

# Life Group Homework

Series: Destined for Greatness in Christ

## Blessed With Eternal Security by the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:13-14

### Let's Get Started:

People always want assurances. Because the promises of men or companies are so often unreliable, we demand sworn oaths, surety bonds, guarantees, warranties—anything that will give us a greater sense of security that the product will match the promotion.

In your opening group time, ask people in the group to share if anyone has ever had an experience where they purchased something and felt confident in the guarantee or the warranty—only to go through the frustration (or maybe the nightmare) of finding out the guarantee wasn't what it was supposed to be.

### Let's Dig In:

1. When you first believed in Christ as your Savior, did you receive ALL the fullness of God's promises?  
Was your redemption complete at that time?

Yes  No  I'm not sure

(Hint: Read I Peter 1:2-4 and Romans 8:32 and see if these two passages help you answer the question)

2. Read I Corinthians 6:19 and Romans 8:9-11. What do you see revealed about the Holy Spirit and His relationship with the believer in these passages?

3. Many, if not most Christians, come to realize that there is more than one concept or biblical interpretation regarding the security you have in your salvation. What was your first understanding of your salvation being secured (you cannot lose your salvation) or not secured (it is possible to forfeit your salvation)?

4. In your own words, why doesn't everyone understand the Bible? Why doesn't it make sense to everyone? (Hint: Read I Corinthians 2:11-12, 14 to help you see the Apostle Paul's teaching on this subject)

5. Why doesn't every person who reads the Bible believe the Gospel? Why isn't every person who comes into contact with Christianity born again? (Hint: Read verse 13 of I Corinthians) How does the role of the Holy Spirit enter into the correct Biblical answer to this question?

6. One of the amazing works of the Holy Spirit is illuminated in Titus 3:5-6 as the text reads "...the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit..."

a. What is "regeneration?"

b. When does it happen? (Hint: see Ephesians 1:13)

- c. What person of the Trinity is responsible for regeneration?
  - d. What “tool” does the Holy Spirit use to open your eyes to the truth of the Gospel? (Hint: It is the same “tool” that Paul refers to in 2 Timothy 3:16).
7. Ephesians 1:13 reveals the depth of the love God has for us when we are born again, our salvation is SEALED by the Holy Spirit! Until we take full possession of our inheritance (eternal life in the presence of God), what is the significance of receiving the Holy Spirit, as it relates to our opening conversation about “guarantees?”

### **Let's Live It Out Together:**

It's been said that Christianity is a “rescue mission for desperate people.” We are redeemed possessions of God. Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, we were bought back, sinners that we were; restored, justified and transformed into the righteousness of Christ (2 Cor. 5:21).

Consider closing your group time by offering up prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving for the grace of God that has changed our lives and destination for eternity.