

## *Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

### **Study Aid for the Sermon from October 23, 2011 Eternally Secure Ephesians 1:13-14**

#### **Observing the text**

What do the Scriptures say about the relationship between "hearing" and "believing" (Ephesians 1:13; Romans 10:14–17; Acts 2:37, 38; 17:2–4; 18:8; Mark 4:20)?

When did the indwelling ministry of the "promised Holy Spirit" begin (see John 14:16ff; Acts 1:5; 2:4, 17, 34)? And at what point does the Holy Spirit enter a person's life?

Why does Paul think that the Holy Spirit is important to the life of the church (see Ephesians 1:13, 14; 2:18, 22; 3:5; 4:3, 4, 30; 5:18; 6:17, 18)?

If the Holy Spirit is the guarantee or down payment of our heavenly inheritance (1 Peter 1:3–5), how should we thus live? How should this blessed truth kindle praise in our hearts to God?

#### **Applying the sermon**

If you have heard and believed in the Gospel, then you are sealed by the promised Holy Spirit. In general, why do believers need the Holy Spirit?

When do believers need assurance that they are in fact saved? Who in your life may be going through a difficult time who you can pray for and encourage with the blessed promises of God in Christ?

How should we respond to the fact that we are guaranteed eternal security by God and kept until the final day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30)? Knowing that the Holy Spirit is a foretaste of things to come, how should this influence our hope of eternity knowing that the Holy Spirit is a foretaste of things to come?

How is it that God gets glory through keeping believers saved until the end? How would you explain this concept to another believer?