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The Fifth Wind

Part 3: ***How are you sealed?***

There are two parts to the seal of God in life: The first part is an event, the second a process. Let me explain:

When you surrender your life to the Saviour, there is an immediate acceptance of your life (justification). It happened the moment you knelt in contrition and gave your life to Jesus. Instantly, a mystical link was formed and you became a child of God. At that moment you were sealed with the seal of promise and the kingdom of heaven became a part of you.

Listen to this amazing statement:

“When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of a new heart. A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for himself. It is a supernatural work, bringing a supernatural element into human nature. The soul that is yielded to Christ becomes His own fortress, which He holds in a revolted world. A soul thus kept in possession by the heavenly agencies is impregnable to the assaults of Satan.” (More on this statement next week)

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The four winds of strife may blow and decimate the world, but God's people are sheltered under the shadow of his wings, just as Adam and Eve were surrounded by the aura of God's love. The seal of God upon His people is really the signature of heaven that contains in its nucleus the promise of His very character. It is that lost robe of righteousness, now freely given back to you. Christ takes possession of your heart and you are held in this sin-sick world as an adopted child of God.

If there is one thing you can do this year, if there is one gift you can give back to Jesus, let it be the gift of praise for the unfathomable love of heaven. Ponder this thought for a moment: God chose you and wooed you and brought you to Himself. If you have given your heart and soul to Jesus then you are a child of the King. Praise him from the rooftops this year! The gift of heaven was poured out for you, the unworthy sinner, for you the struggling soul, lost in this wilderness of sin. For you, the struggling Christian, trying, trying, but never quite measuring up. The gift of love is for you.

Next week: Part 4: God's Process of Restoration

Blessings, Ken Crawford

