

**2 Corinthians 1:21-24(NASB)**

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave *us* the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge. But I call God as witness to my soul, that to spare you I did not come again to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are standing firm.

**Ephesians 1:13(NASB)**

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

**Ephesians 1:14(NLT)**

<sup>14</sup>The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

MONDAY MORNING MOMENT: **ACTION STEP** - *"SALVATION IS GOD'S WORK FOR US, IN US AND THROUGH US"*

**John 8:31(KJV)** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

1. First, God makes us new believers in Christ at salvation. This is the work of saving grace that puts believers into union with Him. We're "born again"! **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17(NASB) THEREFORE IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE; THE OLD THINGS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, NEW THINGS HAVE COME.**
  
2. Second, God **anoints** believers.
  - To anoint someone is to commission them for service (Ex. 28:41). The verb *chrio* (**anointed**) appears four other times in the New Testament, each time in a passage referring to Christ (Luke 4:18; Acts 4:27; 10:38; Heb. 1:9).
  - The related noun *chrisma* describes the anointing **all believers have when they receive from Christ the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13)**, who guides, empowers, and teaches them (1 John 2:20, 27).
  - The Hebrew word for "anointed" was *masiah* (the English word "Messiah" is derived from this word). The Hebrew word was eventually used to refer to the promised Savior of the Israelites.
  - The Greek translation of the Hebrew word *masiah* is the word *christos*, or in English, "Christ." So when Christians speak of Jesus as the Christ, they are confessing him as the promised Messiah of the Old Testament.
  
3. Third, God **sealed** believers. *Sphragizo* (**sealed**) refers to stamping an identifying mark on something; it refers to believers, stamped as God's, receiving the indwelling Holy Spirit, whose presence identifies them as God's true and eternal possession, whom He will protect and keep. God **gave** believers **the Spirit in their hearts as a pledge**. The indwelling Holy Spirit is not only the anointing and seal, but also the down payment or guarantee of believers' eternal inheritance (see 1 Peter 1:4), the first installment of future glory.
  - **2 Timothy 2:19(NASB)** Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."