

The Seal of God

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Ephesians 4:30 ESV

All true worshipers have the seal of God on them. The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 4:11 that circumcision was a seal of the righteousness of the faith of Abraham which he had while still uncircumcised. Today believers are sealed by circumcision of the heart; the cutting away of the old man and sin nature. He writes to Timothy that God knows those who are his and has sealed them. He continues, *Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.* (2 Timothy 2:19) True worshipers depart from iniquity. They are not slaves of sin, but slaves to God. Like the 144,000 in the Revelation they have the seal of God in their foreheads (minds).

Paul also wrote to the Ephesians concerning the seal of God. *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...* (Ephesians 1:13) *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.* (Ephesians 4:30) Paul also wrote to the Corinthians, *...who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.* (2 Corinthians 1:22)

True worshipers have been given this mandate; *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.* (Romans 12:2) *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.* (Romans 8:5)

Worship is more than a time slot to be filled on Sunday morning. Worship begins before the music or preaching starts, when no one is looking. Worship is a way of life; daily giving oneself to God and his purposes. True worshipers are those who have believed on Christ for salvation. They have been sealed by the Holy Spirit as a guarantee of that salvation. Consequently they have forsaken the world's system, the works of the flesh, and live by the Spirit of God. God's laws have been written in their hearts and minds and those laws govern their behavior. A true worshiper has an intimate relationship with the Father and loves him with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Is your mind set on things of the earth? Does your life prove that you have the seal of God? Ask the Father to renew your mind that you may walk worthy of the calling by which you are called.

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Scriptures for meditation:

- Revelation 22:3-4
- Colossians 3:2
- Hebrews 10:16