

The Down Payment

- B. The Holy Spirit is the foretaste of better things to come

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:22, 5:5
Ephesians 1:13-14

Introduction

The Holy Spirit here is referred to as the "earnest of our inheritance." The text also tells us that we were sealed by Him. He who was sent as a foretaste of "the glory which shall be revealed in us" was also sent to give us an identity as a child of the King.

I. The Holy Spirit identifies us with the family of God

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

A. He is the "divine chromosome"

1. Making us resemble Christ
2. The fruit of the Spirit

B. Developing family characteristics in us

II. The Holy Spirit trademarks us as a product of God's workmanship

Ephesians 1:13b ...in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise....

A. The divine trademark

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one unto another.

B. The Holy Spirit performs God's work on us

III. The Holy Spirit is the guarantee of the fulfillment of all God's promises

Ephesians 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

A. The receipt of the Spirit guarantees our inheritance