

## “The Spirit Himself as Our Seal” ▫ WCF 18.2i (TPH p930)

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1. Although hypocrites and other unregenerate men may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes and carnal presumptions of being in the favor of God, and estate of salvation<sup>a</sup> (which hope of theirs shall perish<sup>b</sup>): yet such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love Him in sincerity, endeavoring to walk in all good conscience before Him, may, in this life, be certainly assured that they are in the state of grace,<sup>c</sup> and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, which hope shall never make them ashamed.<sup>d</sup>

**2.** This certainty is not a bare conjectural and probable persuasion grounded upon a fallible hope;<sup>e</sup> but an infallible assurance of faith founded upon the divine truth of the promises of salvation,<sup>f</sup> the inward evidence of those graces unto which these promises are made,<sup>g</sup> the testimony of the Spirit of adoption witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God,<sup>h</sup> **which Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance, whereby we are sealed to the day of redemption.**<sup>i</sup>

3. This infallible assurance doth not so belong to the essence of faith, but that a true believer may wait long, and conflict with many difficulties, before he be partaker of it:<sup>k</sup> yet, being enabled by the Spirit to know the things which are freely given him of God, he may, without extraordinary revelation, in the right use of ordinary means, attain thereunto.<sup>l</sup> And therefore it is the duty of everyone to give all diligence to make his calling and election sure,<sup>m</sup> that thereby his heart may be enlarged in peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, in love and thankfulness to God, and in strength and cheerfulness in the duties of obedience, the proper fruits of this assurance;<sup>n</sup> so far is it from inclining men to looseness.<sup>o</sup>

4. True believers may have the assurance of their salvation divers ways shaken, diminished, and intermitted; as, by negligence in preserving of it, by falling into some special sin which woundeth the conscience and grieveth the Spirit; by some sudden or vehement temptation, by God’s withdrawing the light of His countenance, and suffering even such as fear Him to walk in darkness and to have no light:<sup>p</sup> yet are they never utterly destitute of that seed of God, and life of faith, that love of Christ and the brethren, that sincerity of heart, and conscience of duty, out of which, by the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may, in due time, be revived;<sup>q</sup> and by the which, in the meantime, they are supported from utter despair.<sup>r</sup>

h. **Romans 8:12–17.** <sup>12</sup>Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

▪ Life from the Spirit, v12

▪ Sanctification from the Spirit, v13

▪ Leading by the Spirit (which is sanctification, not “tuning-in!”), v14

▪ Adoption given, felt, and known by the Spirit. Not a new kind of bondage, but a brand new liberty

—Spirit of adoption, Who gives an assurance by which we cry out, “Abba, Father” v15

- The Spirit’s testimony is joined to ours, v16
- Union with Christ known by the Spirit, v17
- Trinitarianism—doctrinally and experientially—by the Spirit

i. **Ephesians 1:13–14.** <sup>13</sup>In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

- the Holy Spirit’s ongoing work of sealing, v13
  - authentication which marks ownership, encouraging us that we are His
  - authentication which prevents tampering, encouraging us that we will be as He wills
- the Holy Spirit as the “first installment” of our inheritance, v14a
  - our inheritance is God Himself
  - His fellowship not known directly so much as in the fellowship that He gives us with Father and Son
- the Holy Spirit God, Who ensures that He fully receives/obtains the possession that He purchased, v14b
  - He has not only purchased us for Himself, but purchased for us that we might have Himself

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

- the Holy Spirit, as first installment of the beatific vision, is a Person Whom we should love and care not to grieve; along with “do I love my brother?” we ought to ask ourselves, “do I love God the Holy Spirit?”
- the Holy Spirit reminds us about Whose purchase we are, so that we may live as His until the day our redemption is completed

**2Corinthians 1:18–22** <sup>18</sup>But as God is faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No. <sup>19</sup>For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. <sup>20</sup>For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. <sup>21</sup>Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, <sup>22</sup>who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

- Just as Christ is the certainty of all God’s promises to us, the Spirit gives believers certainty that they have Christ
- It was more important to the apostle that he have assurance from the Spirit than the affirmation of the Corinthians
- Similarly, the apostle wanted them to value the assurance from the Spirit even over the affirmation of the apostle

i. Eph. 1:13–14. Eph. 4:30. 2Cor. 1:21–22. ▪ k. 1 John 5:13. ▪ l. 1Cor. 2:12. 1John 4:13. Heb. 6:11–12. Eph. 3:17–18. ▪ m. 2Pet. 1:10. ▪ n. Rom. 5:1–2, 5. Rom. 14:17. Rom. 15:13. Eph. 1:3–4. Ps. 4:6–7. Ps. 119:32. ▪ o. 1John 2:1–2. Rom. 6:1–2. Titus 2:11–12,

14. 2Cor. 7:1. Rom. 8:1, 12. 1John 3:2–3. Ps. 130:4. 1John 1:6–7. ▪ p. Ps. 51:8, 12, 14. Eph. 4:30–31. Ps. 77:1–10. Ps. 31:22. Matt. 26:69–72. Luke 22:31–34. ▪ q. 1John 3:9. Luke 22:32. Ps. 51:8, 12. ▪ r. Mic. 7:7–9. Jer. 32:40. Isa. 54:7–14. 2Cor. 4:8–10.

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Well, we are still uh, looking at Doctrine of the Assurance of F. And, Oh, I just realized I forgot to change the date at the top of your sheet if you grab your sheet but it is the 9th of June I left the notes from Romans 8, 12-17 there from last week, because there was one thing that we didn't quite hit or at least not clearly and concretely enough That I wanted to make sure to Emphasize to you before we move on to Ephesians.

And that is that Assurance is a distinctly necessarily trinitarian Doctrine. We talked about how the spirit's work in giving us Assurance includes his testimony as the spirit of adoption witnessing with us. And this testimony has relation. Of course, to the father Because he is our father who has not only adopted.

And this is a place where you might translate better Spirit of sonship, uh, even than adoption. But as we've been hearing, as you've been going through, first John, Uh, which I hope all of you have been doing, not just Uh, hearing the readings in the public worship week by week, but doing the study so that you can hear with faith.

Uh, as as we come to hear. But as we've been hearing repeatedly through, first John there is a begetting in being born again. Uh, being born again is not merely a feeling, it is not merely the A new life. Although it is definitely a new life. It is a personal thing.

The father has begotten us. God has begotten us. And so we've had, we have this language begotten of God, we are not only his adopted children, we are in a sense, his newborn Children or newly born. Uh, children with a new birth, by the spirit. So there's reference to the father, but as we also thought, Uh, from Romans 8 last week, there's reference to the Sun That, you know, yourself not only to be the father's child.

But, you know, yourself to be joined United for the Lord Jesus. And the Holy Spirit, you know, this being his great work, one of the ways he communicates to you that he dwells in you, we thought last week about um putting to death, the Deeds of the body. That's if we're doing that.

You could tell it's one of the marks of Distinction between those who live, according to the Flesh, on those who live, according to the spirit, Uh, as those who live according to the spirit, according to death in each of the body putting to death, our former sinfulness But, In this testimony, then that the the spirit gives us that we are children of the father and United to the son and that these two things are the Hallmarks of being indwelt by the spirit.

What he communicates to us by this work. Is that you we are in fellowship with the Triune God. The god of glory. And one of the implications of this then is The doctrine of assurance or the reality of assurance in the Christian Life. Is a distinctly trinitarian reality. There's no Assurance of Salvation.

Without a testimony of the spirit of your relation to the father and your relation to the son, which are the fruit. And the evidence of the work of God. The Holy Salvation is not a, a merely, a transactional thing in, which you get forgiveness. And you get out of hell and you get good things instead.

No, you are forgiven by God as satisfied, his wrath and turned it from you. And the good thing that you get instead is the Triune God himself in all of his blessedness uh and knowing the father and the son. The spirit. Uh, so they did not want to just let that fall off the table because we didn't.

I have the time to get to it last week. Uh, we come now to Not just the spirit's testimony, but the spirit himself as God's testimony to us. That if you have this ministry of God, the Holy Spirit. If you have God the Holy Spirit, then this third person of the godhead and his dwelling in you and being alongside you as the Lord Jesus had promised.

To his disciples when he was talking about his departure. He himself is God's seal. Upon us. And for this, Uh, are looking at Ephesians chapter 1. Uh, and if you're familiar with Ephesians chapter 1, you know, the pull to do the entire prayer. From verse 3 through 14 and not just pick up in, in verse 13, it is wonderfully Rich and

Yeah, it's one of those passages where you meditate on it and you wonder how anyone Uh, could continue to be Armenian after this. Or would want to be. Um, rather than having This blessedness that goes back into the love between the father and the son from all eternity and this decree and determination of God that he's going to save in that love and bring us into that love by his salvation.

Uh, It's at the conclusion. Of describing how God intended this and then how God has accomplished it in. In Christ, according to his, Intention and, and how he has begun now to apply it to those for whom Christ has accomplished it and And the conclusion, then is the Seal of God.

The Holy Which, If you begin to understand that God has decreed to save, That redeeming us from our sin and bringing us into the Beloved and conforming us to the Beloved. So that we Delight in the As Jesus Delights in the father and we Delight in the son as The Father Delights and the And we we start to take on the family traits as it were, but it's even more than that that the father Delights in us with the delight that he has in his son and that the sun Delights in us with the Delight that he has and the father.

And then the third person of the godhead is uh, is now especially Emphasized. In verses in verses 13 through 14. You hear about this and you begin to wonder, My experience being so small, so far. My faith being weak. And often it feels like intermittent. My sanctification. Uh being slow and so imperfect, have I really been brought into this.

Or am I playing mental games with myself about something that actually only belongs to other people? That's a genuine. Experience existential crisis of the believer. And this is one of the one of the Great mercies. Of knowing that the application of God's Redemption to us comes by the work of his.

Holy spirit who dwells in us. So Ephesians 1 verses 13 through. 14 is anticipating and answering. This. Desire. To not just be assure of Christ. But to be sure that I am in Christ or for you individually to be sure that you are in Christ in him. You also trusted after you heard the word of Truth, the gospel of your salvation in whom also having believed you were sealed With the Holy Spirit of Promise.

Who is the guarantee of our inheritance. Until the Redemption of the purchased possession. To the praise of his glory. And so there's There's two things here first, there's the matter of the Holy Spirit as a seal, In verse 13 and then the Holy Spirit as an Earnest. And I began to explain this last week thinking we were Uh, get thus We Sidetracked a little bit.

And so, we didn't. But that word that's translated guarantee in verse 14, and we use the language Earnest and some of you who have purchased houses, probably remember the illustration of the earnest. Earnest money. Uh, but the idea here is first installment. Uh, The first installment. Of our blessedness in verse 14.

So, where you have, he has a guarantee of our inheritance. Uh, he is the Earnest or the first installment and that's where The confession gets its language. Which Spirit? So the testimony of the spirit of adoption witnessing with our spirits that we are, the children of God, which spirit is The earnest of our inheritance whereby, we are sealed to the day of redemption.

So again, you see how Um, how closely they are trying to how close they are trying to stay. Um, To the language of the scripture itself. Well, the Holy spirit is a seal. We don't really use. Uh, seals anymore, seals functioned, primarily for two things, identification and protection. A seal would be placed on something so that it wouldn't be broken.

And, The particular seal itself identified, whose it was Now if if the Holy spirit is the one who has brought us to Faith and that's the implication in verse 13. In whom also having believed you were sealed. With the Holy Spirit of promise. Now, we have that in other places in scripture as well.

But all those who have believed have been sealed by the Holy, Uh, now that doesn't mean the the Holy Spirit has been melted over you and stamped into you. That it's describing the Holy Spirit. Not only having given us. And not only being alongside us and dwelling in. But the Holy Spirit as God's seal upon the believer, Now, if you've been following along in Isaiah, Uh, and you saw at the end of

Let me do check. No, we did chapter 60 this week. So at the end of chapter 59, last week, uh, Isaiah 59 verse 21. He's addressing the servant. This is my Covenant with them. My spirit who is upon you Uh, will not depart from them. And then, Uh, in chapter 61 next week.

The wonderful passage that, the Lord Jesus quotes, in the synagogue, in Nazareth, in Luke 4. Where he says, the spirit of the Lord is upon me and he talks about that, he's gonna, he's proclaiming good news to the poor Etc in the opening verses of Isaiah 61. And so this is one of the differences in the administration under Christ.

It was always only God the Holy Spirit who could give us inner life. Could give us Inner Faith in the Christ, who is promised. But he was not the spirit who has been upon Christ until Christ, became a man. And needed the ministry of the Holy spirit in his Humanity.

Needed the ministry of his holy spirit and was unite not United anointed. By the Holy. Now, prophets priests and Kings until Jesus. They were Anointed with what what did they what did they pour on a prophet priest or King? Uh, when they were being anointed to office, it was oil.

Jesus was anointed by God, the Holy Spirit being poured out with him, and we actually see that We read and hear about that visibly represented at his baptism. Anyway, all of that. From Isaiah 61 But if you know, what was promised to Christ, And if you know that that has been fulfilled.

And if you know that these are These are. Ways that God, identifies those, who he is going to save. When the Christ comes in, that particular in our particular season of redemption, You would not have known before the Lord. Jesus came, you would be saved, but you wouldn't be able to have Assurance of Faith by the sealing of the Holy Spirit as the spirit of Christ.

Galatians 4 actually describes. This. As a particularly Christian privilege, in the fullness of time, God sent his son into the world and then Because we are children. He sent. And what does he call the Holy Spirit? There in Galatians 4, doesn't call him his Spirit. He doesn't call him the Holy Spirit, he calls him the spirit of his son into our hearts, by whom we cry.

Of a father. So, if you have been brought to You have. Something has happened to you, God has done something to you. To tell you. That you are his. According to what he has described, this is how you identify. If you got, Spam letter in the mail. That purported to be from Monet.

And you called Monet, and you asked him if this letter was from him and hone was accustomed to stamping. In in hot wax. The seal that would uh that would seal up the letter, he would ask him. Well, does it have my sealant? Well, what does your seal look like?

Well, it looks like this some wonderful thing from New Zealand. Would have a delicious story behind it. And and then you would look at that and you'd say uh, Uh, yes it does. And you would say well is the seal intact or is it broken? And, And you would say well it's it's intact.

It says oh yes that's the letter that I sent to you and it hasn't been tempered with Uh, if you have been brought to Faith in Christ, as he has described in the Bible, And you have, then the fruit of this work of the Holy Spirit, he is Uh, a seal to you?

Not only as he has been promised to you. But also, Authenticating all of the other promises of God to you that come with him. And so he's the first way. Um, the ministry of God, the Holy Spirit works. Functions is sealed to you. Is that it marks God's ownership, encouraging, you that you are his.

Yes. David just an example. It's very interesting just Because we have notary at all and no ring wasn't a stamp. The notary wasn't blossomy. Because when you saw that paper in the original, it's very hard to replicate. And so it, it spoke of the authenticity of that. Thank you.

Um, So there's there's the authenticity part but Um, but the fact that he's a CEO also encourages you That you are not going to be tampered with as it were If the Lord is doing this work, if the Lord has begun this work, And it is authentically his Uh, then it will be Um, it will be completed, so there's this Work of the Holy Spirit as a seal unto the day of redemption.

Um, We'll wait until we get to Ephesians 4. 30 for what I was about to say, but then there is the Holy Spirit as the first installment of our inheritance. Uh, verse 14, who is the guarantee? Uh, the earnest. Of our inheritance. Well, The Believer's inheritance. Is not just.

There is not something so small. As the new heavens and a new Earth. In an unfallen and glorious condition. Now, for worldlings that doesn't sound small. Uh, for hearts that go after created things. So easily. Um, a new and perfect creation. Sounds pretty amazing. But the inheritance of Believers is not the new creation.

It is the Creator himself. The ever blessed God has given himself to us. And so when the Lord Jesus was was going away. Why did he say children that it was better for us? That he would be gone. Why is it better for us? That Our Redeemer, our mediator.

In his human nature is not here. That we can see him that we don't have to. Uh, suffer through. Um, either being the the servant who teaches or, or hearing a servant, teach us instead of hearing the master Teach. Why was it better that he go? Because he would pour out the spirit and he would pour out the spirit as his Spirit from Heaven.

To Jesus as a man. Has a body and it's not like the Lutherans imagine so that they can. Um, fight over the definition of is in First Corinthians 11. His body is not everywhere. His body is in one place. When the Throne of Gloria at the right hand of the Majesty on I And yet, from there, he being Divine person, a man who has poured out the Holy Spirit like we were hearing and thinking about last week and marveling at But what did he say that the Holy Spirit would do?

When he was not just with us, but in He promised that by the ministry of the Holy Spirit. He wouldn't leave us as orphans. But that the father and the son by the ministry of the spirit would come and dwell with us and make their home with us. Now, I grew up in in church hearing a lot about and rightly, so praise God.

The Lord Jesus going. And preparing a place for me in glory. And partly in which is preparing me for that place. As I grew in my understanding, and I hope your children understand that you cannot enter Heaven without Holiness and that's a big part of his preparing, a place for you is making you holy, I did not grow up.

Hearing that the Holy Spirit's Ministry in my life. Was to make my life and my heart a place for the Triune God. Where it's not, just the spirit who dwells in me, but he ministers to you. The Fellowship of the father and The Fellowship of the son. So that they come and make their home with you, you say, what does that mean?

Isn't bought everywhere. Yes. But he communicates his glory and his presence and his fellowship more intensely, more overtly more, clearly more spectacularly in some places than others. If he didn't do that, we would all be incinerated immediately by the intensity of the Brilliance of his glory. And his home.

On Earth is not in a tent. That we call Tabernacle. It's not House or a palace that we would call a temple. It is by the ministry of the Holy. In the Believers themselves. This is the Earnest. Of our inheritance. We do not yet have What is called the beatific Vision?

Enjoyment of the glory of God, the beholding and delighting in of the glory of God himself forever, which is our great inheritance. But you if you have Christ, If you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit, you have the first installment of that. This is why when we hear and we hear benedictions from various passages, one of them is at the end of second, Corinthians 13.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God. And Fellowship or communion same word. The shared life. Of the Holy. Be with you all. And his his Fellowship is one that we know especially by the knowledge of the love of God. Right. You remember Romans 5.

And what the Holy spirit is doing in the heart of the believer. Pouring out and it uses the language of a drink offering but you just pour out all at once. I think next week in numbers, we're going to have the adding of the quarter or third, or half a hint of wine.

With the, the various. But God's love isn't measured in quarters or thirds or halves of hens. We don't even know what a hen is. Um God's God's love is infinite. And so you have this pouring this gushing, your knowledge of the love of God is a testimony to you of The Fellowship of God.

The Holy spirit with you. Your knowledge of the father as father and of the son as one to whom you are. United is a testimony to you of The Fellowship of the Holy spirit with you. And when you have those things, he ministers assurance that you personally have been saved.

He ministers to you that Assurance. Not only because, He is a seal of authenticity. Not only because he is a seal that prevents tampering. But because he himself is God. For all of his pointing you to the father and pointing you to the son, he himself is God. A person of the godhead.

Has made you. If you're a Believer, the particular place of the display of his glory and his goodness in the earth. And that's a down payment of first installment in Earnest a guarantee. You think God is going to do that by halves? Or by thirds. Is, is that going to be partial?

The fullness of the inheritance. Has made sure. By the enjoyment of that first part of your inheritance. And the fact that it's given in the language of inheritance means what Means that you come. Not in the spirit of the first son. And, Um, in the parable of the Self-Righteous older brother.

Um, Uh saying, give me what is? And you, you go off. But in the spirit that the that son rediscovered, when he came back and his father would have been Everything to him. But he got everything along with him. And you remember the elder brother, who had his father all the time.

Uh, and Uh, and despised despised. The fact that God himself is your inheritance. Means that you can come reverently. And say. Give me what is Christ? Because I am yours and you are mine. And, Christ has a right. Not only for himself, but for me. That I would have the ever Blessed God forever.

But it also comes with submission, right? Because according to his wisdom, So at the pace in which he grows you at the pace in which he brings you to himself, according to the timing that he has set for Christ's return. All of these things that have to happen. In order to in the order by which he brings us into that blessedness.

And yet, it is something that is certain and when you have the, the Assurance of your faith, With the Holy Spirit, sealing your faith to you and your experience of the Triune God by the ministry and presence and Fellowship of the Holy Spirit as an experience that assures you that you have him, then you are assured, not just of a moment.

But you are assured of the Everlasting blessedness that God has been determined to bring you into Um, This. What makes? Ephesians 4, 30. So powerful. Uh, one of the things that Drives me crazy. Is the be kind lawn science. Have you guys seen them? Um, Just be kind. Ephesians.

4 32. Well, in a world that doesn't have a clue. What kindness is. That is currently celebrating a month of hating. Some of the most needy and confused, Sinners around us. They need a little bit more than be kind. They? Be kind to one another tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God in Christ, forgave you Verse 32.

They need. Uh, the necessity. The possibility. The gift in Christ of repentance and forgiveness. But one of the things that we need, When we are thinking of our Uh, interaction with one another and being kind, and tenderhearted, and forgiving. Is to remember. That the third person of the godhead.

Been given to us as a seal into the day of redemption. This means to put it. Crassly to put it Earthly. Uh, and mundanely. This means the Holy Spirit. Doesn't take any time off. So either. You are submitting to the Holy Spirit and living the way that he is teaching you to live and that pleases him in your life or you are grieving him.

So, Uh, mom or dad especially of Uh, a professing child. When you were when you were talking to your children, when we are talking to you, dear children, Dear children, we are talking to you. Give me your eyes and your ears will follow. Thank you. Um, when we are talking to you and you're being and you've been speaking unkindly and you're holding crutches and there's strife and and say, don't you love one another You need to love one another as Christ loved you.

Well you also need to love God, the Holy Because he is with you and he is ministering to you. The fellowship of the godhead and when we when we attack one another or when we are bitter, or when we hold grudges with one another, We are not reflecting The Fellowship of the godhead either within himself, or with us.

And this is the whole mission. Of the holy spirit is to produce that in us. This is why if you back up, not just from verse 32 to verse 31, now to verse 30 Do not grieve the holy spirit of God. By whom you were sealed. For the day of redemption.

Now, let's back up to verse 29 because this is something I wanted to hit and we'll probably skip. Um, second Corinthians 1. And move on to the the third article. Probably in two weeks time. Lord willing. I give you a report on the general Senate. A week for a week from today.

Let no corrupt word. Proceed out of your mouth. But, What is good? For necessary edification. That it may impart Grace. To the hearers. The conversations that we have. Either grieve or please. God of the Holy. Who loves us? And whom you should love. And so whether it's a conflict that that you're having or whether it's reflecting on how our conversations are going, one of the things we need to admonish ourselves with and one of the things that we ought to be admonishing you children with so that you learn Also from Mom and Dad is not.

Don't you love your sister? Don't you want your conversations to help her know and believe and love and serve the Lord? But don't you love God, the Holy Don't you care? Whether he is grieved by, you're having these useless conversations, That don't build up. And don't impart Grace. To those who are hearing.

He's grieved. When we just run at the mouth. And have not just useless, but even corrupting. Conversations. Letting our hair down as it were And, Running the subject or the language or the tone? Be that which indulges the flesh. You know, the the people that you love the best and that you are closest to Ought to be the ones that you care most to edify in your speech.

Certainly. This is what the Holy Spirit desires. Uh, who has been given to us as a seal, and an Earnest and therefore whom we do not wish to grieve, do not grieve the holy spirit of God. By whom you are sealed. For the day of redemption. All right, let's pray.

Our father. Again, we thank you for The reality of assurance we pray that you would continue to help us and build up for us. Our understanding of what your word teaches. About our Assurance of We do pray that you would help us to see the fruit of the love and power of your Holy Whom you have given us now not merely for bringing us to life and bringing us to Uh, but have given us as the spirit of your son.

Who dwells in our hearts. And who seals? And who has? First installment. Of enjoying and glorifying you fully forever. And so we pray that you would help us to see and to know his love

and his fellowship and we pray that you would help us to love him. And especially in the particular ways.

Um, that we have heard about loving in in these last few minutes.

That we would so live as the spirit would. Be glad.

The state of our hearts, the state of our conversations, the state of our homes, The state of our church. The state of our life grant that we ask in Jesus name. Amen.