

Talk 4: The Spirit of Assurance

Bible Readings

Ephesians 1:13-14

Hebrews 6:1-12

Intro

The Spirit of Assurance

- Sealed with the Spirit
(Eph 1:13-14, 4:30; Rom 8:9-16; 2 Cor 1:21-22)
- Other words of assurance
(John 6:37-41, John 17:12, Phil 1:6)

Not all is as it seems

- Parable of the sower (Matt 13:18-23)
- Didn't we cast out demons (Matt 7:21-23)
- They went out from us
1 John 2:19; 2 Cor 11:13-14; 2 Tim 2:15-19)

Some serious warnings — the grace of God

- Crucifying the Son of God all over again (Heb 4:4-6)
- If you continue in your faith (Col 1:21-23)

Ephesians 1:13-14 New International Version (NIV)

¹³And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

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6 Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death,^(a) and of faith in God,² instruction about cleansing rites,^(b) the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³And God permitting, we will do so. ⁴It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age ⁶and who have fallen^(c) away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace. ⁷Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. ⁸But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned. ⁹Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are convinced of better things in your case—the things that have to do with salvation.¹⁰ God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. ¹¹We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. ¹²We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

Footnotes:

[Hebrews 6:1](#) Or from useless rituals

[Hebrews 6:2](#) Or about baptisms

[Hebrews 6:6](#) Or age, ⁶ if they fall