

**GREATER PLEASANT BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH
CONNECT LEARN GROW**

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY -FEBRUARY 21, 2024

SUPPLEMENT FOR BOOK REVIEW-HELP IS HERE (Max Lucado)

CHAPTER 5- A SURE SALVATION (THE SPIRIT AS A SHIELD)

I. Points to ponder (Based on Romans 8:8)

1. If we have a problem with our walk , the problem is not our feet. It is our minds.
2. If our minds are set on the wrong things, our feet will automatically go the wrong way. (both quotes by: Pastor Tony Evans).

II. What does it mean to be sealed by the Holy Spirit?

1. Ownership.
2. Security.
3. Protection.
4. Safekeeping.
5. Identification.
6. Guarantee.
7. Redemption.

III. Comparisons that highlight the sealing power of the Holy Spirit

1. Condemnation or righteousness-verses 1,4.
2. Flesh or Spirit-verse 5.
3. Carnally Minded or Spiritually Minded-verse 6.
4. Separation from God or relationship with God-verses 7,8,9.
5. Sin nature or righteous nature-verses 10,11, 12, 13.

IV. Application-Review Ephesians 1:13-14 and Ephesians 4:30

1. Ephesians 1:13-14-Message Translation

- * Believers are signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit.
- * The Holy Spirit is the believer's down payment from God for redemption.
- * The Holy Spirit is the first installment on what God has promised- our redemption.

2. Ephesians 1: 13-14- Amplified Translation

- * Believers are stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**
- * Believers are owned by and protected by God.**
- * Believers have received the Holy Spirit as the pledge and foretaste of redemption.**

3. Ephesians 4:30-32 - Message Translation

- * Believers have the Holy Spirit moving and breathing in them.**
- * The Holy Spirit is the most intimate part of a believer's inner person.**
- * Believers are made fit for God (vessels for the glory and praise of God).**

4. Ephesians 4:30-32- Amplified Translation

- * Believers are branded as God's own.**
- * Believers are delivered from the consequences of sin.**

Practical Application : According to Ephesians 4:31-32, believers are sealed by the Holy Spirit and can now demonstrate that good, acceptable and perfect will of God as follows:(Message Translation)

- 1. Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting , and profane talk.**
- 2. Be gentle and sensitive with one another.**
- 3. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.**

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