

MARKED

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Picture that you are at a sporting event for your favorite team! You are all decked out in your team's colors and it is no secret who you are cheering for.

Wearing the flag of your team lets people know who you support and believe in...

Members of the teams we love are always in uniform during a game...

This shows they are part of that team... they each have a part to play... it gives identity, unity and belonging for anyone who puts on that jersey.

Check out this verse:

Ephesians 1:13-14 NIV

“And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. *When you 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.*”

At the moment that we believed the gospel we were marked as part of God's team!... and much much more than that!

THERE IS POWER IN THE SPOKEN GOSPEL

-we all need to hear it

-when we believe it we are marked!!

-we belong to God!

BELIEVING IS AN ACTION WORD

For example, when you sit in a chair you are demonstrating that you believe it is there and you let all your weight rest on it!

Believing in God is the same! Your belief or faith comes to life and is fully demonstrated with ACTIONS.

This verse is very similar:

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 NIV

“Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”

John 3:16 explains what the end result is for those who believe in Jesus... it's eternal life!!

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 NIV

Here is more proof that when we hear and believe we are marked!

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, *who is in you*, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;” 1 Corinthians 6:19 NIV

Over the next few weeks we are going to learn about how when we hear the gospel and believe it, we are Marked...

- Marked as *His Kids*
- Marked with *His Love*
- Marked with *Forgiveness*
- Marked with *Healing - Spirit, Soul and Body*
- Marked with *Freedom*
- Marked with *Hope*
- Marked with *Power*

PRAY:

Father God, as I read your word, I thank you that it is building up my spirit! I believe your Word is true. Help me to understand who I am in you and the plans that you have for my life! Thank you for marking me with Your Spirit as one of your own!

(Add any other prayers that come to your mind.)

Amen