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Kept: The Guarantee of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:13-14

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[13]In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, [14]who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory. —Ephesians 1:13-14

God's Spirit is the active agent in both God's revelation of Himself to the world and His work of salvation in us.

The Holy Spirit…

1. Validates God's _____

[1]Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, [2]and by which you are being saved… [3]For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4]that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
—1 Corinthians 15:1-2a, 3-4

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. —Hebrews 4:12

[16]And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, [17]even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. —John 14:16-17

[26]But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me. [27]And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.
—John 15:26-27

[8]And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: [9]concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; [10]concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; [11]concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged… [13]When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. —John 16:8-11, 13

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2. Authenticates New _____

[9]You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. —Romans 8:9

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
—2 Corinthians 5:17

"It is the Holy Spirit who brings the knowledge of God; it is the Holy Spirit who enables us to cope with life and not collapse; it is the Holy Spirit who tells us what to do and gives us strength to do it. The Holy Spirit both shows us God's will and enables us to do it." —William Barclay

3. Guarantees Our _____

[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4]to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, [5]who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. —1 Peter 1:3-5

4. Manifests God's _____

He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. —John 16:14

Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created. —Revelation 4:11

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