Marked as His Kids

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! We were marked as part of God's family... as his sons and daughters!

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 Gods kids
Marked with God's love
Marked with forgiveness
Marked with healing ...spirit soul and body
Marked with freedom
Marked with Hope
Marked with Power

Tonight we are gonna chat about how we are marked as children of God!

"But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,"

"to redeem those under the law, that we might receive <u>adoption to</u> <u>sonship</u>. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "<u>Abba, Father.</u>" So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an <u>heir."</u>

Galatians 4:4-7 NIV

Take a moment to grasp what an amazing relationship we are created to have with Father God!

- -We are adopted! With full rights as God's Child!
- -The Spirit of Jesus... the Holy Spirit lives in us... when??? When we **hear** and **believe!!**
- -That Spirit in our heart recognizes... God is "My Father"!!.. let it sink into your heart!
- -Since we are his kids we are his heirs...
- -he has an inheritance for us... it's ours now but is also unfolding into our full inheritance in the future of eternity...

Check out this next verse!

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time."

1 Peter 1:3-5 NIV

Because God Marks us with the Holy Spirit when we hear the gospel and believe, we are now HIS KIDS!

The Holy Spirit now lives in our hearts!

The Holy Spirit in us, causes us to get the full understanding that God is our father and all of his promises are our inheritance...

One more verse and then we'll pray...

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3:26-29 NIV

Father God!

I have heard your Word and I believe it! This marks me with your Holy Spirit!

I am so thankful that you are my Father!

That you are not a distant God but you have put your very spirit, the Spirit of your Holy Son Jesus into my heart!

This not only marks me as Your son or daughter but guarantees my inheritance of ALL the promises of your kingdom in heaven and here on earth!

I receive that promise in Jesus' name!

Amen!