

HOLY SPIRIT



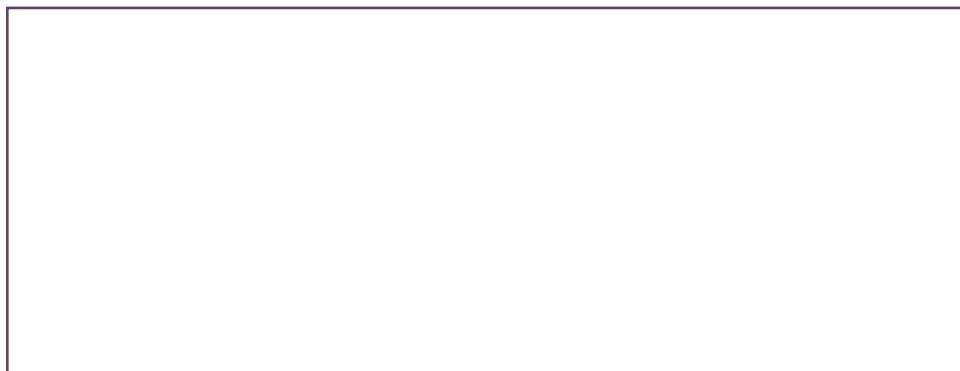
SHEPHERDCHURCH

LESSON 5:

THE SEALING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

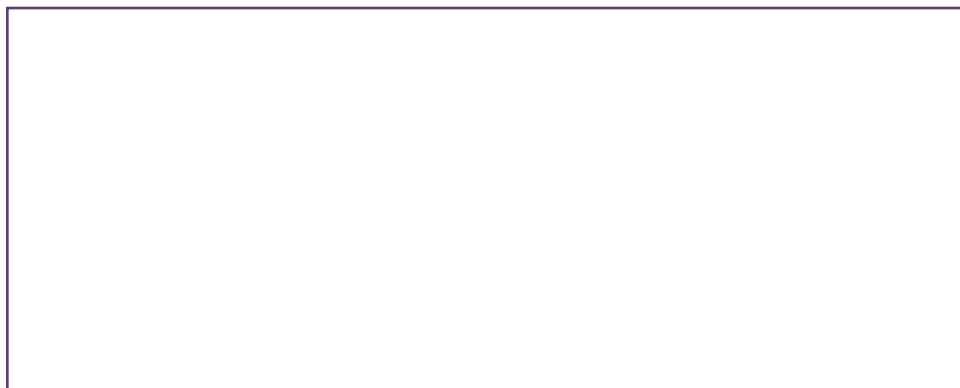
WELCOME

What would your friends say that you're naturally good at?



WORSHIP

This week's worship moment is about resting in the assurance that we belong to God. Listen to or sing along with a worship song like "Another in the Fire" by Hillsong UNITED or "Living Hope" by Phil Wickham on YouTube, Spotify, etc. Then, thank God for giving you His Holy Spirit and for His faithful promises, and ask Him to help you live with the confidence and hope that come from belonging to Him.

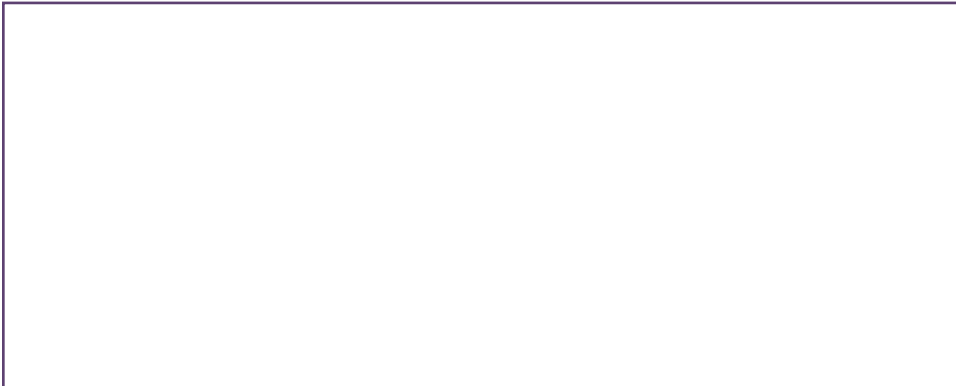


WORD

1. Paul describes a progression in **Ephesians 1:13–14**. Why do you think he presents it in the order that he does?



2. According to **Ephesians 1:13–14**, what does God do for Christians, and what is He preparing them for? How do you see this taking place in your life?



3. What work does **2 Corinthians 1:21–22** say that God does, and how do these verses explain a Christian's identity?



4. **Ephesians 4:30** says that Christians are sealed by the Holy Spirit. How does this verse set up our understanding of what Paul writes in **Ephesians 4:31–32**?

5. Reflect on your study in this lesson and the previous lessons in this series... What attitudes, habits, thoughts, worries, choices, etc. might the Holy Spirit be asking you to surrender?

WITNESS

Give an update about your “one person” (from the first lesson) that you are sharing with? How’s it going? Do you need any help in how to share with them, what to do next, etc.?

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DEEPER STUDY FOR THIS WEEK

This section is designed to help you keep growing in your faith throughout the week by reflecting on what you discussed in your Life Group and studying passages/concepts related to the lesson. As you spend time with these prompts, ask God to speak to you, apply His Word to your life, and help you take your next step with Jesus. Go at your own pace, and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time with Him.

- Review anything in the WORD section that either was not covered during your Life Group or that you want to take a deeper dive into.

- Memorize **Ephesians 4:30** or **Ephesians 1:13–14**.

- Read **John 1:12–13; Romans 8:14–17; Galatians 3:26–29; 4:4–7; Ephesians 1:3–14; Colossians 3:1–4; and 1 John 3:1–3**. Then, write down everything these passages say is true about a Christian's identity in Christ.

- **God's Seal**

Read the following Scriptures and then answer the questions below... **Esther 3:12; 8:8; Daniel 6:17; Matthew 27:62–66; John 6:27; 2 Corinthians 1:21–22; Ephesians 1:13–14; 4:30; and Revelation 7:2–4**.

- o What purposes did seals serve in the ancient world?

- o What does each passage teach about the meaning or function of a seal?

- o How does understanding seals help you better understand what it means to be sealed by the Holy Spirit?

- o What encouragement does God's seal give Christians today?