



[Ephesians 1:13-14](#)

(13) In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, (14) who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

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God's promised Spirit seals us after we believe. Clearly, receiving the [Holy Spirit](#) is something that happened in our past. We received it upon [faith](#), [repentance](#), [baptism](#), and the laying on of hands. Verse 14 clarifies that this occurred in the past, saying that what we received was merely an earnest, an installment guaranteeing that more will be given. The sense here is similar to [Romans 8:32](#), where Paul writes that God's giving of His Son is our guarantee that He will withhold nothing that we truly need.

The word "until" in [Ephesians 1:14](#) further clarifies the time-element by stating that this will not happen "until the redemption of the purchased possession" occurs. Have we assumed that we were redeemed when we believed, accepted [Jesus Christ](#), and were justified by His blood? But, notice, Paul writes that this, too, is yet future!

There is a future reception of more of God's Holy Spirit and a future redemption! The Scripture cannot be broken ([John 10:35](#)). The apostle is teaching us that redemption, like [salvation](#), is a process that has begun but has not yet reached its conclusion. Both of these processes began when we believed and accepted Jesus Christ, but they will not end until we receive God's Spirit in full measure and are glorified in His Kingdom.

Thus, just as we know that we do not now have God's Spirit in full measure, we have to realize that we are not yet fully redeemed. As used in the Bible, *redeem* means "to deliver one by means of paying a price." The price has been paid in full, and we are even now the recipients of merely the beginning of its blessings. In addition, it also places us under obligation to glorify [God](#) and show forth His praises, as we are able.

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