

**Title:** Lock In

**Text:** Ephesians 1:13-14

**Target:** What Christ won, you can't lose!

1. **You are Completely Saved:** *"In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him,"* (Vs. 13a)
  - a. **Head Knowledge:** *"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."* (Romans 10:17)
  - b. **Heart Knowledge:** *"Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."* (Romans 10:9)

**Question:** Paul reminds us that salvation begins with hearing and believing the *word of truth* (Romans 10:17). How has God's Word personally moved you from head knowledge to heart transformation? Can you share a moment where Scripture cut through your doubts or fears?

**Question:** Romans 10:9 emphasizes confessing Jesus as Lord and believing in your heart. Where in your life do you find it easier to say you trust Jesus but harder to *truly believe and live it out*?

**Question:** Think about your journey of salvation, was there ever a time you doubted if you were truly saved? What helped anchor your faith in Christ's finished work rather than your own performance?

2. **You are Supernaturally Sealed:** *"were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it,"* (Vs. 13b)
  - a. **Marked:** *"were sealed"* (Vs. 13b)
    - i. **2 Corinthians 1:22:** *"...and who has also put His seal on us"*
    - ii. **Ephesians 4:30:** *"...by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."*
  - b. **Empowered:** *"promised Holy Spirit"* (Vs. 13b)
    - i. **John 14:26:** *"the Holy Spirit... will teach you all things"*
    - ii. **Acts 1:8:** *"you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,"*
  - c. **Indwelt:** *"who is the guarantee of our inheritance"* (Vs. 14a)
    - i. **Romans 8:11:** *"The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you..."*
    - ii. **1 Cor. 6:19:** *"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,"*
  - d. **Protected:** *"until we acquire possession of it,"* (Vs. 14b)

**Question:** Paul says we are *marked* with the Spirit (2 Corinthians 1:22, Ephesians 4:30). How does knowing you carry God's seal affect the way you view yourself when you struggle with sin, shame, or failure?

**Question:** The Spirit empowers us (Acts 1:8) and teaches us (John 14:26). Where have you experienced the Spirit's strength in your weakness, or His guidance in your confusion? Can you share honestly about a time you resisted Him?

**Question:** Romans 8:11 says the Spirit who raised Jesus lives in us. How does this truth challenge the way you face fear, temptation, or spiritual warfare? Where do you still struggle to believe you are protected and secure in Him?

**3. You are Gloriously Sent:** *"to the praise of His glory."* (Vs. 14b)

**a. You were made for Worship:** *"praise"*

i. **Psalm 150:6:** *"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!"*

ii. **Hebrews 13:15:** *"Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,"*

**b. You were called to be a Witness:** *"glory"*

i. **Matthew 5:16:** *"...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

ii. **1 Peter 2:9:** *"...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."*

**Question:** Worship is more than music... It's our response to God (Psalm 150:6, Hebrews 13:15). What is one area of your life that God is calling you to surrender as an act of praise? Be honest about where it feels costly.

**Question:** Jesus said to let your light shine so others may glorify God (Matthew 5:16). In your workplace, family, or friendships, what keeps you from being bold in your witness? How can we encourage one another to step out more?

**Question:** 1 Peter 2:9 says we are chosen to proclaim God's excellencies. What part of your story could bring hope to someone else if you were willing to share it? What fears or insecurities hold you back from testifying?

**Takeaway:** What God claims, God Keeps. That includes you!

**Challenge:** This week, commit to one intentional act of worship and one intentional act of witness. Maybe that means taking time to worship through prayer, song, or even listening to our new live album *The Crown Is Yours!* on Apple Music or Spotify! Let the lyrics lead you into His presence. For witness, consider one intentional act, whether it's generosity, serving, or sharing your testimony with someone. Let your life this week reflect the praise of His glory.

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