

Forever Marked

The Mark of God

God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us the inheritance He promised and that He has purchased us to be His own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify Him. Ephesians 1:1-14 (NLT)

God's "mark" (tattoo) on a believer = The Holy Spirit

Jesus said...I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive Him, because it isn't looking for Him and doesn't recognize him. But you know Him, because He lives with you now and later will be in you. John 14:16-17 (NLT)

What God's Mark (The Holy Spirit) says...

1. It tells God who I am.

...And when you believed in Christ, He identified you as **His own** by giving you the Holy Spirit... **Ephesians 1:13 (NLT)**

2. It tells me who I am.

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Romans 8:16 (NIV)

3. It tells other believers who I am.

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 1 Corinthians 12:13 (NIV)

4. It tells Satan who I am.

But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. 1 John 4:4 (NLT)

How to get "Inked" by God:

Believe in, accept <u>Jesus Christ</u> as your Savior and Lord, and receive Him.

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Going deeper on your own. Read Ephesians 1:1-14 slowly and out loud. Read John 16:5-15 and answer the following questions. Who is the Holy Spirit? What is His role in the life of a believer? (Make a list) Now, read Ephesians 1:13-14. When do we receive the Holy Spirit?