***I am Signed, Sealed, Delivered***

*(Good News about Tattoos)*

Ephesians 1:13-14

**Good News: A Sinner Can Become a Saint!**

* SIGNED: Call-and-response changes me from sinner to saint.

**Romans 10:14-15 (NIV)**
14  How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15  And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

*Who “preached” Jesus to you? To whom are you “preaching” Jesus?*

**John 1:12 (NIV)**
Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

**John 11:25-26 (NIV)**
25  Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26  and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

**John 20:31 (NIV)**
But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

* SEALED: I have the “Mark of the Feast.”

**2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (NIV)** (See also 2 Corinthians 5:5.)
21  Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, 22  *set his seal of ownership on us*, and put his Spirit in our hearts as *a deposit, guaranteeing* what is to come.

* DELIVERED: I have a guaranteed eternal inheritance.

*Who is the beneficiary of the guarantee? Who is the guarantor?*

***God has paid mightily for his possession and will not give it up.*** *While we sometimes (understandably) ponder whether we might lose our salvation, God assures us that he will not lose his possession.*

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**1 Peter 1:3-5 (NIV)**
3  Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4  and into *an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade*--kept in heaven for you, 5  who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

**Why a Sinner Becomes a Saint**

(a.k.a. *The Purpose-Driven Life*)

*Life has value only when it has something valuable as its object*.

Hegel, German philosopher, 1770-1831

*How am I bringing glory to God? Who praises God because of me?*

*How can I know I have received the Spirit of God?*

**Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NIV)**
26  I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27  And *I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws*.

**Galatians 5:19-23 (NIV)**
19  The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20  idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21  and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.
22  But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23  gentleness and self-control.