

## Our Salvation is Certain

Ephesians 1:13-14

- I. The Holy Spirit forever secures our relationship “in Christ” when we believe (Ephesians 1:13).
  - A. To have “salvation” is to enter a completely secure position “in Christ” (13a).
  - B. We enter a position “in Christ” when we hear (understand) and believe the truth of the gospel (13b).
  - C. The Holy Spirit is the One who “seals” us into this permanent relationship with Christ (13c).

Application: I never need to fear or wonder if I’m saved once I have believed in Christ because my new status “in Christ” is produced and assured by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

- Reasons why some people think we can lose our salvation (see Powerpoint list posted on website)
- Explanation of some difficult passages (see Pastor Sid’s study of doctrine of salvation on bible.org)

- II. The Holy Spirit guarantees that we will possess our eternal “inheritance” (Ephesians 1:14).
  - A. The Holy Spirit is the “pledge” guaranteeing all our eternal blessings” as soon as we believe until we finally possess them (Ephesians 1:14a).
  - B. God secured our salvation through the Spirit so that He would be praised (Ephesians 1:14b).

Application: God deserves all of my praise and the devotion of my life because my salvation is secure.