

INTRODUCTION:

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS SEALED GOD'S CHILDREN TO THE DAY OF REDEMPTION (EPH 4:30b).

a. Let us consider the nature and purpose of the sealing of the Spirit.

(1) *Believers are sealed by and with the Spirit.*

(2) *God sealed Jesus.*

(3) *God seals Jesus' people.*

1. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Four important acts of God: 1) God *establishes* us in Christ; 2) God *anoints* us with the Holy Spirit; 3) God *seals* us with the Holy Spirit; and 4) God *gives* us the earnest of the Spirit.

2. Ephesians 1:13-14

2.1 "In whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise."

2.2 "the Spirit of promise"

2.3 "Which is the earnest of our inheritance"

2.4 "until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

b. Grieving the Spirit will grieve us (4:30).

2. APPLICATIONS:

(1) How may we know that we are grieving the Spirit?

(2) How may we know that God has sealed us with His Spirit?

CONCLUSION: