

Ephesians 1:13,14 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

We see here in verse 13 that Paul makes a clear delineation between just hearing the Gospel and acting on the Gospel – believing in the Gospel. Believe in the Greek is *pisteuo* (piss-two-oh) which means to go “All In”.

**Romans 10:9** *that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;*

One of the illusions that people have who have been either raised in a church environment or have had a lot of exposure to Christianity is that hearing is enough.

This is shown by the verse in **John 8:32** that is so often taken out of context:

*... "and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."*

Hearing truth is not enough, you must act on it...look at the context of verse 31 leading into **verse 32**:

*So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;"*

**Hale Pule Discussion Question:**

**In a practical way, what does it mean to go All In with Jesus and continue in His word?**

As I was meditating on these verses this week, I kept coming back to the power of the Seal of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Once we go All In with Him, He seals us with the Holy Spirit of promise.

All throughout the Bible there are mentions to the significance of an authorizing and validating seal.

Back in the day, kings used to place a seal on documents and scrolls to validate their authenticity.

God has done the same for us.

**2 Timothy 2:19** *Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."*

**2 Corinthians 1:21,22** *Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, <sup>22</sup> who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.*

**Ephesians 4:30** *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

**Hale Pule Discussion Question:**

**What do you think of when you hear the phrase, “You were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise”?**

The authenticating seal of the Holy Spirit in our lives comes from a relationship with the Father through Jesus Christ. The seal of the Holy Spirit isn't just a passive “stamp of approval” from God, but part of the proactive and powerful work of God in our lives.

**Romans 8:15-17** *For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.*

When we become Born-Again, we need to understand and embrace the truth that the Father speaks about us.

As a result of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and you relinquishing control of your life to Him and becoming Born-Again, these things are declared true about you according to the eternal word of God:

You have been redeemed by God  
You are now a child of God  
You belong to Him  
You are filled with the Holy Spirit  
Your sins are forgiven  
You are a New Creation  
You are no longer a slave  
You are more than a conqueror  
You are a recipient of Grace and Mercy  
You are victorious in Christ  
You are a co-heir with Christ  
Your name is written in the Lamb's book of Life  
Jesus is advocating for you before the Father  
Jesus is preparing a place for you in Heaven

And SO MANY MORE!!

Just as a King put his seal on a document to authenticate his decrees – our Father has put His seal on our lives to authenticate His decrees over us.

The Bible contains God’s decree over us. What He says in His word is true. The Holy Spirit is given to us as His seal to authenticate these truths.

**Hale Pule Discussion Question:**

**How does the fact that the Father has authenticated His promises about you through the Holy Spirit affect your daily life? How can you live differently knowing that He has validated His promise to you through the Holy Spirit’s seal in your life?**

When God says we are more than conquerors, He backs it up with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit!

**Romans 8:26, 27 – 31-37** *In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; <sup>27</sup> and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God...<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?<sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?<sup>33</sup> Who will bring a charge against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies; <sup>34</sup> who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> Just as it is written, “For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup> But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.*

After we pray, talk about this **Hale Pule Discussion Question:**

**What are some specific things in your life right now that you need the Holy Spirit to help you with? What do you need to overwhelmingly conquer through Him?**

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