



Sermon Points

Week 4 - 10.9.22 | Tyler Wilson

Title: Sealed by the Spirit

Scripture: Ephesians 1:11-14

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Main Point: God has given us a secure hope, sealing us with His Spirit as the guarantee of our future inheritance with Him.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:11-14 ESV - In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

All things that try to sell you something - like advertisements - are trying to sell you a *happy tomorrow*. - or security.

Inheritance means SECURITY - you have a secure future!

Ephesians 1:11 ESV - In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

- Notice how many times “In him”, or “In Christ” is mentioned in this verse and preceding verses. The basis for all that you receive is being *in Christ*.

Galatians 4:4-7 ESV - But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an **heir through God**.

Hebrews 1:2 ESV - but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the **heir of all things**, through whom also he created the world.

Romans 8:15-17 ESV - For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs--**heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ**, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

- Jesus is the true heir, (Hebrews 1:2) and we receive our inheritance through him as co-heirs (Romans 8:15-17) with him through adoption.

Matthew 19:29 ESV - And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will **inherit eternal life**.

Matthew 25:34 ESV - Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, **inherit the kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

- Inheritance = the fulfillment of our Salvation (Heb. 1:14, Col. 1:12, 3:24, Heb. 6:12, 9:15, 1 Pet. 1:4, Eph. 5:5, Gal. 5:21, 1 Cor. 6:9-10)

Ephesians 1:12 ESV - so that we who were the first to **hope in Christ** might be to the praise of his glory.

- You have the hope and assurance for what we long for. Future assurance means hope for today.
- It's *only* in Christ that we have true hope.

Hebrews 6:11-20 shows the hope that comes through the plan of salvation, and the security we have by looking backwards to the cross.

1 Peter 1:3-4 ESV - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a **living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

- We not only look backward to the cross, but forward to the resurrection.

Ephesians 1:13 ESV - In him **you also**, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

- This hope is not just for the Jews, but all peoples, all Christians.

Since He's been faithful in His past promises, we can be certain of His future ones.

"Guarantee" helps us avoid 2 errors

1 - Thinking our current experience is all there is

2 - Thinking Joy is only in the future

- You can enjoy God right now

It's not just a guarantee *by* the presence of God - it's a guarantee *OF* the presence of God.

HE is our inheritance!

Revelation 21:7 ESV - The one who conquers will have this heritage, and **I will be his God** and he will be my son.

Psalms 73:26 ESV - My flesh and my heart may fail, but **God is** the strength of my heart and **my portion** forever.

Psalms 16:5, 11 ESV - The LORD is my **chosen portion** and my cup; you hold my lot. ... You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are **pleasures forevermore**.

Lamentations 3:24 ESV - "**The LORD is my portion**," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

- We get God

Our Secure Future means:

#1 - **HOPE** - Speaks into the despair of an uncertain and meaningless life without a future

#2 - **PURPOSE** - Speaks into the distraction of living for temporary goals

#3 - **CONTENTMENT** - Speaks into the discontentment of pursuing earthly treasures

#4 - **PEACE** - Speaks into the distress of today's anxieties and worries

#5 - **ASSURANCE** - Speaks into the doubt of God's salvation, acceptance, and love

#6 - **ENDURANCE** - Speaks into the discouragement of present-day trouble and suffering

#7 - **CLOSENESS** - Speaks into the disconnection of being isolated, lonely, and relationally distant.

#8 - **PRAISE** - speaks into the dullness of a self-focused and joyless existence