A misty, teal-toned landscape featuring mountains and a lake. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with the mountains and trees reflected in the calm water. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of blue and green, creating a serene and ethereal mood.

# Knowing Christ

Bought with a Price



## Fresh Start

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Philippians 3:13** Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

## Understanding Faith and Unbelief

➤ Cause of unbelief:

1. Word of God not abiding in them.
2. Love of God not abiding in them.

➤ Source of faith:

1. Word of God is abiding in you.
2. Love of God is abiding in you.

- *Note: the love of God abides in a person because the Holy Spirit abides within them.*

## Abiding Spirit and Word

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 5:17** So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> ... but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Colossians 3:16** Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Timothy 1:13** Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

## Centrality of the Spirit

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 5:5** and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 3:16** Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 4:6** And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love ...
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 John 4:13** By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **2 Corinthians 1:22** [God] set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

## New Covenant

- **NAS Ezekiel 36:26** "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> "And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. <sup>28</sup> "And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.
- **NIV 2 Corinthians 1:20** For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. <sup>21</sup> Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, <sup>22</sup> set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

## Bought by Christ

- **NAS Hebrews 9:14** how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? <sup>15</sup> And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
- **NAS 1 Peter 1:18** knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

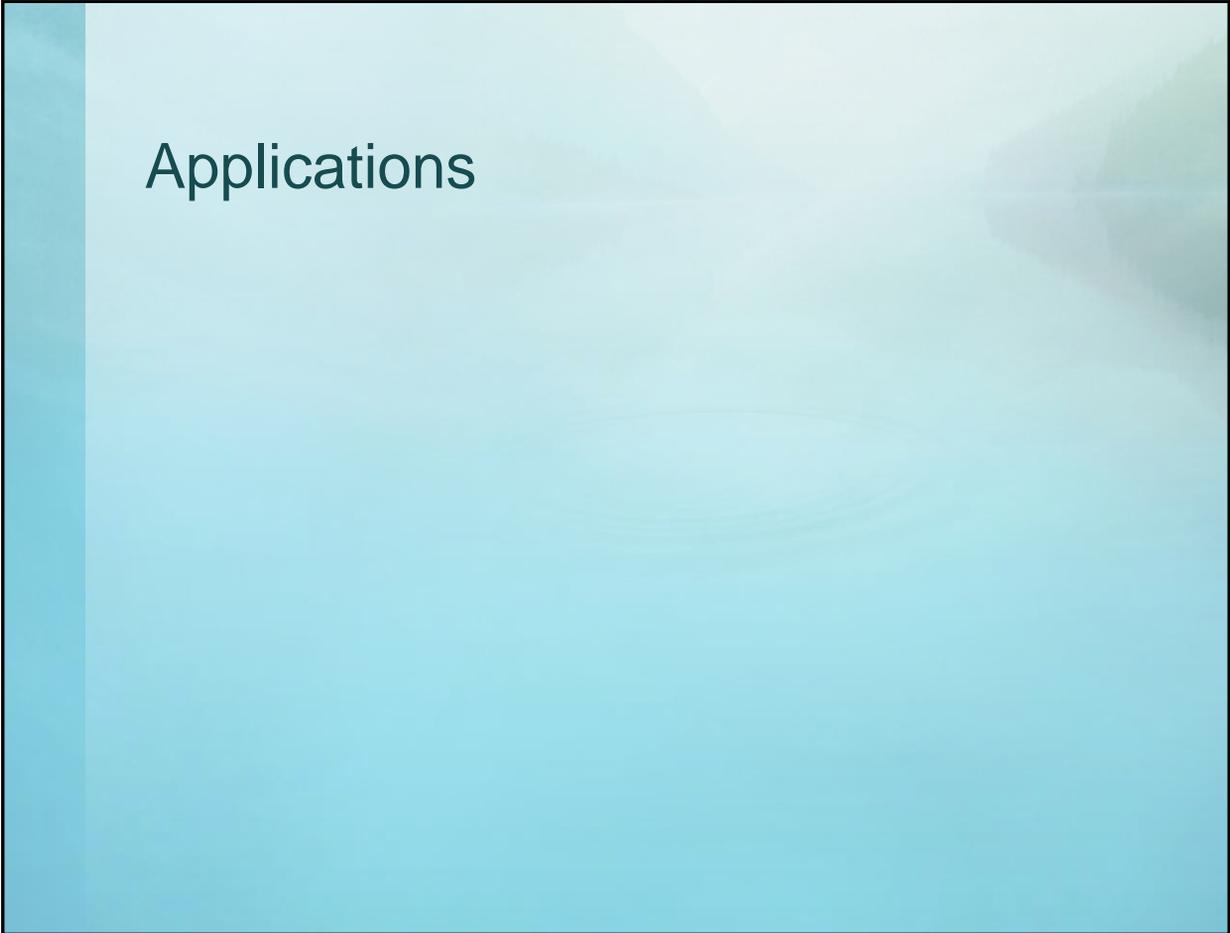
## Sealed by the Spirit

- **NIV 2 Corinthians 1:21** Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, <sup>22</sup> set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.
- **NIV Ephesians 1:13** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-- to the praise of his glory.
- **NIV Ephesians 4:30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

## Significance

- “Thus the presence of the Spirit is both the evidence that salvation has come and the guarantee of our inheritance, of our sharing in the final glory of God through Christ.”

➤ *Gordon Fee*



# Applications

## Our Obligation

- **NAS 1 Corinthians 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.
- **NAS 1 Corinthians 10:31** Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
- **NAS Matthew 5:16** "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- **NAS 1 Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

## Our Confidence

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Psalms 124:7** We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Philippians 4:4** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

## Our Hope

- <sup>NIV</sup> **Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Philippians 4:11** Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. <sup>12</sup> I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

# Conclusions

## Bought Now

- **NIV 2 Corinthians 1:20** For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. <sup>21</sup> Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, <sup>22</sup> set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

## Bought Forever

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 8:31** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?...  
<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?...<sup>37</sup> But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.