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## Day 2: Ephesians 1:7-14 Sealed For Redemption

Why do you place a down payment on a house? Who benefits the most from that down payment? Why?

**Read 2 Corinthians 1:20-22.** Where do all the promises of God find their fulfillment? Who has established you with Christ? What role does Paul emphasize that the Holy Spirit plays here?

How does the knowledge that the Holy Spirit is our down payment provide assurance to the believer? (Think about that down payment on the house...who benefitted most from that?)

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19.** How does Paul describe the work of reconciliation here? What is it? Who performs it? Why is this important?

**Read Colossians 1:19-20.** What procured peace? Who was this peace between?

**Read 1 Peter 1:3-5.** How were you born again? What were you born again to? Through what? What type of inheritance are you promised? Who guards us? Who keeps that inheritance set aside for us?

**Read Colossians 1:11-14.** What does Paul pray for the saints? Why should we give thanks to the Father? What "transportation" has He provided for us? What do we have in His Son?

**Read Colossians 3:23-24.** Why should we work hard? Who are we actually serving?

As you spend time with God today, thank God for providing what you could not: namely, salvation. Thank Him for His mercy in providing His Son to reconcile and redeem us, even before we knew we needed to be reconciled to God! Thank Him for His mercy in staying His hand and not pouring out His wrath upon mankind, and pray for those who do not yet know Him, that they would come to Him. Thank Him for His Holy Spirit who points us to Christ

always, who teaches and guides us, and who points us to the reality that we do have an eternal inheritance that cannot be taken from us, if we are truly followers of Him. Thank Him for the grace that He shows to you daily, and ask Him to help you to be more aware of His grace and not take it for granted, even amidst trials and suffering. Thank Him, also, for the continuing work of sanctification that the Holy Spirit is doing in your life, knowing that it is all for your good and for His glory.