

**“LIVING A SEALED-UP LIFE”**



The Greek word for "sealed" means to stamp, seal up or stop, such as with a signet or private mark for security or preservation. When God's people are sealed, the stamp or imprint of Christ's character in the mind is set, which is a sign of God's approval and protection from the influence of Satan. This imprint is also the completion of the engraving of the law on the heart as promised in the new covenant. Christ's character is revealed in His law. Those who are sealed and reflect Christ's character must, by definition, also be upholding His law. (Hebrews 10:14-18, 2 Corinthians 3:3).



Revelation reveals a struggle between a beast from the sea and God's people. Those who worship the beast receive the mark of the beast in their hand or forehead and those who follow God receive the seal of God in their forehead. (Rev. 13:16, Rev. 7:3, Deut. 11:18, Is. 8:16, Dan. 7:25)



Remember, whether you are sealed or not is determined during your lifetime. The submission to the Holy Spirit and obedience to God's law must be shown while here on earth. This is the time to build character, be molded and sealed into place.



## The 144,000 “Firstfruits”

The prophecy of the Three Angels' Messages in Revelation describes a group of 144,000 who are sealed (Rev. 7, 14). The term "firstfruits" (Rev. 14:4) is used to describe those sealed, emphasizing spiritual growth. The sealing process is likened to the process of growing up like a plant, reaching maturity, and thus being ready for harvest. When a plant matures, its characteristics have been established. The time of deciding whether to be a potato or a tomato is certainly past. The height, shape, color, size and fruit reveal exactly what type of plant it is.



## Characteristics of the Sealed

- Servants of God (7:3) - They don't follow their own will, but the will of their master.
- Sealed in their foreheads (7:3) - Their mind is the focus. What and how they think is the determining factor.
- Father's name on forehead (14:1) - The way they think, or their character, is patterned after God's character.
- Not defiled with women / Virgins (14:4) - They are true to their "husband", Christ. They reject idols and have not joined with earthly powers when they contradict Christ's commands, as has the woman called Babylon and her harlot daughters (apostate churches).



## Characteristics of the Sealed Continued...

- Follow the Lamb (14:4) - They imitate Christ. They study what Christ is doing through all the various phases of His ministry and follow Him, cooperating with the process through faith. They believe He is ministering for them, and they keep their eyes focused on Him.
- No guile in mouth (14:5) - The word translated to guile means deceit, trick, or decoy. They speak straightforwardly, truthfully, and simply. The things they profess are the same things they believe and practice. They do not hide anything about their true character, and they do not misrepresent the character of Christ.



## Characteristics of the Sealed Continued...

- Without fault (14:5) - Those who are sealed are without blame or unblemished. They have stopped hiding their faults, and God has made them blameless. Their consciences are clear.
- Firstfruits (14:5) - They have grown up spiritually and their characters have reached maturity, received the latter rain, and become ready for the harvest.





## Questions To Ask Yourself:

- Can you say that you are surrendered to the Lord?
- If not, are you willing to surrender your will to Him?
- Does He have a right to expect you to surrender to Him?
- What is He asking you specifically to surrender today?
- Would you be willing to ask Him to search you & show you if anything is hidden deep down?
- Even if it is not a sin, is it part of His will for you specifically?
- What is your action step when He reveals what you need to surrender?



## Do Not:

- Hold on to it
- Justify it
- Rationalize it
- Stay in agreement with it



## A Surrendered Life

Surrendering is not easy. It can mean giving up your rights, opportunities, comforts, habits, etc.

When a General surrenders, it means defeat. He gives up all rights and liberties, but for a child of God, it means finding your life.



He wants to bless you and for you to enjoy a part of Christian life few will ever experience.

Most will never surrender but will allow disobedience to block their blessings.

What would He do if you did surrender?

What would He do in your family and those around you?



To go to new depths with Him we must do everything in our power to stay in a state of repentance & surrender to His will.

This does not mean we are perfect; it means we are willing.

We are willing to trust Him wholeheartedly, and when He says to put something down, we do it.

When He says go here or go there, we go.



Yahshua is our best example of surrender.

Yahshua's last hours of His life He said,

“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, but not my will your will be done.”

He was willing to submit to Yahweh's will.



## Grieving the Holy Spirit

“And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed until the day of redemption” (Eph. 4:30)

Those who grieve Him are referred to as “Stiff-Necked” or “Hard-Hearted” because they are prideful, stubborn, rebellious and determined to do something their own way.



## Heavenly Competition

- God and Satan are constantly vying for our love and devotion but for very different reasons.
- God sincerely loves us and wants a relationship with us.
- Satan on the other hand is incapable of love. He is the master of deception. He can offer thrilling and tantalizing experiences as a means of luring man away from God.





## Can Satan Access A Believer?

- Can Christians be demonized?
- Don't give the devil a foothold (Eph. 4:26-27; 1 Peter 5:8-9).
- Armor of God (Eph 6:11-17).
- Sanctification process (2 Cor 10:5; 2 Peter 1:3).
- Symptoms of the enemy's foothold (John 10:10; Romans 3:23).
- Things changed in the garden (Romans 6:16; Romans 8:5-8).
- Even when born again the flesh is a source of entry for evil in the believer's life (Rom. 7:21; Gal 5:16-17; Col. 1:13).



## Three Types of Demonic Strongholds:

- Lower Level - ungodly character traits, sinful indulgences
- Higher level- ungodly behavior gets deeply embedded or dedications to entities
- Generational inheritances- specific curses against person or family and deep patterns of unrepentant sin that continues through successive generations. Scripture tells us the sins of the forefathers are passed down to the third and fourth generations (Exodus 20:5; Exodus 34:7).



## Some of the Ways These Spirits Get a Foothold:

- Occult activity
- Idolatry
- Addiction
- Religion
- Legalism
- Division
- Rebellion
- Deception
- Pride
- Anger and Hate
- Blood Shedding
- Violence
- Sexual Sin
- Unforgiving Heart
- Love of the world
- Lying tongue



THE LIST WE JUST REVIEWED ARE ITEMS WE SUBSTITUTE  
IN THE PLACE OF GOD WHO CAN BRING DEEP HEALING  
TO OUR EMOTIONAL WOUNDS.



“COME OUT OF HER  
MY PEOPLE”

-REV 18:4



# WHAT IS BABYLON THE GREAT?

(2 THES 2:3; CP 11, 12, 13)



What does it mean to come out of Babylon?



BEING IN THE WORLD, NOT OF THE WORLD.





## Who Does the Bible Say We Are?

- The Believer is in the world but not of the world (John 17:11, 14).
- The “called-out ones” (ecclesia). Called out from what? Being controlled by the world, the flesh and the devil.
- Holy and set apart (Kadosh) (Lev 11:44, 45; 20:7, 26, 1 Peter 1:5, 16:2, 16:9). Set apart from what? Controlling influences of this world, flesh and the devil.
- Believers are foreigners, strangers, and pilgrims in this world. They are part of another Kingdom and sojourners passing through enroute to our eternal Kingdom (Heb 11:13, 1 Peter 2:11).
- The Saints are to be salt and light in this dark rotten world (Mathew 5:13-14). That means what they do and say is different from this world.
- Followers of Yahweh are to come out and be separated (2 Cor 6:14-17) and cannot be a friend of this world and Elohim at the same time (Jas 4:4).



## What Then Shall We Do?

- REPENT: (1 JOHN 3:4)
- HUMBLE & TURN: (2 CHRONICLES 7:14, 17, 19)
- RETURN: (JEREMIAH 6:16 ; 18:15)



## Practical Daily Ways to Start

Start	Start each day submitting your day and will to our King
Commune	Commune with Him
Dance	Dance with Him
Feed	Feed on His word
Take	Take your prayers and petitions to Him
Forgive	Forgive, repent, break vows and soul ties daily if needed



## Spiritual Boot Camp

- Be willing
- Yahshua is the perfect example on the cross
- No pain/No gain - In the pain we build muscle, skill and endurance (Rm 5:3)
- Not love our life unto death
- Nothing in common with the enemy



# The Church as a Whole

- We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against spiritual principalities
- Territorial spirits require a large number to bring down
- Stale Mate
- Protection in the commandments
- Sin is destructive, blocks Him, causes the little ones to stumble and mind control victims can't be harvested because we want to stay infants



# The Church as a Whole Continued...

- No room for lukewarmness
- Church age into Kingdom then Millennial age
- Judgment comes first to the House of the Lord
- Wheat and Tare
- Baby Christians refusing to mature



## Our Will and Authority: Two Powerful Weapons

- There is a battle over the allegiance of our Will. Satan tries to shatter our will as early as he can, that's why sexual abuse for the young is so rampant. If he can break our will he wins until a part of us responds to the redemption of Yahshua.
- Authority- scripture tells us that the earth moans and groans waiting for the sons and daughters of Elohim to know who they are. We have been given authority but rarely use it.



# Born For Such a Time as This

- In unity we will overcome.
- His love prepares us.
- This message is not for everyone but for those that would hear it because there is a group that knows the truth.





## Ephesians 6:13

“Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.”

