

## The Seal of God

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**What's the Seal of God? The Holy Ghost.** You say, "Is that Scriptural?" Absolutely. Many of them, let me give you one so you won't forget it. Ephesians 4:30 said, **"Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed till the day of your redemption."** **There's the Seal of God.** That's what I'm trying to tell you. You've looked for the Seal of God to come in the last days, not on your forehead. Saying it was on your forehead is your knowledge to understand. But the Bible said **the Seal of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost (I Cor. 12:13).** And everybody that has It, **their hearts are free. They're sealed by the knowledge of God in their forehead,** that they do know that Jesus is dead and raised again, because they can see Him.

*"A little while and the unbeliever will see Me no more (John 14:19), yet you'll see Me (the ones's got the Seal), for I'll be with you, even in you to the end of the world (Col. 1:26-28). The works that I do shall you also, even greater than this, for I go to My Father."* [1]

One day, the Bible says, that things will break out on this earth and diseases and things, **and all the people will be plagued,** till the flesh shall rot on them and so forth. But the Bible says, "Don't you come near any of those who have the Seal of God in their forehead" (*Rev. 9:4*).

**And the Seal of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost.** Now, you advent brothers, I don't want to disagree with you on being a seventh day; there's no Scripture for that. But the Bible Ephesians 4:30 says, *"Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you're sealed till the day of your redemption."* [2]

That's the genuine, true Easter Seal. **Shows that sin has been paid for you, and God has accepted you,** and you're sealed into Christ by the Holy Ghost. **Sin is finished.** The Eternal Seal has been finished. [3]

**And the mark of the antichrist is to reject that Holy Ghost.** Which you're sealed outside of the Kingdom forever, with no, no way they'll ever be forgiven. **He that speaks against the Holy Ghost will never be forgiven in this world or the world to come** (*Matt. 12:32*). There's your **mark of the beast and the seal of God** in one little handful.

**The seal of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And the mark of the antichrist is to deny it. Now, you're marked one way or the other.** Don't you want to have the Holy Ghost today?

**But we're at the junction time.** This is the seventh junction. What's the next, Brother Branham? **We're going into the Millennium.** That's right. Time will cease at this junction, and eternity will begin for us. [2]

We see the newspapers and the oncoming storm. When you go home tonight, do me one favor, don't go to bed till you read Revelations the 8th chapter. **You see the oncoming plagues and storms, that shall hit the earth, and thunders and lightnings are going to shake the heavens.** Woes are going to pass over the nation. **Men will rot in their flesh. Diseases will strike them the doctors know nothing about.** [4]

Now, the seal of God is the "Holy Spirit." We all know that, **that the seal of God is the Holy Spirit.** You take Revelation 9:1-4, you'll find that they all had the seal in their forehead. Ephesians 4:30 says, "*Grieve not the Holy Spirit,*" that's that Angel that come forth sealing upon their forehead (*Ezek. 9:4*). Now, that doesn't mean, He takes and puts a spot up there; **your forehead is your revelation, see, and your hand is the thing you do about it** (*Rev. 13:16-18*). See, it's a **spiritual mark.** He doesn't take a big stamp and stamp you like that. Oh, no. **But He marked the Sealed** (*II Cor. 1:21-22*).

Now, how was the first seal, what did it look like? They were **filled with the Holy Ghost,** that's right, **and their works were the works of Christ.** They laid hands on the sick and they recovered, they done all kinds of signs and miracles and wonder (*Mark 16:17-18*). And **in their forehead, was sealed by the revelation** that He was the Son of God, and they were working with Him, **the Deity of Christ,** there's the mark.

You say, "Well, now, He's the third person, or the second..." **You ain't got no seal yet,** so just leave It alone. See, you done out, done off the paper there, so then there's no such a thing as that in the Bible. "We believe in the holy trinity." You're not even over on the paper now, see, 'cause there's no such a thing as trinity ever mentioned in the Bible. [5]

*“And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God...” (Rev. 7:2-3) - coming from the east.*

**And he was to seal the servants of our God in their forehead.** Now, we know that the church is never called servants. **The church is sons and daughters. Israel is God's servant.** Abraham was His servant. **Israel is God's servant, but the church is called His sons and His daughters (Gal. 4:6-9).** Did you notice? "Hold the four winds." How long? **Until we have sealed the servants, Israel, of our God in their forehead.** [6]

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See, **the Holy Spirit here Itself is a Seal.** The Holy Spirit is a Seal. And a Seal signifies a **finished work. The Holy Spirit being a Seal to the individual...** And to that individual, **when he receives the Holy Spirit, then his time of groaning is over, because it is a finished work.**

Like I used to work for the railroad company, and we'd load box cars with cans and different things from the canning factory and... But then, before that car could be sealed, the inspector come around to see if that car was properly loaded. If not, the first time it ramm'd together or something, it'd scatter the stuff and break it, and the railroad company was responsible. And that inspector would test everything **to see if it was properly in place.** If it wasn't, he condemned the car. Then we had to do it all over again **until the inspector was satisfied.** And then when the inspector's satisfied, he shuts the door and **places a seal upon it, and then no one can break this seal until it reaches its destination.**

That's what **the Holy Spirit's** been doing. See? **He goes, and He inspects...** That's the reason you can't have these things and you say, "I spoke in tongues, and I shouted, and I danced in the Spirit." That has nothing to do with it. See? **The Holy Spirit inspects that person until He's thoroughly satisfied and knows that they are.**

**Then they are sealed unto their eternal destination. There's not nothing can ever break that Seal.**

*Ephesians 4:30, “Grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed until the day of your redemption.”*

**Hold that Word "redemption", until the day that the Book of Redemption has been revealed, and the Redeemer comes to claim His**

**possession nothing can do it. See? Don't grieve It. Do things that pleases God, for the Book is sealed now and you are sealed. The Holy Spirit Itself is the Seal.**

**Seal signifies a finished work. And when the Seventh Seal is broken, the mystery of God that's sealed in these mysterious seals is finished; until the day that Seal is broken, then it's revealed what's on the inside of it.**

If the man's wondering what's in that box car; you say, "It's supposed to be such-and-such. There's supposed to be..." He's presuming. **But when the seal is broken and the door is open, we see into it then and see exactly what's in there.** You see it? And that'll only be done at the end time.

Another thing a seal signifies is **ownership**. See? **The seal has a mark on it, shows ownership. When you are bought by the Blood of Jesus Christ and sealed by the Holy Ghost (I Peter 1:18-20), you no longer belong to the world or anything pertaining to the world. You are owned by God.**

And another thing is: **a seal is a security. Seal means you are secured.** Now, you that don't believe in eternal security, I don't know... **But a seal signifies security to its destination.** Woe unto that guy that would try to break that seal. **And the Holy Spirit Seal cannot be broken.** You all have heard me say that people said, "The devil made me do this." No, no, the devil didn't do it. **You just weren't sealed in, so then, 'cause when you're sealed in, he's sealed out.** Now, you went out to him. He couldn't get into you, **because the only way he'd get into you is come through the same process that you have. He'd have to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost;** then he'd be your brother. So, see, so he didn't do it, no, no. You just went to the borderline and come back **lusting for the things of the world (I Thess. 5:22).** He never went all the way over into Canaan, across Jordan, **the death to self (Gal. 2:19-20; II Tim. 2:11-12).**

Now, notice. Now, this Book is sealed, and you are sealed with the Book until the day of redemption.

*"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Rom. 8:22-23).*

Oh, my. Don't that make us old folks feel good? It ought make us all feel good, **waiting for this hour. We understand this will take place at**

**the first resurrection. See, nature is groaning; we are groaning; everything is groaning, because we realize there's something not right (II Cor. 5:1-5). And the only way you can groan and wait for it, is because there has been new life come in here that speaks of a new world.** [7]

Once again: What is a seal? **A seal is, first thing it shows is a work that has been completed, a completed work.** The next thing it shows is **ownership.** And the next thing it shows is **security,** keeping it. [8]

God took Christ, at Calvary, tore Him apart, Soul and Body. He sent the Body up to His right hand **and sent the Holy Spirit back, the Covenant with the people (Acts 7:51-56). And you believe by faith, like Abraham did, and he was given the seal of circumcision for a confirmation of his faith (Rom. 4:9-16). And you believe and accept Jesus as your Saviour, then God gives you the baptism of the Holy Ghost as a confirmation of your faith.**

You say you believe, and haven't received the Holy Spirit, **something wrong with your faith. God circumcises the heart the minute the believer really comes in full surrender.** Amen. Say, That, folks, surely must've done something; I felt that even come back. Get it. Here it is now. **When the believer firmly believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, God's under obligation to give him the Holy Ghost: confirmation of his faith.** Say, "What's the matter, Brother Branham?" **Just your faith; that's all. If you'd surely believe, God's there to give It to you.**

*"While Peter spake these Words, the Holy Ghost fell on them that heard the Word" (Acts 10:44-48).* All right, notice, **the Holy Ghost and Fire came from heaven, burnt out all the dross, circumcised the heart, cut off all the surplus, and become a new creature (Gal. 6:14-15).** [9]

And there's no condemnation (*Rom. 8:1-2*), **you've passed from death unto Life. You know it.** And you notice your life: **you're loving, you're forgiving, you're gentle, you're peaceful, you're meek.** All these fruits of the Spirit accompany your life, day by day (*Gal. 5:22*). And as soon as you do anything wrong, "Oh, my." **Just as soon as it come to your mind, "you've done wrong," quickly you make it right, right then.** Don't wait another minute, go right then and make it right. If you don't, well, **you don't have the Spirit of Christ.** You might be a good woman, you might be a good man, you might be well thought of in the

church, you might be well thought of in the neighborhood, but have you went on to **that perfection, to that place to where you're wholly trusting in Christ? And by this, give you the seal.** *"Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness"* (Rom. 4:1-8). **Then God give him the seal of circumcision, as a confirmation.**

Now you say, "I believe God. **I made a confession.**" **But did God give you the seal of the Holy Spirit, back on your life, of love, joy, fruits of the Spirit, to prove that you've been saved? If He hasn't done that, then He hasn't recognized your faith** yet. You've just made a confession. He hasn't accepted it, there is something wrong. [10]

There is the difference between the mark of the beast and the Sealing of God. **God seals by His Word. You believe the Word is?**

**Now, the Holy Spirit is the Word. God is not three. He is the same God in three dispensations, three offices.** God, the Father, over the law; God, the Son, in grace; and God, the Holy Ghost, as you call It, the same God in the Holy Ghost dispensation. **God, the Father, was the Word; God, the Son, was the Word; and God, the Holy Ghost, is the Word.** See, it's just three offices (*I Tim. 3:16; Eph. 4:4-6*). **And the Holy Ghost seals you, therefore you're sealed by the Word** (*John 6:63; Eph. 1:13-14*). [11]

Look, anything you want to find in the Bible, and pick it up here, go back to Genesis and see where it hatched out of, see where it come to. **All the spirits and moves today go back to Genesis.** That's what we done to prove to you these things that you're seeing, friends. Don't forget that. Don't let it go over top of your head. **Let it soak into you.** That's the things of God. It come to a head; **and Jesus predicted it would come to a head again in the last days, and it would be by this: the Seal of God, and the mark of the beast; two spiritual powers working together.**

Now, anyone knows that the **Seal of God is the birthright, the baptism of the Holy Ghost** (*Eph. 4:4-6*). **When they were born again, they were filled with the Holy Spirit** (*John 3:3-8*). **The Holy Spirit is the new birth, we know that.** You're begotten of the Spirit; I'll admit that. **But until you're born...** (*Titus 3:4-7*). [12]

What a beautiful thought this is: *"In whom ye also trusted, after that you heard the word of truth, and the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, you were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise"* (*Eph. 1:13-14*).

**"After ye believed."** Oh, my Baptist brother, how could you say That isn't so? You say you receive the Holy Ghost when you believe? It said, **"After you believe then you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."** Notice: *"... which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His Glory."*

Now, we find out then that a seal means that **"it is a finished thing with God, it's already settled."** And every believer was sealed with this promise from the very beginning, **because before the foundation of the world we were predestinated unto the adoption of sons.** Before the world ever began! Oh, what a hope. That makes us rest steadfast and sure. An anchor to the soul that's not tossed about here and there, **but anchored in Christ,** a hope that's sure. *"Predestinated us before the foundation of the world, to the adoptions of sons by Jesus Christ" (Eph. 1:3-6).* Oh, how wonderful! **I love that: "finished work" with God.**

*"All that He foreknew, He has called; all that He called, He justified; all that He has justified, He hath glorified" (Rom. 8:29-30).* All the way from the beginning, God, in His great infinite mind, foresaw His Church and predestinated it unto the adoption of children through Jesus Christ, **to give them Eternal Life at the end of the age.** What a beautiful thing! That just makes me feel lots better. Don't it you? Oh, yeah. **Adoption by the Blood of Jesus Christ!**

Now, notice as we go on. **We are predestinated with the Lamb. The Holy Spirit is our Seal.** The earnest means **"more is yet to come."** We only have the earnest of It now. **The earnest is just the down payment** that holds it and secures it and anchors it so **no one else can touch it (II Cor. 1:21-22).** **It's the earnest of our adoption.** Amen. **The Holy Spirit is now the earnest of God in our hearts,** sealed. **The adoption of sons awaiting us at the end of the road.** Sons and daughters of God!

Now we have the earnest, our spirit's groaning for the full adoption. As we receive the Holy Spirit, it is the earnest of our complete adoption or complete salvation. Oh, how beautiful! I just love that.

**We are waiting for the fullness of adoption. This will take place when? At the first resurrection (Rom. 8:23; I Cor. 15:51-57).** **That's when our bodies will be changed from these vile creatures that we are and we'll have a body like His Own glorious body,** "For we shall see Him as He is, and we will be like Him." *(Phil. 3:20-21; I John 3:1-3).* When He appears, we appear in His likeness. **We will have a body like His, a glorious glorified body,** and all the trials and struggles of life will fade off into a little mist and blow away to never be no more.

And these earthly tabernacles which we now groan in, we're waiting for **the salvation fully in its fullness to come**. But now in these tabernacles of clay **we have Something that tells us that we have raised up so far** (*Eph. 2:6*). [13]

How we thank Thee, **that in this great hour, that when all hopes of mortal life has finished... Atomic bombs are laying in hangars, hydrogen bombs, sickness and diseases, germ warfare... O God, and everything the way it is, knowing that the Bible said that man would actually rot in their flesh... (Rev. 16:10-11)**. But that Angel was given commission, "Don't you touch any of those! Don't you come near those who have the wine and the oil (*Rev. 6:6b*). **Don't touch those who has the seal of God upon their forehead.**"

Lord God, seal this church today. Those who are wanting the seal of the Holy Spirit, kiss away every fear, Lord, and seal them with **Thy Seal of the Spirit in their hearts, that they'll come forth as newborn babes, crying, "Abba, Father"** (*Rom. 8:15-17*). Grant it, Lord. I commit them to Thee in the Name of Jesus, Thy Son. [14]

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