

Blessed Assurance: The Holy Spirit's Ministry (Eph 1: 11-14) Part I

I. God's Past Faithfulness (1:11,12)

A. The Passion and Heart of God (11:a)

B. The Purpose of God (11b)

C. To the Praise & Glory of God (12)

II. God's Present Faithfulness (13)

A. The Broadness of the New Covenant (1:13a)

B. Extending His Great Mercy (1:13b)

1. The big picture

2. Great mercy

3. The Greater plan

i. *A heavenly perspective places us at odds with the secular world*

ii. *A heavenly perspective places us at odds with a personal world*

III. The Holy Spirit's Great Faithfulness (vv.13-14)

Holy Spirit is the deposit seal marking as God

Holy Spirit is the deposit and seal reminding us the redemption to come

Holy Spirit: first evidence of God's full grandeur and purpose in our lives

How does the Spirit mark us? By what sign do we know we have him?

Vs 13 'having believed' The Holy Spirit gives us a heart to believe God.

Without the Holy Spirit we would not continue believing the Gospel