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# Grace Orientation Necessitates Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:31–5:1



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER

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act impera to grieve,  
sorrow, pain, mental or  
emotional distress,  
sadness***

**Isa. 55:8, “ ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD.**

**Isa. 55:9, “ ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.’ ”**

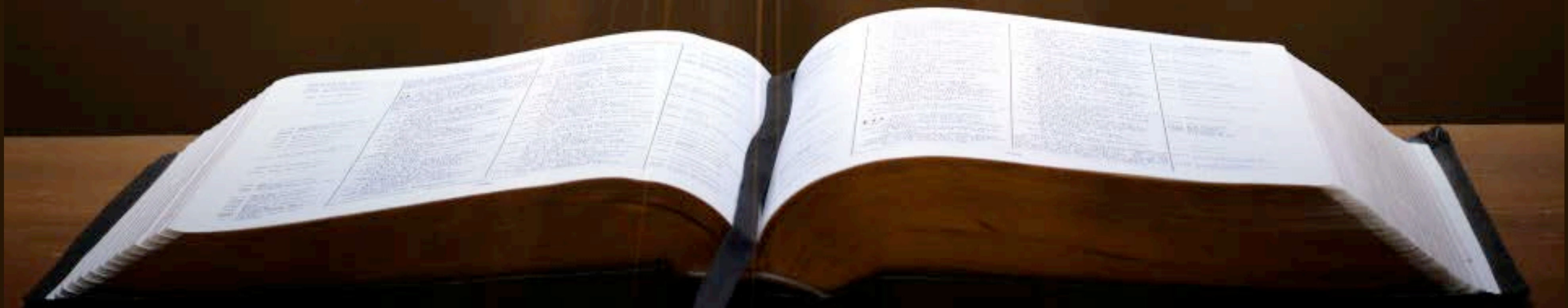
***Yhwh* is the Infinite, Personal Creator-God.**

**As such He is beyond our finite, creaturely ability to comprehend in many ways. We can know true things about God, but cannot comprehend all things.**

**To understand Him, Scripture uses analogies and idioms.**

**What the Bible Teaches  
About**

**The Personality of  
the Holy Spirit**





# **What the Bible Teaches About**

## **Sealed by the Holy Spirit**





# ETERNAL REALITIES



ACTS 16:31

IN CHRIST

Baptism by the  
Holy Spirit

Sealed by  
the Spirit  
Indwelt by  
the Spirit

## **Definition**

**The seal by the Spirit is the downpayment that certifies God's ownership and protection which secures the salvation of the Church Age believer from the moment of faith when the Holy Spirit indwells until ultimate salvation in glorification is realized.**



## **Summary of the Basic Uses of a Seal:**

- **to authorize, authenticate, or bestow authority,**
- **to identify ownership,**
- **to protect, to secure, make inaccessible,**
- **to guarantee the fulfillment of a covenant or pledge.**

**For the Church Age believer:**

**The sealing indicates that we are authenticated as a believer, as a member of the Church, the body of Christ, the royal family of God.**

**We have been purchased (redeemed) and are owned by God.**

**We are secure and protected in our position, our salvation, our identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.**

**The indwelling of the Holy Spirit for all believers from the instant of salvation, guarantees our future, ultimate redemption, and full salvation guaranteeing that our salvation is eternally secure and can never be lost.**



**1. We have seen that beginning with Eph. 4:25 we have an extremely personal section from Eph. 4:25 to 6:9. We have approximately 37 imperative mood verbs along with several participles that have an imperative sense.**

## **2. Listing them so far. In Eph. 4:26–30 we have seen 9 commands. In today's section we have 3 more.**

**1, 4:25** Therefore because you have already put off the lie, Let each one of you speak the truth ...

**2, 3, 4, 4:26** Be angry ... Do not sin ... do not let the sun go down on your wrath

**5, 4:27** nor give place to the devil.

**6, 7, 4:28** Steal no longer ... let him labor

**8, 4:29** Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth

**9, 4:30** Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God

**10, 4:31** Let [these] be put away ...

**11, 4:32** Be kind to one another by forgiving.

**12, 5:1** Be imitators of God



# Forgiving One Another

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**Walk in Love**

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**Eph. 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.**

**Eph. 5:3, “But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;” [NKJV]**



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**The grieving of the Spirit is a term tied to the rebellion against God at Meribah.**

**Isa. 63:10, “But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, and He fought against them.”**

**Ezek. 6:9, “Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations where they are carried captive, because I was crushed by their adulterous heart which has departed from Me, and by their eyes which play the harlot after their idols; they will loathe themselves for the evils which they committed in all their abominations.”**



**Psa. 78:39, “For He remembered that they were but flesh,  
a breath that passes away and does not come again.**

**Psa. 78:40, “How often they provoked Him in the  
wilderness, and grieved Him in the desert!**

**Psa. 78:41, “Yes, again and again they tempted God, and  
limited the Holy One of Israel.”**

**Also see 1 Cor. 10:1–6**

**Ex. 15:23, “Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah.**

**Ex. 15:24, “And the people complained against Moses, saying, ‘What shall we drink?’ ”**

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# The Words for “Forgive”

**ἀφίημι v. (*aphiēmi*), “let go, cancel, remit, leave, forgive”**

**ἄφεσις n. (*aphēsis*), “release, pardon, cancellation, forgiveness”**

**Emphasizes the *act* of forgiveness**

**χαρίζομαι (*charizomai*), show favour or kindness, give as a favour, to be gracious to someone, to pardon**

**Emphasizes the *attitude* underlying forgiveness**



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**ἀπολύτρωσις (*apolytrōsis*), redemption, deliverance, release**

# FOUR Categories of Forgiveness

1. Forgiveness directed toward God, where the justice of God cancels the debt of sin. For all mankind without distinction.

Col. 2:13 “And you, [when you were] dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, [*BECAUSE He cancelled*] all [the legal guilt of your] trespasses,

Col. 2:14, “having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”

# **Understanding the TWO Aspects of Forgiveness: Godward and Personal**



**Acts 13:38, “Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins;**

**Acts 13:39, “and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.”**

**Acts 26:18, “ ‘to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.’ ”**

Jesus certainly died on the cross for the sins of the world. When we believe in Him for eternal life, we also receive the forgiveness of sins. But here at GES, we are clear in proclaiming that one must specifically believe that Jesus gives eternal life. Believing in the forgiveness of sins is not the same thing.

**Believe in Jesus for the Forgiveness of Sins!**  
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