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Inheritance Guaranteed – Eph 1:11-14

An Inheritance Obtained (vs. 11-12)

- ***In Him we have obtained an inheritance...***
 - To become an heir, receive the promise of an inheritance
 - See OT example: 7 of the tribes received their portion of the promised land by lot...
Joshua 13:6,7; 18:6-10

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- ***In Him we have obtained an inheritance...***
- ***...according to His purpose and will***
- ***...for the praise of His glory***
 - For what purpose? To what end?
See vs. 6, 12, 14
 - He gets all the praise and glory He deserves, we get all the benefits we do not deserve!

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- ***In Him we have obtained an inheritance...***
- ***...according to His purpose and will***
- ***...for the praise of His glory***
- ***...we ... and you also***
 - See the ‘mystery’ of God bringing all things together in Christ – vs. 10
 - We Jews in Christ and you Gentiles in Christ are not two but one: the Church of Jesus Christ
See Eph 2:11-19; 3:6.
 - What grace! What privilege! Fellow heirs!

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An Inheritance Assured (vs. 13-14)

- The best, and most, of our spiritual inheritance is ‘there and then,’ yet absolutely certain! See **I Pet 1:3,4 & Eph 1:13,14**.
- The Holy Spirit Himself is our guarantee
Signed, sealed, delivered – I’m yours!

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An Inheritance Assured (vs. 13-14)

- **Seal** = proof of origin and ownership

See **II Cor 1:21,22**

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come!

See also **Eph 4:30**

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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- **Seal** = proof of origin and ownership
- **Down payment** = an initial payment given as a guarantee that the rest will later be paid in full

See **II Cor 1:21,22**

...a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come!

See also **II Cor 5:5**

He who has prepared us for this very thing [Heaven] is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

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Ephesians 1:11-17

Inheritance Guaranteed!

- The security of the believer: precious, encouraging, humbling and motivating.
- It makes us neither smug nor self-satisfied, but rather sober and dependent.
- We do not swell with pride, but sing with praise; we are not filled with arrogance, but overwhelmed with awe.