

THE MEANING OF THE SEALING

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1. The Bible speaks about a sealing in the last days. Rev. 7:1-4.

2. What is a seal? We are told:

“Particularly an instrument for sealing, a signet, signet-ring... A seal as impressed upon letters or books for the sake of privacy and security... Also a seal impressed as a guarantee for something’s genuineness... as a motto, inscription... Figuratively a promissory token, pledge, proof...” Spiros Zodhiates, The complete Word study Dictionary New Testament, pg. 1352.

3. A seal testifies of something, thus it is a sign or emblem of something. Rom. 4:11.

4. Jesus was sealed or authenticated as the Saviour by the Father. Jn. 6:27.

5. Because God did not give to Him (as to us) the Holy Spirit in measure. Jn. 3:34, 35.

6. There are two types of sealing. They are:

a. **Stamp sealing.**

b. **Settling Sealing.**

7. Stamp Sealing is the imprinting of God’s Nature of love in the mind of the penitent person by the gift of the Holy Spirit at justification. (Eph. 1:13; Gal. 3:7-9, 14; Gal. 4:6).

8. When it is said that God sealed us, it means that He has stamped His Nature in us by the gift of the Spirit. 2 Cor. 1:22.

9. Thus it is the Holy Spirit that “sealed” or authenticated the convert as truly an heir of God. Eph. 1:13, 14.

10. And our stamp sealing continues until the very day of redemption when all our past sins are to be blotted out. Eph. 4:30.

11. Settling Sealing is a maturing or settling into the character of Christ and the Nature of God. (Rev. 7:1-4; Rev. 14:1-5).

12. In understanding what **Settling Sealing** is all about, we are told that it is an intellectual and spiritual settling into the truth so that one cannot be removed.

“Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads —it is not any seal or

mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved— just as soon as God’s people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come.” Ellen G, White, 4 Bible Commentary, pg. 1161.

13. It is the latter rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit that gives the settling sealing to God’s people.

“When the decree (the National Sunday Law) goes forth, and the stamp is impressed, their character will remain pure and spotless for eternity.” Ellen G. White, Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, pg. 216.

“As wax takes the impression of the seal, so the soul is to take the impression of the Spirit of God and retain the image of Christ.” Ellen G, White, 7 Bible Commentary, pg. 970.

14. It is the 144,000 alone of the church— Spiritual Israel— that is to be sealed. (Rev. 7:4; Ps. 73:1; Gal. 6:15, 16).

15. A seal has three very important components to it. They are:

- a. The name of the owner of the seal.
- b. His authority to rule.
- c. His domain.

16. All three specifications are met in the Seventh-day Sabbath. Ex. 20:8-11.

17. The 144,000 are sealed with God’s name (YHWH) in their foreheads. (Rev. 7:4; Rev. 14:1).

18. The Sabbath is the sign of YHWH, God’s name, thus it is the seal of God. (Eze. 20:20; Ps. 83:18).

“The sign, or seal, of God is revealed in the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, the Lord’s memorial of creation. {Ex. 31:12, 13 quoted}. Here the Sabbath is clearly designated as a sign between God and His people.” Ellen G. White, Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 8, pg. 117.

19. The sealing is an intellectual and spiritual settling into the truth so that one cannot be moved.

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20. Thus the latter rain of the Holy Spirit of truth intellectually convinces the spiritual rational that God alone is God and thus He alone is to be worshiped forsaking all false gods. (Jam.

5:7, 8; Pro. 22:17-21; Isa. 45:5, 6; Isa. 46:6, 9); 1 Chr. 17:20.

21. But it also spiritually settles the person in obedience to the Law of God so as to not turn away to disobedience ever. (Rev. 22:11; 1 Jn. 3:19; Rom. 13:8-10; 1 Thess. 1:5; Isa. 32:17).
22. Thus we need to be sure that we overcome falling back into sin by use of the early rain, so that we may receive the latter rain to be sealed.

“Now is the time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God—candidates for heaven.” Ellen G. White, Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, pg. 216.

23. When we receive the seal of God we are sure of protection from God during the time of trouble, because we reflect the image of Jesus fully.

“Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully.” Ellen G. White, Early Writings, pg. 71.

24. To receive the seal of God, we must take advise to deal with our characters (wrong habits), to ensure we remain sinless.

“Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.” Ellen G. White, Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, pg. 214.

25. No planning of sin and acting it out must be done, only the overcomers receive the seal of the living God.

“Those that overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, will be the favored ones who shall receive the seal of the living God. Those whose hands are not clean, whose hearts are not pure, will not have the seal of the living God. Those who are planning sin and acting it will be passed by. Only those who, in their attitude before God, are filling the position of those who are repenting and confessing their sins in the great antitypical day of atonement, will be recognized and marked as worthy of God’s protection.” Ellen G. White, Testimonies for Ministers and Gospel Workers, pg. 445.

26. In a final summary, the sealing is to accomplish the following objectives.

- a. To settle the 144,000 intellectually and spiritually into the truth irremovable.
- b. To settle the fact that God alone is God in the experience.

- c. To fit God's people for fierce persecution.
- d. To prepare the 144,000 to pass sinless and unharmed through the time of trouble.
- e. To ensure the protection of God for the 144,000.

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