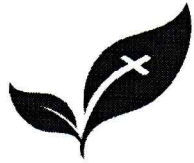


Ephesians 1:13  
Title: "Sealed"  
Series: Salvation

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## Notes: 1. Introduction

- a. In ancient days, king would "seal" royal documents - roll personal ring into wax on royal decree
  - only one such ring, passed from royal father to royal son at father's death
- b. ~~ancient~~ ancient business documents sealed with imprint on wax
- c. ~~wax~~ wax seal to close up scrolls
- d. ~~clay~~ clay imprint proof of paid taxes
- e. Holy Spirit is God's seal on Christian
  - Eph 1:13 believe 1<sup>st</sup>, then sealed
  - takes God's grace to give gospel of my salvation

## 2. Sealed means something finished

- a. Notice progression (1-2-3...)
  - heard word of truth
  - trusted in God
  - ~~my~~ the gospel of my salvation
  - Christian believed God
  - Holy Spirit sealed Christian to God
  - God promised the Holy Spirit long ago
- b. Idea of "finish" - done, closed action, hidden
  - example - FBI case chained to government man's wrist

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- 2 c. Job 14:17 - sin hidden in bag  
 - Job's sin hidden, sealed in bag  
 x Psalm 32:1 whose sin is covered
3. Sealed thing something marked for protection
- MT 27:56 Jesus grave sealed  
 x giant rock had wax seal & Roman guards
  - But Jesus said He would rise 3 days  
 - MT 27:63 Pilate told of Jesus words  
 - MT 27:66 Tomb sealed with wax mark
  - Dan 6:17 Daniel in lion's den  
 - sealed with king's signet ring on wax
  - Medicine bottles sealed with paper cover
4. Sealed means approved by other person
- Christian prays in "Jesus name"  
 - John 14:13
  - Conclude letter with my signature
  - Close envelope & seal the flap
  - 1 Kings 21:8 Jezebel wrote letters in King Ahab's name & sealed with King's signet ring in wax  
 - forgery by Queen Jezebel
  - Eph 4:30 Christian seals Christian until Day of Redemption  
 - Day of Redemption when Christian raised out of grave  
 - Christian given resurrection body  
 - Christian commanded not to grieve Holy Spirit
5. Sealed means something paid for or owned
- Cattle brand ("seal") owned by ranch
  - Christian sealed to God  
 - 1 Cor 6:19-20 \* temple of Holy Spirit  
 \* Christian bought with a price  
 \* Price? Jesus death on cross
  - 2 Cor 1:22 God sealed Christian  
 - "What is earnest? Down payment  
 - Holy Spirit is Christian down payment  
 x For what? Holy Spirit guarantee for my future resurrection (my finished salvation - eternal life)
  - Holy Spirit is God's seal of approval