

Being sealed with the Holy Spirit

Explain how salvation is not of work but grace.

Eph.2: 8-10 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Phil. 1: 6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform [it] until the day of Jesus Christ (The day they are called to his presence.)

So we see God is starting the work, it is not the work before the indwelling of the Holy Spirit we are speaking about here, it is the work the Holy Spirit does after He indwells the believer, after the believer truly received Jesus in faith.

Ps. 138: 8. 8 The LORD will perfect [that which] concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, [endureth] for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

If someone truly trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior, he or she will not turn back permanently to sin. The above scriptures verify once the Holy Spirit abides in us, it is He who is doing the work and God can not fail. If we continuously ignore the power away of the Holy Spirit to direct us then the statement, " I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior was not true in the beginning, which God knew all the time. It was the person in question that was fooled. We may confuse the work of the Holy Spirit working externally drawing us to the Father as Him working in us. This is one reason some people feel they are saved and are not. (It is just a feeling)

(Seed parable)Matt.13:21-22 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. {offended: he relapseth, or, falleth into sin} 22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

Eph. 1:13, 14 13 In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest (money which in purchases is given as a pledge or down payment that the full amount will subsequently be paid) of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. **2 Cor.1:22** Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. *Sealed us.* The seal was anciently the mark of ownership. In Ephesians, it is said that the saints are sealed by the Holy Spirit. If the presence of the Holy Spirit seals, or shows us as owned by God who can take us out of His hand. **Rom.8: 38, 39** 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sealed- 1) to set a seal upon, mark with a seal, to seal 1a) for security: from Satan 1b) since things sealed up are concealed (as the contents of a letter), to hide, keep in silence, keep secret 1c) in order to mark a person or a thing 1c1) to set a mark upon by the impress of a seal or a stamp 1c2) angels are said to be sealed by God 1d) in order to prove, confirm, or attest a thing 1d1) to confirm authenticate, place beyond doubt 1d1a) of a written document 1d1b) to prove one's testimony to a person that he is what he professes to be.

The seal was attached to a letter or legal document to authenticate it to the world. The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of adoption, was God's authentication to the world that the converts to Christ were accepted as his children. The presence of the new Spirit was shown by a new life exhibiting the fruits of the Spirit.

Gala 5:22,23 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

In order to be assured of this seal of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit will become evident in the believers life. It is the spiritual process as the Holy Spirit does His work after Jesus becomes the Lord and Savoir of the one in question. There is a process of the Holy Spirit "calling or drawing" one to God. Until this process is completed and a decision is made, in which case one receives and believes what he has heard of the Word of God the believer is not sealed. Later he will be taught much more about the Godhead. This does not mean that a new believer knows everything he needs to know about the Godhead, it simply means he believes what he hears and opens him mind to be taught by the Holy Spirit (Matthew Henry Cmty)What a gracious promise that is, which secures the gift of the Holy Ghost to those who ask him!
The sanctifying and comforting influences of the Holy Spirit seal believers as the children of God, and heirs of heaven. These are the first-fruits of holy happiness. For this we were made, and for this we were redeemed; this is the great design of God in all that he has done for us; let all be ascribed unto the praise of his glory.

Old man: The expression occurs elsewhere, in

Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; When the desire to keep the old man off is greater than the flesh, the Holy Spirit honors that decision.

*Ye put off concerning the former manner of life the old *man* and his deeds. "The old man" is the old sinful life, in contrast with "the new man," or new life in Christ. When we say, "if someone continues in sin or continues to be a drunk, or a whore, or a thief he or she will not inherit the kingdom of God"; we are not speaking of someone who has put off the old man and put on the new man. Even though there will still be struggles with the flesh, the Holy Spirit will bring one back into subjection because making Jesus Lord of your life has made this possible. If someone turns away from God I do not think they were saved and lost it, I believe by scripture, they were never redeemed because they never truly received the gift of God through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Col. 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; (Old man always means the man of old, corrupt human nature, the inborn tendency to evil in all men.)

Roma 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with [him], that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. When we accept Christ we begin that process of crucifying the flesh which the Holy Spirit completes. It is the natural man himself; in (Eph 4:22 Col 3:9) his ways. Positionally, in the reckoning of God, the old man is crucified, and the believer is exhorted to make this good in experience, reckoning it to be so by definitely "putting off" the old man and "putting on" the new. If this process is not completed it is not God's doing one was never saved.

Col. 3:8-14 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new [man], which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond [nor] free: but Christ [is] all, and in all. 12 Put on therefore, as the **elect** (1) picked out, chosen 1a) chosen by God, 1a1) to obtain salvation through Christ 1a1a) Christians are called "chosen or elect" of God 1a2) the Messiah in called "elect", as appointed by God to the most exalted office conceivable 1a3) choice, select, i.e. the best of its kind or class, excellence preeminent: applied to certain individual Christians) of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also [do] ye..14 And above all these things [put on] charity, which is the bond of perfectness

Eph 4:24, 25 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another The new man is the regenerate man as distinguished from the old man. and is a new man as having become a partaker of the divine nature and life and is a new man as having become a partaker of the divine nature and life

2 Pet 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. By verse 3 (his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:) **Col 3:3, 4** 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, [who is] our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. **2Cor 5:17** Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. **Gal 6:15** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. **Eph 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

The new man is Christ, "formed" in the believer;

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Col 1: 27 To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

1Joh 4:12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in use. **4: 26-32** 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with [his] hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are **sealed** unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.