

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

January 24, 2016 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Ephesians 1:13-14 "Believers Sealed with the Spirit"

Doxology
Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 34
Hymn 210 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Pastoral Prayer
Hymns 600, 601, 602
Message I Samuel 22 Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 356 "Redeemed"
Benediction

THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up
Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm - Ernie Beck
Precept class on Tuesday with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm
Men's Bible study Wednesday at 9:30am – Jim O'Rourke
Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. – The book of "Joel" - Margaret Was
Friday pasta dinner and hymn sing!!! 6pm. Sign up!!!
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading
Men's breakfast Saturday at 10:15am

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary
Sunday messages are available online, CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz

Friday, January 29th at 6pm Pasta Dinner and Hymn Sing – sign up!!!

Nancy Delay's on piano and David Schmidt on organ

Come make a joyful noise to the Lord

"Believers Sealed with the Spirit"

Ephesians 1:13-14

¹³In 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, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Paul in these verses speaks of the elements of salvation: first, there was the hearing of the Word of truth; then they trusted (believed) the Word, and third they were sealed with the Holy Spirit. The act of sealing signifies the following four great truths: (1) It is a completed transaction—we have the expression, signed, sealed, and delivered; (2) It implies ownership—the one who seals a document signifies his ownership of the contents of that document; (3) It indicates authenticity—sealing indicates the authenticity of the contents that are sealed; (4) It means security for the one sealed—Rome was asked to place a seal on the tomb of Jesus to keep it secure.

Paul sees the sealing of the Holy Spirit as the Earnest of our inheritance. We still use this term when we ask for the earnest money in a transaction. That is the first installment and is a surety that He will complete the transaction of our salvation. Thus, salvation is here seen as a process that involves in verses 3-14 all the members of the Trinity, and that this process means that there are spiritual riches waiting for believers.