

Ephesians 1:14-22

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

1:11 Even though we have not yet obtained the inheritance, we will. It is just as certain as if we were already in heaven.

1:11 I am what I am because of what God chose before the foundation of the world.

1:11 God has already put everything in place necessary to bring His will to completion. It can't not happen!

1:13 God's choice of man is election; man's choice of God is faith.

1:13 Because we have not yet received possession of our inheritance, we question its reality. God's Word should be sufficient; but since it is His nature to meet my need, He makes His promises even more certain by giving us His own guarantee—the Holy Spirit.

1:13 In addition to the power behind it, a seal conveys the following:

- Security
- Ownership
- Sign of authenticity

1:18-19 Until we comprehend who we truly are in Jesus, it is impossible to live a fulfilling life.

1:19 Paul was not praying for power to be given to believers. He prayed that we gain awareness of the power we already possess.

When we see ourselves as God sees us, we know that we have infinite worth!

GREEK WORDS

Energeō (en-erg-eh'-o)—energy, energize; to be active, efficient :- (be) effectual (fervent), be mighty in, show forth self active, powerful  
Arrabōn—(pledge); down payment given to secure a purchase

1. **Security:** When they threw Daniel into the lion's den, they put a stone over the entrance, sealed the seam with wax, and stamped the king's ring in it. No one dared break the seal without incurring the king's wrath. The seal was used in a similar manner on Jesus' tomb: "The tomb was made secure by putting a seal on the stone" (Matt. 27:66). No one dared break the seal without incurring the wrath of Pilate.  
In a similar manner, if we have the seal of the Holy Spirit on us, no one can tamper with us. We are secure in God because we have his seal on us.
2. **Ownership:** The valuable things the king owned were marked with his seal, indicating ownership. In a similar fashion, the believer is marked as God's possession by the seal of the Holy Spirit. "If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ" (Rom. 8:9).
3. **Sign of authenticity:** Esther 3:10–12: "So the king took the signet ring off his finger and gave it to Haman ... on the thirteenth day of the first month the royal secretaries were summoned. They wrote out in the script... These were written in the name of King Xerxes himself and sealed with his own ring."

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