

The Holy Spirit as Seal

Scripture Reading — 2 Corinthians 1:12-22

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. — 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

In the ancient world, a seal was usually made by etching or carving the symbol or name of an important person on a piece of stone or other hard substance, and it was pressed into wet clay or soft wax to leave an impression representing that person. A sealed object or document conveyed authenticity, authority, and ownership.

In our reading for today, the apostle Paul uses the image of a seal to convey the Holy Spirit's role in marking us with God's ownership. In his sealing work, the Holy Spirit communicates deeply in our hearts that we belong to God and that nothing will ever separate us from his love (see Romans 8:35-39). The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives serves as God's mark on us, as well as a guarantee that in belonging to God we will blossom and flourish as we grow in our walk with Jesus.

Do you ever feel lonely? Do you sometimes have doubts? Do you sometimes even wonder if God loves you? Take comfort and courage today in knowing that you have God's seal on your heart; you have the Holy Spirit's presence not only as a mark but also as an assurance that he will never leave you or forsake you.

Prayer

God, you have sealed our hearts with the Holy Spirit. In our fears and our doubts, may your Spirit speak to us and through us so that we may know and share the love of Jesus. In his name, Amen.

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