

AUGUST 6

**“CHOSEN BY THE FATHER,
REDEEMED BY THE SON,
SEALED BY THE SPIRIT.”**

READ

Ephesians 1:11-14, 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

We are saved by trusting in God. Like when a two-year-old jumps from the stairs to his father, your Heavenly Father calls us to trust and jump into His arms. “Sealed” is past tense. Done. A seal is a down payment. The transaction is completed. With a down payment, you can go ahead and move into the house, you can drive the car off the lot. When you believe in Jesus and are sealed, you’re His. In Scripture, a seal had a number of meanings. It was a pledge, a promise. Once a young man made a pledge to a bride, she was his. A seal indicated ownership. If a letter included the seal from your signet, it was undeniably yours. A seal was deputized power. When a slave held a seal, he was authorized to act on behalf of the one who owned him. When you are born again, He gives a pledge. He is married to you. You’re not home yet, but on your way. He imprints His particular name on you and you become His personal property. He changes you forever. You are a picked-out, raised-up child of God and He deputizes you to walk in His name and speak by His Word.

PRAY

Thank You, God, that through Your Spirit, I am sealed. Because of that seal I can live joyfully and confidently. No one can break the seal of God.

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