

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Introduction: Apostle Paul says that there is more in store for us and therefore we should focus on it as we live by the spirit.



“It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.” Romans 8:16-17 NRSV

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.” Matthew 6:19-20 NRSV

“You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.” 1 Peter 1:23

The Bible teaches that through the Holy Spirit, we have already begun to participate in the reality of heaven. Just the way the father can choose to give an inheritance to his child before he dies, so our heavenly Father has chosen to give us a portion of our inheritance before we get to heaven. The word of God tells us that this great work of God to create all things new begins not at the sound of the trumpet on the last day but began at Pentecost when God created a new humanity, a new Israel, and a new Jerusalem.

“In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.” Ephesians 1:13-14 NRSV

Key words to take into consideration:

1. **The Holy Spirit as Seal** - "Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge." 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

What does it mean to be sealed?

2. **The Holy Spirit as Guarantee** - The following are some of the verses that speak of the Holy Spirit as a guarantee of things to come:

"[God] who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." 2 Corinthians 1:22

"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, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory." Ephesians 1:13-14

The language being used in these verses is the language of the marketplace.

Conclusion: The Holy Spirit is more than just our Helper while we walk through this difficult life. The Holy Spirit gives a signal of what is yet to come. The Holy Spirit gives us an appetite for spiritual things that are yet to come. All these are just a taste of inheritance that is yet to come.