being owned by God? Again, the answer is yes He does. This is most clearly seen in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ESV)

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Jesus has redeemed us from the curse of the law (Gal 3:13). He has purchased our freedom from sin with His own precious, holy blood. We have been bought with the price. We are not our own. We do not belong to ourselves. We no longer have a right to live a sinful life.⁹ We have the Holy Spirit dwelling with us therefore we are to flee from sin (1 Cor 6:18). We are owned by God and the Holy Spirit dwelling within us marks us out as God's property and no longer Satan's. In Christ we have been transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light (Col 1:13).

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

⁸ "But to all who did receive [Jesus], who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God" (Jn 1:12).

⁹ David Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *God the Holy Spirit* (Wheaton, Ill.: Crossways Books, 1997), 204.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

How incredibly sweet this is! How wonderfully marvelous to be chosen by God, called to be a people for His own possession.

Deuteronomy 7:6 (ESV)

*For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his **treasured possession**,¹⁰ out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.*

Receiving the Holy Spirit marks you off as God's property. The gift of His Holy Spirit means that God has sealed you and you are His own treasured possession. Receiving the Holy Spirit means you are not your own. You belong to God and you are sealed by the indwelling presence of His own Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit Secures Salvation

When Paul says we **were sealed by the promised Holy Spirit** does He mean that the Holy Spirit secures our salvation—locks it up so that no one can tamper with it? Does the Holy Spirit seal our salvation in such a way that it cannot be lost? Again, the answer is yes. We see from verse 14 from the word guarantee.

Ephesians 1:13b-14 (ESV)

... were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

The word here translated “guarantee” (*arrabon*, ἀρραβών) has been variously translated as “down payment” (CEB), “earnest” (KJV), “deposit” (NIV), and “pledge” (NASB). The word means “the first or initial payment of money as a guarantee for the completion of a transaction.”¹¹

The word refers to a “deposit guaranteeing the full payment.”¹² Today we might call this a security deposit. This is like buying a \$20,000 car and saying, “I’ll put \$10,000 down today and I promise to give you the remaining \$10,000 by the end of the year.” And God keeps His promises, unlike us. With God the full payment is certain. It’s secure.

This means that those who receive the Holy Spirit have received the first installment of salvation and they are guaranteed to receive all the rest when their days are done. It means that God has given us a foretaste of His glory and that we can be assured that we will receive and experience all the fullness of His glory when our time on earth is over.

When God gives you His Holy Spirit it is an expression of His desire and unalterable determination to see to it by His great power that you will in fact inherit eternal life with Him. **When God gives His Holy**

¹⁰ See also Ex 19:5; Dt 14:2; 26:18; Mal 3:17.

¹¹ Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament : Based on Semantic Domains*, electronic ed. of the 2nd edition. (New York: United Bible societies, 1996).

¹² John F. Walvoord, Roy B. Zuck and Dallas Theological Seminary, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary : An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1983-), Eph 1:13.

Spirit, He gives Him forever. Remember Jesus' promise to the disciples in John 14:6 that the Holy Spirit would be with them forever? What wonderful words! Receiving the Holy Spirit is a guarantee by God promising that eternal life will one day be yours.

2 Corinthians 1:22 (ESV)

22 [God] *has also put His seal on us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.*

The presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is a seal of God's promise that once He begins the work of salvation, He will be faithful to complete it (Phil 1:6). Martyn Lloyd-Jones said,

He has put the seal of the Spirit—the Spirit as the seal—on us and in us, in order that we may have this blessed certainty that *'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord'* (Rom. 8:38–39).

There is no such thing as falling from grace in that ultimate sense. If we have the Holy Spirit, if we have received the Spirit, He is an absolute guarantee of our final perseverance, our ultimate security, and nothing and no one can pluck us out of the hands of God. The presence of the Holy Spirit within us as a seal is that guarantee to us.¹³

The Holy Spirit is a seal to us securing our final salvation. Our hope and eternal security are locked up under the watchful care of God's Holy Spirit. One will tamper with our eternal hope. No one, not even you! *Once God, by grace through faith in Jesus, gives His Holy Spirit, the believer is sealed and salvation is therefore certain.* Once you are in His mighty grip, no one can pluck you out of His hand (Jn 10:28–30).

The Holy Spirit Completes the Transaction

The final function of a seal is to complete the transaction and ensure that no one will change the terms and conditions. Does the Holy Spirit seal the transaction of our salvation and ensure that the terms do not change? Will God change His mind and say that the terms of salvation have changed? No. The terms and conditions of salvation are forever complete. They will never be changed.

Receiving salvation happens by faith in Jesus as we admit to God that we are sinners and ask Him to forgive our sins. When we entrust the security of our souls into the hands of Jesus, then He sends His Holy Spirit into our hearts crying, "Father, forgive me and receive me. Give me a new heart. Wash me of all my sins and make me new. Fill me with your Spirit and make me your child."

When the eyes of our hearts look to Jesus and rejoice in His righteousness then the Holy Spirit will come into our lives and authenticate us as truly the children of God; marked out as God's property and not our own; our salvation will be forever secure; and the salvation of our souls will be complete and no one will ever change the terms and conditions.

Look to Jesus for salvation and praise God for giving you His own Holy Spirit. Break out in praise to God Almighty. If you do not know that you have the Holy Spirit dwelling within you now, then get on your knees right now and cry out to Him and ask Him to give you his Holy Spirit.

¹³ David Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *God the Holy Spirit* (Wheaton, Ill.: Crossways Books, 1997), 258.