

Sermon Series: Blueprint: God's Design for the Church

Sermon Passage: Ephesians 1:13-14

Getting Started: What is the church? Is it a building? How does a church become a church? What has God accomplished for the church? What is the church supposed to do? We will be exploring those questions and more as we journey through Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Ephesians 1:13. According to verse 13, what happens when you hear the gospel and believe?
2. What is significant about being "sealed" with the Holy Spirit? What impact does this promise have on your life now and for eternity?
3. Who is the "guarantee" of our inheritance? What is our "inheritance" and when will we acquire it?
4. Can you know that you are "sealed" with the Holy Spirit? How?
5. Read the final phrase of verse 14. Ultimately, why does God save us and seal us?
6. Do you ever doubt your salvation? Do you ever fear what will happen to you when you die? How does this passage encourage you? How can you use this passage to encourage others?

Moving Forward:

The Holy Spirit is sometimes the most ignored person of the Trinity. This is often a result of our lack of knowledge about the Holy Spirit. This week do a Bible search on the Holy Spirit. Look for all of the times Jesus speaks about the Holy Spirit. What does Jesus say about the Spirit? How does this change your life?