

**WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE**  
**The Key Word Series #9**  
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**TEXT:** Ephesians 1:13-14

**CONSIDER THIS:** Christian, so far in this series on WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE we have studied the great blessings God bestowed the moment we repented and trusted in Christ. We were 1) given mercy 2) reconciled to God 3) adopted 4) redeemed 5) regenerated 6) justified 7) sanctified. All of these things begin with and depend 100% on the grace of God. To correctly understand these terms is to be assured that God has you in His loving hands and will never let you go. Sadly, many Christians live with the fear of possibly losing their salvation. To have this fear is to miss out on the deeply satisfying joy and peace of knowing salvation is eternally secure in Christ. Today's study will explore the wonderful blessing of being sealed by God.

**I. SEALED!**

- A) Seal, as used here in Ephesians 1:13-14, conveys a sense of ownership and the authority of the owner. We were purchased/redeemed by God (I Corinthians 6:19-20) and He put His mark of ownership on us.

*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.*  
II Corinthians 1:21-22 (NIV)

- B) The concept of God's ownership of His people is central in the words of Jesus (John 6:37-39; 17:6).
- C) In the ancient world seals were used to secure important things. The seal would carry the mark of the owner and only by the owner's authority could a seal be broken.
1. Daniel 6:16-17
  2. Matthew 27:64-66
  3. Revelation 5:1-5

Christian, the word of God says that from the moment you were saved you were marked with the seal of God's ownership. You do not have the power or authority to break that seal. It is God's alone and He has declared it will remain secure always (Philippians 1:6).

- D) See also I Peter 1:3-5; I Corinthians 1:8

- E) Think of all the spiritual blessings you were given at the moment of your salvation that somehow would have to be reversed to lose your salvation = **IMPOSSIBLE**

You were made alive with Christ  
Raised with Christ  
United to Christ's body  
Forgiven  
Adopted  
Reconciled  
Redeemed

Regenerated  
Justified  
Sanctified  
Holy Spirit baptized  
Given an inheritance  
Made a new creation  
Sealed by the Holy Spirit

## II. THE BIG QUESTION

**Q:** How can a Christian have a personal responsibility to continue and persevere in the faith if God has already guaranteed our future inheritance?

**A:** God says both are true. We have a duty to persevere and the Bible warns about falling away (Colossians 1:22-23), yet at the same time God has promised to keep us from falling. (I Thessalonians 5:23-24; Jude 24-25)

**KEY:** To continue or persevere isn't what secures our salvation, it is the proof we are saved and sealed by God. See I John 2:19. We persevere because God has sealed us.

**NOTE:** If you could fully comprehend the mind of God either He would have to be a lot smaller or you would have to be a lot bigger. See Romans 11:33-36.

Take a close look at Hebrews 12:5-8 and I Corinthians 11:27-32.  
The danger is not losing salvation, it is falsely professing to be a Christian but not truly knowing Him through genuine faith.

## III. SEALED AND SANCTIFIED – HOW TO DO YOUR PART

1. Desire to be holy (I Peter 1:14-16)
2. Honestly confess your sins (I John 1:8-2:1)
3. Offer yourself to God as a living offering (Romans 12:1-2)
4. Spend time in the Word and meditate on what it says (John 17:17; Colossians 3:16)
5. Love every Christian and work to make your personal relationships (especially the difficult ones) an application of Christ's love and gospel mercy (I Peter 1:22; 4:8)
6. Pray sincerely (Psalm 139:23-24)
7. Joyfully serve others in the church (I Peter 4:10)
8. Embrace humility (I Peter 5:5-6)

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