



THE SEAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

EPHESIANS 1:13-14

THE NATURE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A Divine Person

- **John 14:15-18** – “another” – of the same nature as Christ.
- One of the three members of the divine nature – **Romans 15:30; 2 Corinthians 13:14**

Intelligent

- **1 Corinthians 2:11-13** – knows and teaches.
- **1 Corinthians 12:11** – works, distributes, wills.
- **1 Timothy 4:1** – speaks expressly.
- **John 15:26** – testifies.
- **Acts 16:6** – forbids.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Revelation of the Word

- Ephesians 3:3-5 – revealed by the Spirit.
- 2 Peter 1:20-21 – men moved by Holy Spirit.

Works Through the Word

- Spirit's instrument – Ephesians 6:17 (cf. 5:18-19; Colossians 3:16)
- Conviction – John 16:8; Titus 1:9
- Witnesses – Hebrews 10:15-17
- New Birth – John 3:5; 1 Peter 1:23
- Sanctification – 1 Peter 1:2; John 17:17; 2 Thessalonians 2:13

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Seal

- sphragis (noun) – that which confirms or authenticates, attestation, confirmation, certification (BDAG)
 - Romans 4:11; 1 Corinthians 9:2; 2 Timothy 2:19
- sphragizō (verb) – to certify that someth. is so, attest, certify, acknowledge (BDAG)
 - John 3:31-33; 6:27

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Identified and Authenticated as God's Sons

- Identified/authenticated as God's heritage by the Holy Spirit – **Ephesians 1:11-13**
- Spirit bears witness with our spirit – **Romans 8:16**
- Suffering with Christ – **Romans 8:17; 1 Peter 4:14**
- Renewing of Holy Spirit – **Titus 3:5; Eph. 4:23, 30**
- Fruit of the Spirit – **Galatians 5:22-25**

THE GUARANTEE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **Guarantee** – **Ephesians 1:14** – *arrhabōn* – a pledge, i.e. part of the purchase-money or property given in advance as security for the rest (STRONG)
- **Holy Spirit of Promise** – **Ephesians 1:13; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:13-18** – His promises are certain.

THE GUARANTEE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Transformation

- Partakers of the divine nature through promises –
2 Peter 1:4
- 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 – Spirit as a guarantee.
 - 3:18 – transformed to glory by Spirit.
 - 4:4, 6, 12, 14 – glory of Christ, light of gospel, working life, confidence of resurrection.
 - 4:16-18 – inward renewal, looking to unseen.
 - 5:1-5 – eager for immortality, Spirit guarantee.
- Ephesians 1:14 – guarantee until redemption of purchased possession.



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