

Back in the 1970's wax seals were a popular means to 'mark' and close envelopes, bearing a design and indicating who the letter was from. Webster has multiple definitions, all that fit today's series of verses:

1. A device or substance that is used to join two things together so as to prevent them from coming apart or to prevent anything from passing between them.
2. A piece of wax, lead, or other material with an individual design stamped into it, attached to a document to show that it has come from the person who claims to have issued it.
3. A thing regarded as a confirmation or guarantee of something.

Are you sealed with the Holy Spirit? How do you 'display' your design?

Getting To Know You

1. Some people say that a birth mark is "the kiss of an angel/or God." What do you think? What sign or mark would you choose to identify yourself?
2. It's a new year. Did you make any resolutions? If so, what were they? if not, why not?

Into the Bible

1. What does it mean when God puts His seal on you?
2. If the key concept is security, what does the Bible say will result from this seal and guarantee?

3. Ephesians 1:13-14 says we were included in Christ.
"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, 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."

What does it mean to be included? Why is it important?

4. Once God seals the believer through the Holy Spirit, what is the response of the believer in regard to God's deliverance?

What does the Bible say about that new condition?

Taking It Home

1. How will you act differently knowing you are sealed by the Holy Spirit?

2. If you trust Jesus as your Lord and Savior, to whom will you share this confidence and how can you wear it more "on your sleeve"?

Signed, Sealed, Delivered..."

"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory."

[Ephesians 1:13-14]

"Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. 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]

A Definition of the Sealing of the Spirit:

"It is the Father's pledge given to each believer at the time of conversion, guaranteeing that they belong to God and will be preserved until the day of redemption." [C.C. Ryrie]

1. All B_____ in J_____ C_____ are sealed by the Holy Spirit.
2. The sealing happens at the M_____ of S_____.
3. The H_____ S_____ is the S_____.
4. The seal is God's G_____ of our S_____.
 - I have been saved from the penalty of sin.
 - I am being saved from the power of sin.
 - I will be saved from the presence of sin.
5. The key concept is S_____.

"See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;"
[Isaiah 49:16a]

"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand." [John 10:28-29]