

IDENTITY CRISIS: SEALED BY THE SPIRIT

Ephesians 1:11-14

VS. 11

If you are in Christ, you are an heir (See 1 Pet. 1:3-9)
“We were chosen/made heirs”

* May be translated “We were made His inheritance”
See Deut. 32:9; Isa. 19:25
Hebr. “a possession to which one
has received the legal claim.”
Both are true!



VS. 12

If you are in Christ, your salvation is to the praise of His
glory (the display of His character)

Eph. 2:8-9

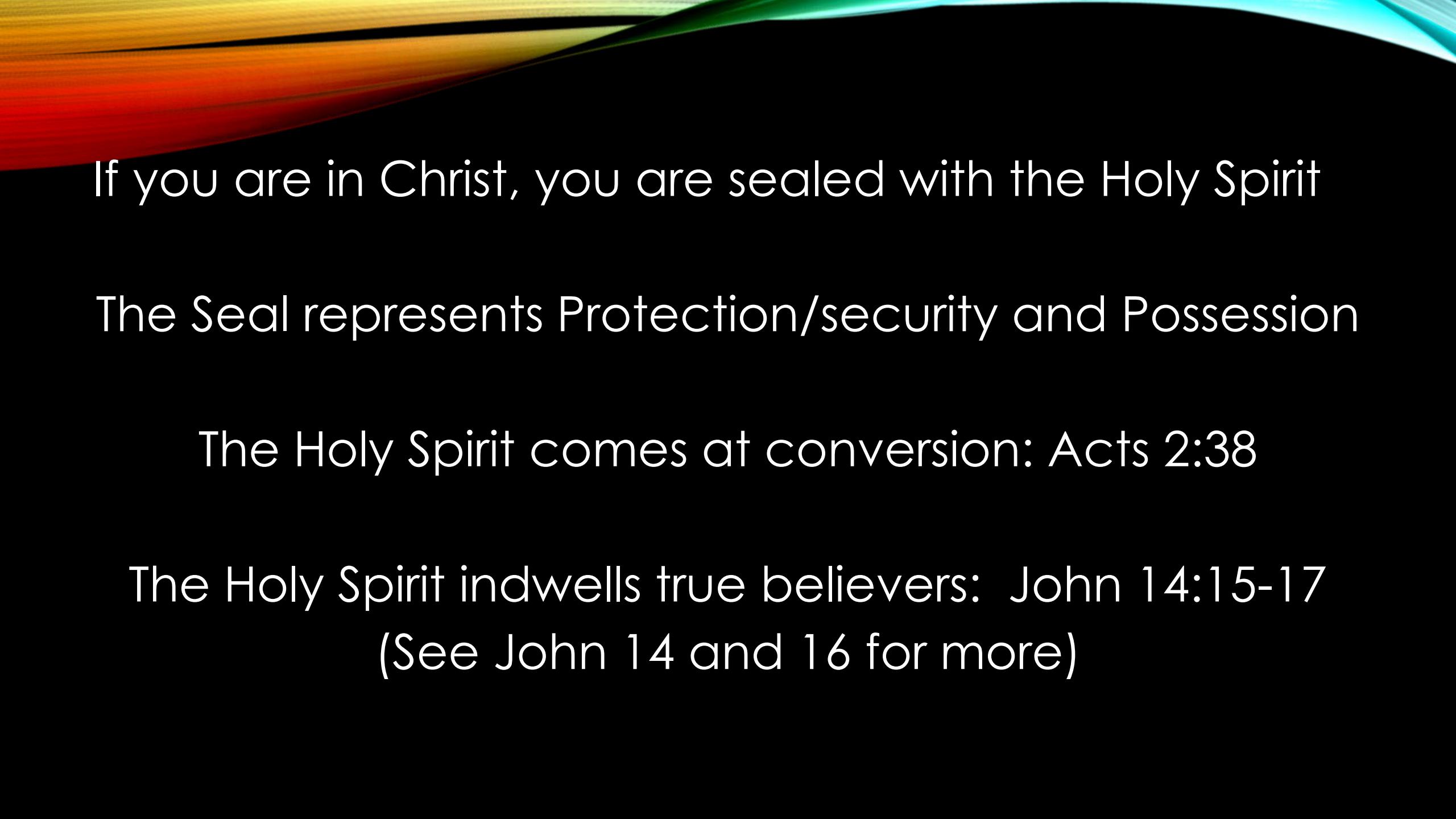


VS. 13

If you are in Christ, it's the result of you hearing the word of truth and trusting (believing)

Consider Romans 10:13-17

See also John 6:28-29



If you are in Christ, you are sealed with the Holy Spirit

The Seal represents Protection/security and Possession

The Holy Spirit comes at conversion: Acts 2:38

The Holy Spirit indwells true believers: John 14:15-17
(See John 14 and 16 for more)



VS. 14

If you are in Christ, the Holy Spirit serves as your guarantee (deposit, down-payment) of inheritance, incl. salvation

Blessed assurance, given to us in this life to assure us of what is yet to come. What a good, good Father!

1 John 5:13



If you are in Christ, you are secure in Him

John 10:27-29

Romans 8:28-30, 31-39



PS. 116:7

“Be at rest;
be at rest once more, O my soul,
for the Lord has been good.

Be at rest;
be at rest once more, O my soul,
O my soul, be at rest once more
for the Lord has been good to you.”

- Steve Green