**A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS: THE WEALTH AND WALK OF A BELIEVER**

*“The Blessing of the Spirit”*

*Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

* **The Holy Spirit is the seal of my salvation. (Eph. 1:13)**
* **A seal signifies authenticity. (Rom. 8:16)**

*Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

* By His **fruit**. (Gal. 5:22-23)

*Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*

*23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

* By His **conviction**. (Jn. 16:8)

*John 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

Conviction – the prompting that what you did was wrong and you need to change!

-It begins with a full understanding of the holiness of God (Is. 6:1-5)

-It points us to understand that what we have done is “against God” (Ps. 51:4)

*Psalm 51:4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, And done this evil in thy sight:*

* By His **teaching**. (Jn. 14:26; I Cor. 2:12-14)

*John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

*1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

*13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

*14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

* By His **sanctification**. (II Thess. 2:13)

*2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*

* **A seal signifies security or inalterability. (Matt. 27:62-66; Esther 3:8-12)**