

**Chapter 6 “The Seal, The Pledge, and the Witness of The Spirit”**  
**The Holy Spirit – Graham**

1. God regenerated and justified us
2. The Holy Spirit baptized us into the body of Christ
3. The Holy Spirit took up home in our hearts immediately
4. The Seal, Pledge and Witness of the Holy Spirit occurs in us

***The Seal***

Greek word – to confirm or impress

Three times in NT in connection with believers (Eph 1:13; 4:30)

Paul had two thoughts – security and ownership

Security – king sealed Daniel into the lion’s den

- king sealed documents with his ring in Esther
- Pilate ordered the Roman soldiers to seal Jesus’ tomb
- We are secured with the Holy Spirit

Ownership – merchants put their seal on merchandise

- we are God’s property

“on Him [Jesus] the Father, even God, has set His seal” (Jn 6:27)

***The Pledge***

(2 Cor 1:21,22) “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”

Paul’s day businessmen considered a pledge to do:

1. a down payment that sealed the bargain (down payment on car)
2. an obligation to buy (obligation to buy car)
3. a sample of what was to come (remaining selling price)

Holy Spirit’s pledge:

1. “[God] also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge” (2 Cor 1:22) – *the Spirit’s presence in our lives is God’s pledge that He will fulfill His promise*
2. “Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge (2 Cor 5:5) – *the Spirit in our lives is God’s pledge that we shall receive spiritual bodies at Christ’s coming*
3. “[The Holy Spirit] is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory” (Eph 1:14) – *the Spirit is God’s pledge guaranteeing our inheritance until the future brings the total redemption of those who are God’s possession.*

***The Witness of the Spirit***

1. the Scripture teaches us the Holy Spirit is a witness to the finality and sufficiency of Jesus Christ’s atonement  
Jesus’ sacrifice is the final sacrifice (Heb 10:14,15)
2. the Scripture teaches the Holy Spirit witnesses that we have become, by faith in Jesus Christ and His work on the cross, the children of God.

“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” (Rom 8:16)

For it is by the Holy Spirit that we cry “Father.”

3. the Scripture teaches us the Holy Spirit witnesses to the truth of every promise God has given us in His Word

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth.” (John 16:13)

“Thy word is truth” (John 17:17)

“And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have *written* to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order *that you may know that you have eternal life*” (I John 5:11-13)

### ***Conclusion***

- God places a seal on us when we receive Christ
- The Spirit is God’s pledge
- The Spirit witnesses to us