

THE STUDY OF LAST DAY EVENTS

THE SEAL OF GOD

When one hears the subject “The Seal of God” everyone either looks baffled or sure with confidence as though they know the whole story. To tell you the truth, the world does not yet have a clue about this matter. Even Seventh-day Adventist are at times misled at the sealing process. They think it only involves the Seventh day Sabbath. But tonight, we want to fully understand the sealing process. When will it take place? How will it happen? What is the sealing? When will it end? We will try to answer these questions tonight.

A. What is the definition of Sealing?

1. Dictionary - _____

2. The Greek word for sealed is [sphragis](#); which means to stamp (with a signet or private mark, for security or preservation (literally or figuratively); to seal up.

3. Who does Jesus’ point to, to oversee the sealing process? John 6:2

B. Who is the active agent in the sealing process?

1. Eph. 1:13 _____

2. “Christ’s visible presence was about to withdrawn from the disciples, but a new endowment of the power was to be theirs. The Holy Spirit was to be given them in its fullness, sealing them for their work.” AA 30

C. What causes the Holy Spirit to be grieved?

1. Eph. 4:31 _____

1. “Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement.” 5T 214

2. What is the Holy Spirit looking for in us to have his sealing power over us? Eph. 4:32

D. What is God doing now for the seal to be placed on His people?

1. Rev. 7:1 – 4 _____

2. “The sealing time is very short and will soon be over. Now is the time, while the four angels are holding the four winds, to make our calling and election sure.” EW 58

3. “Satan is now using every device in this sealing time to keep the minds of God's people from the present truth, and to cause them to waver. I saw a covering that God was drawing over His people to protect them in the time of trouble... and every 11the covering of the Almighty.” EW 43

3. “When this time of trouble comes, every case is decided; there is no longer probation, no longer mercy for the impenitent. The seal of the living God is upon His people.” 5T 213

E. Are there conditions to the sealing process?

1. 1John 3:2 _____

2. “The Christ-like character is the mark“Many are called, but few are chosen." Many hear the invitation of mercy, are tested and proved; but few are sealed with the seal of the living God. Few will humble themselves as a little child, that they may enter the kingdom of heaven.” 5T 50

3. “No sin can be tolerated in those who shall walk with Christ in white. The filthy garments are to be removed, and Christ's robe of righteousness is to be placed upon us. By repentance and faith we are enabled to render obedience to all the commandments of God, and are found without blame before Him. Those who shall meet the approval of God are now afflicting their souls, confessing their sins, and earnestly pleading for pardon through Jesus their Advocate” 5T 472

F. What is the Seal of God?

1. Two things may be called a “seal”: (1) the instrument that is used for stamping a mark: and (2) the mark itself.
2. The instrument itself.
It is in with the law of God as a whole. The fourth commandment that bears the inscription of the Lawgiver’s name, title, and authority. The law and the Sabbath reflect the perfection of God and the transforming work of His spirit.
3. Exodus 31:9, 13, 16, 17 The Sabbath is the sign to point to the true children of God
4. The seal of God can be interpreted as the mark itself, or as the result of applying the instrument to a document, is a character like that of Christ, the divine perfection reflected in the life of the child of God.

G. What will the seal do for me?

1. Eph 4:30 _____

2. “Those that overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, will be the favored ones who shall receive the seal of the living God. Those whose hands are not clean, whose hearts are not pure, will not have the seal of the living God. Those who are planning sin and acting it will be passed by. Only those who, in their attitude before God, are filling the position of those who are repenting and confessing their sins in the great anti-typical Day of Atonement, will be recognized and marked as worthy of God's protection.” TM 445
3. “I saw that many do not realize what they must be in order to live in the sight of the Lord without a High Priest in the sanctuary, through the time of trouble. Those who receive the seal of the living God, and are protected in the time of trouble, must reflect the image of Jesus fully.” EW 71

The sealing, a spiritual process invisible to human eyes, is now under way and will be finished soon, at the close of probation. As it relates to individuals, the sealing work begins for each Christian on the day of his/her conversion and ends for him at the close of probation. This work, accomplished by the angels of God and the Holy Spirit, consists of writing the principles of the divine law in the life of every submissive soul.