

## SERMON – “Sealed With the Spirit”

**EPHESIANS 4:30** – We are “Sealed With and By the Spirit”!

**Beloved**, being “Sealed With the Spirit” is the **CULMINATION** of the **SAVING WORK** of Christ in **our lives**! Given the **importance** of **being** “Sealed with the Spirit” we will answer **FIVE important questions**: (1) **WHAT** does the Spirit seal us with? (2) **WHERE** does the Spirit seal us? (3) **WHEN** does the Spirit seal us? (4) **WHY** does the Spirit seal us? And (5) **HOW** do we prepare for the Spirit to seal us?

**WHAT** does the Holy Spirit seal us with? **RE**: Eph. 1:13; 2 Cor. 1:20-22 (Himself); Isa. 8:16; Heb. 10:15-16 (God’s Moral Law; where also).

**WHERE** are we sealed by the Spirit? **RE**: Rev. 7:3 (forehead); Job 37:5-7 (hand). The **forehead** represents the **mind** (Eph. 4:23; Heb. 12:23).

**WHEN** are we sealed by the Spirit? **RE**: Eph. 1:13 (when we believe; process starts); Rev. 7:3 (before tribulation); Job. 37:5-7 (latter rain); blotting out of sin (Acts 3:19); end-time seal of God (the Sabbath).

**WHY** does the Spirit seal us? **RE**: Eph. 1:13-14 (it is the **guarantee** of our inheritance); 2 Cor. 1:21-22 (it is a **guarantee**). The **SEAL** fixes us permanently in our loyalty to God (Medes/Persians; Dan. 6:12-17).

A **SEAL** is **defined** as “preserving in a certain condition” and a “signet or stamp reflecting ownership.” We are **SEALED** in the **forehead** with God’s Law and **our outward actions** (hand) reflect **allegiance** to God.

**1MR 249**: “The people of God are **sealed** in their foreheads,—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a **settling into the truth**, both **intellectually and spiritually**, so **they cannot be moved**.”

Being **sealed** is the **process** of maturing, settling, and being grounded in our faith experience **so decidedly** that we are permanently **FIXED** and **preserved** in a **condition of faithfulness** (we will **never** sin again).

**NOTE**: Just as the **unpardonable sin** permanently fixes a person in an unsaved, rebellious condition against God, so does **the seal of God** permanently fix a person in a saved, obedient condition with God! The **SEAL** of God is the **FINAL CULMINATION** of the **SAVING WORK** of Christ **in our lives** – the **EXACT OPPOSITE** of the **unpardonable sin**! Instead of being **hardened** in a condition of **rebellion permanently**, we are **settled** in a condition of **loyalty forever**!

**HOW** do we prepare to be sealed with the Spirit? The Bible tells us!

**2 TIMOTHY 2:19** – **Sure foundation** (seal); departing from all iniquity!

**5T 216**: “The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ... world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts.”

**TM 445**: “Those that overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, will be the favored ones who shall receive the seal of the living God. Those whose hands are not clean, whose hearts are not pure, will not have the seal of the living God. Those who are planning sin and acting it will be passed by. Only those who, in their attitude before God, are filling the position of those who are repenting and confessing their sins in the great anti-typical day of atonement, will be recognized and marked as worthy of God's protection.”

We **MUST** pray for the **willingness** to address every known sinful and rebellious area in our lives by **surrendering these issues** to God and seeking total victory! **Review**: Matt. 19:26; Phil 1:6; 4:13; Rom. 8:37; Jude 24; Eph. 3:20; 1 Jo. 3:9; 5:18; 1 Cor. 10:13; Rom. 8:1-2; 1 Jo. 4:4; 5:4; 7 churches; Rev. 12:11; 21:7; **3SM 360**; Titus 2:11-14; Jo. 14:30.

**RESPONSE**: Will you **come clean with God** about your sins? Will you **give up these sins** and press God’s throne until He gives you victory? **RE**: **mom/gin; man (porn); me/appetite (Winn Dixie)**. Will you give up all your sins to be sealed? **RE**: **2 Cor. 6:2**. How will you respond?