

Bible Study 3 – The believer’s inheritance – Ephesians 1:11-14

The Holy Spirit is like a seal and a deposit. A wax seal put on an object or a document was a mark of ownership or identification. It showed who owned the object and what it contained and it carried the authority of the owner.

In a transaction the deposit was the down-payment, the first instalment of what was to come which guaranteed that the full payment would be made in due course. When we buy a car we might pay an initial deposit. That reserves what we are buying for us and then we pay the balance when it is owed.

The context	Paul wrote Ephesians from Rome while in prison. Paul was a Jew (1:12) and was writing to Gentile believers (1:13). The temple of Diana was the largest Greek temple in the world. Its worshippers practiced sorcery. The letter begins with praise to God for a believer’s spiritual blessings “in Christ”. And history is heading towards bringing everything together in unity under the authority of Christ.
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PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Ephesians 1:11-14

God’s plan (v.11)	
Reason (v.12)	
Sealed (v.13)	
Deposit (v.14)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?

3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. v.11-12 addresses Jewish believers and v.13 addresses Gentile believers. What do they have in common?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

The Holy Spirit is like an engagement ring – He is the guarantee that our bodies will be saved from the presence of sin.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

