

**The gospel doesn't
just tell us we're
loved, it secures each
of us in that love.**

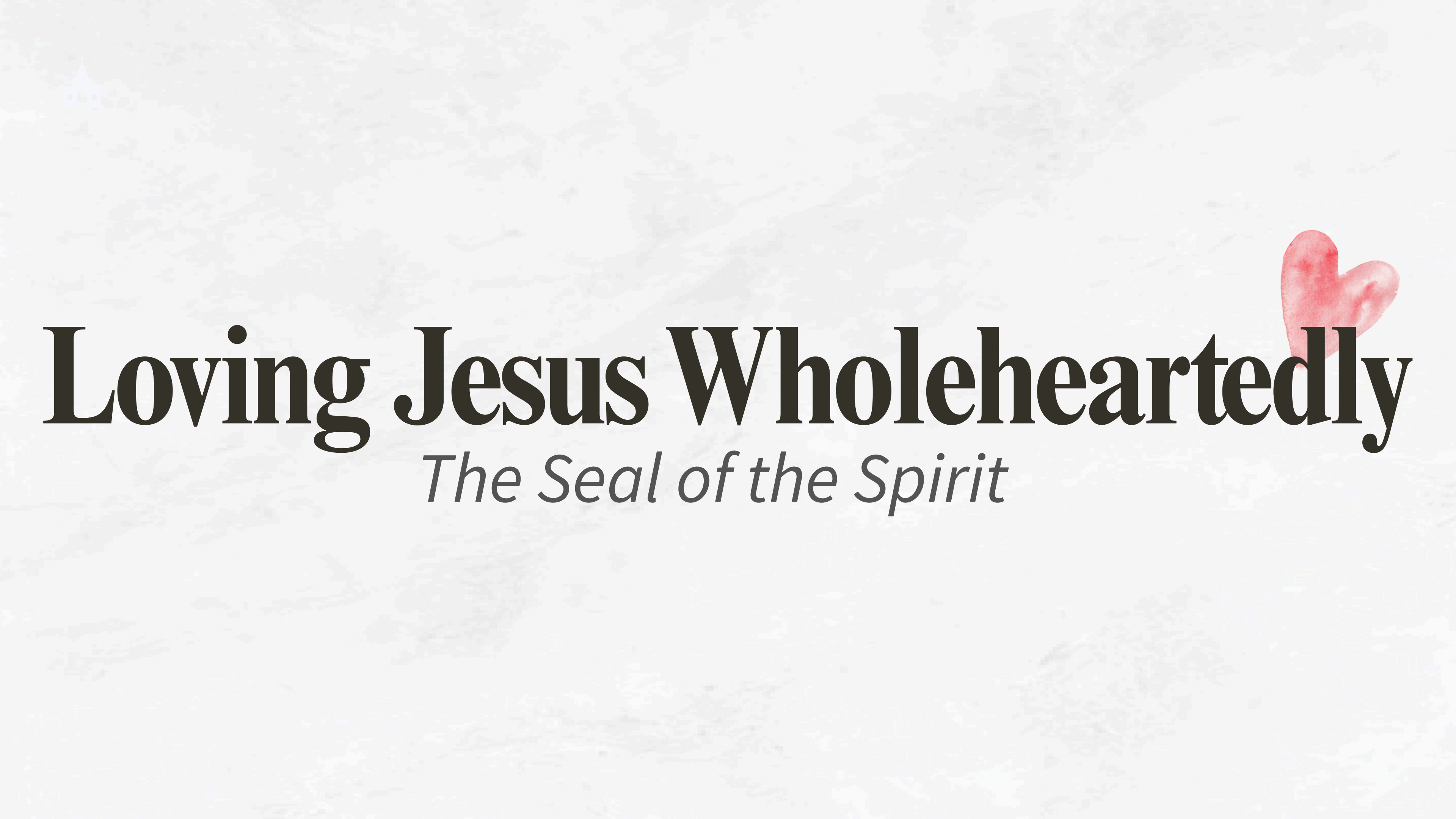


**Last week was about
exposing idols that
fracture our lives. This
week is about
discovering the Spirit's
seal that makes our
lives whole.**



**In Christ, we don't
just repent of rival
loves; we rest in an
unshakable love.**





Loving Jesus Wholeheartedly

The Seal of the Spirit

**The good news is this:
because the Spirit has
sealed us in Christ
forever, we can live
secure in His love, whole
in heart and mind, and
strong in victory.**



“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 hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.



Having 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.”

Ephesians 1:11-14 NIV



The Seal Defined:

What it means to Belong Forever

- 1. Ownership - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20**
- 2. Authenticity - Romans 8:16**
- 3. Protection - John 10:28**
- 4. Authority - Luke 10:19**



Since the enemy never quits, he'll use every trick in the book to shake our confidence and rob our peace. But, here's what the Scripture warns us to expect:

- 1. He has schemes designed to defeat us.**
- 2. He prowls to devour.**
- 3. He accuses to condemn.**
- 4. He tempts to derail.**



**In Christ, the seal is eternal;
not conditional, seasonal,
or circumstantial.**



The Seal Demonstrated: **Living Whole in Heart and Mind**



“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.



When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry.”

Colossians 3:1-5 NIV



The Gospel's Timeless Reach:

- 1. Our Past: United with Christ**
- 2. Our Present: Living Awake and Aligned**
- 3. Our Future: Appearing with Christ in Glory**



The Seal Demonstrated: **Living Whole in Heart and Mind**

- 1. Inward Confidence**
- 2. Outward Fruit**



**“Define yourself radically as one
beloved by God. This is the true self.
Every other identity is illusion.”**

Brennan Manning
Abba’s Child: The Cry of the Heart for Intimate Belonging



The Seal Defended: **Standing Strong When the Enemy Attacks**



“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 12 Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

Colossians 3:5, 12 NIV



“Our identities are developed and shaped by our connections with others, our experiences and impact we as individuals make in our world. If we are not actively thinking about and shaping our identity, we will be shaped by the world around us.”

Dr. Caroline Leaf



In this new battle:

- **With the mind, truth dismantles the lies that oppose Christ (2 Cor 10:5).**
- **With the heart, Christ reshapes and redirects our desires toward Him (Luke 6:45).**



In this new battle:

- **With our life, we resist sin and walk in step with the Spirit's leading (Gal 5:16).**
- **With our habits, we put off the old self and clothe ourselves with the new (Col 3:5, 12).**



**Because we are sealed in
Christ, we live as joyful
victors, and not
shameful victims.**



We are sealed by the Spirit in Christ, therefore, we are secure in God's love, whole in heart and mind, and strong in victory. Sealed in Him, our identity is no longer shaped by shame, failure, or the enemy's lies, but by the unshakable truth of who we are as God's dearly loved children.



The Seal of the Spirit

Praying the Word of God



- 1. Sealed in Belonging - Gratitude for Adoption**
- 2. Sealed in Wholeness - Hearts & Mind Aligned**
- 3. Sealed in Victory - Freedom from the Enemy**
- 4. Sealed in Fruitfulness - Living Fruitful Lives**
- 5. Sealed in Joy - A Lifestyle of Repentance**



Sealed in Belonging - Gratitude for Adoption

- 1. Thanksgiving:** Lord, thank You that we belong to You, we are bought with a price, and are no longer our own.
- 2. Intercession:** Pray for each other to experience the truth of our union with God even when experiencing disconnection, rejection, or uncertainty with the truth of our spiritual adoption.



Sealed in Wholeness - Hearts & Mind Aligned

1. **Thanksgiving**: God, thank You that our lives are hidden with Christ, and for guarding our hearts and minds.
2. **Intercession**: Pray for each others' thought-life, desires, and attitudes. Pray for wholeness, and a mind and heart alignment in Christ.



Sealed in Victory - Freedom from the Enemy.

- 1. Thanksgiving:** Father, thank You that no accusation, temptation, or scheme can break the Spirit's seal.
- 2. Intercession:** Pray for each other to live with the conviction to resist lies, stand against fear, and remain strong in victory.



Sealed in Fruitfulness - Living Fruitful Lives

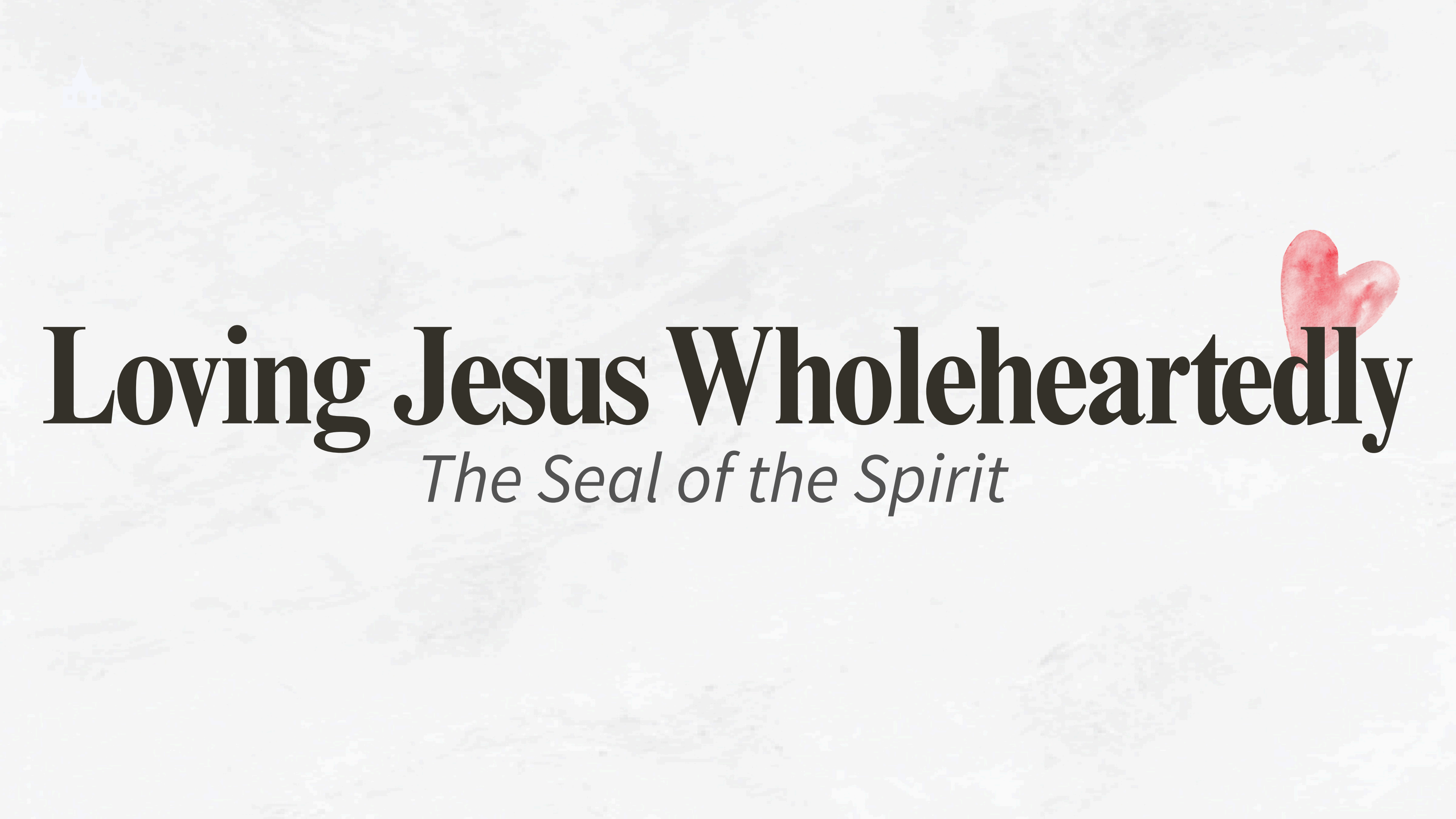
- 1. Thanksgiving:** King Jesus, thank you that when we abide in You, we bear fruits that last.
- 2. Intercession:** Pray for each other's families, workplaces, and neighborhoods, wanting the fruit of the Spirit to overflow for the sake of the world.



Sealed in Joy - A Lifestyle of Repentance

- 1. Thanksgiving:** Lord, thank You that repentance is not punishment, but the doorway to joy.
- 2. Intercession:** Pray for each other to experience the joy in repenting quickly, joyfully, and repeatedly, to the God who forgives.





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