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The Seal

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Ephesians 1:11-14 • Pastor Paul Bradford

Why do doubts about our salvation assail us?

- We can't remember getting saved
- We don't know if we did the right things to be saved
- We struggle with sin
- We don't feel God's presence

Ephesians 1:11-14

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

“Chosen”

- *Deuteronomy 32:9, Deuteronomy 7:6, Ephesians 2:19*

“Believed”

- Faith comes from God: *Ephesians 2:8*
- God's Word is reliable: *Numbers 23:19*
- God's Word is effective: *Isaiah 55:10-11*
- Those who believe will be saved: *John 3:16, Acts 2:38, Acts 16:31*
- Salvation includes
 - Eternal life: *John 3:36*
 - Forgiveness of all sin: *Acts 10:43*
 - Freedom from condemnation: *Romans 8:1*
 - Justification (declared righteous by God): *Romans 5:1*
 - Befoming a child of God by faith: *John 1:12*

Our Response

Remember that your salvation is secured by the Promises of God's Word and the Seal of the Spirit, so that you can stop striving and rest!

- *John 6:44, Romans 8:15-16, 1 John 1:8-9, 1 John 3:19-20*

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A: That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.