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WHAT IS THE SEAL OF GOD?

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1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will identify what the seal of God is, what is the sealing experience, and who seals us. This topic is debated among present and former Seventh-day Adventists.
2. **Current Event:** Is Ellen White a False Prophet? (Ft. Sydney Poeira) | Christopher Mindanao
[YouTube.com/watch?v=Rhat31LUwuA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rhat31LUwuA)
3. Let us read Revelation 7:1-3. Why has God not yet let released the winds of strife upon the earth?

4. **Note:** What is the seal of God? It is the seventh-day Sabbath. Let us confirm this fact by studying how the word "seal" is often used in the Bible. The number in the Greek of the Strong's Concordance for 'seal' is 4973 and it means "a signet; by implication the stamp impressed as a mark of privacy or genuineness." In the natural sense, a seal is similar to a stamp that validates or authenticates a document. In a spiritual sense, when God seals His people it validates them as His, and they choose to only obey His words. A literal seal that is used to authenticate a document, has three primary parts: namely, the notary's name, title, and territory.
5. Which scripture shows us that a seal has three primary parts? Identify the parts. Esther 3:12, 13; Esther 8:8-10; 1 Kings 21:8 and then verse 1

6. Since God will seal His people before He returns, and they must have His seal, in order to be saved, which scripture shows us where we can find God's seal?

7. Which of God's Ten Commandments has the three parts of a seal? Give the scripture and name the three parts.

8. Notice that the seal of God, which is placed upon God's faithful in the last days, is in contrast to the mark of the beast which is placed upon the wicked (Revelation 13:16-17; Revelation 14:9-10). In that time period when the mark of the beast is enforced, how will God identify His faithful people? Revelation 14:12; Revelation 12:17

9. **Note:** It is clear that the Sabbath is the seal of God. Just because you attend church on Saturday and profess to keep the sabbath, does that mean you will be saved by default? What do these professors of sabbath-keeping lack based on the quotation? James 1:22 **No; they did not have corresponding works just theoretical knowledge**

Not all who profess to keep the Sabbath will be sealed. There are many even among those who teach the truth to others who will not receive the seal of God in their foreheads. They had the light of truth, they knew their Master's will, they understood every point of our faith, but they had not corresponding works. These who were so familiar with prophecy and the treasures of divine wisdom should have acted their faith. They should have commanded their households after them, that by a well-ordered family they might present to the world the influence of the truth upon the human heart. {5T 213.2}
10. What is the observing of God's Sabbath a sign of? Ezekiel 20:12

11. The sabbath is a sign that God wants to sanctify us. In what condition does He want to preserve us until His second coming?
1 Thessalonians 5:23

12. Which scripture shows us the experience of the people who are being sealed by Jesus?

13. Here is the quotation being referenced in the video clip.

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. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. {5T 214.2}

14. Who preserves us blameless until the second coming? 1 Thessalonians 5:24; Jude 24

15. Write down some scriptures which teach that we also have a role to play in getting victory over sin.

16. By whom and with whom are we sealed? Ephesians 4:30; Ephesians 1:13

17. **Important Note:** Not only does the Holy Spirit seal us (settle us into the truth and stamp God's character upon us), but we are also filled with and sealed with the Holy Spirit! It is the Holy Spirit's abiding presence in our hearts that aids us to keep the commandments and prevents us from sinning so that we are declared holy by Jesus. (*Further study: Notice that Ephesians 4:22-32 show us the sins that we put off so that we do not grieve the Holy Spirit.*)

18. Let us now show a few examples in scripture which prove that the receiving the seal of God is connected to getting victory over sin. What things were the Jews supposed to finish before the end of the 70 weeks prophecy in order to seal up the vision? Daniel 9:24

19. **Note:** Before the end of the 70 weeks prophecy, the Jews were supposed to finish transgression, reconcile with God, and do righteousness or else, their probation would close as God's chosen people to evangelize the world! The result was they crucified Jesus in 31 AD, kept on being rebellious towards God, and sealed their fate by stoning Stephen in 34 AD. They were allotted time to get victory over sin, and they chose not to. This is an example of the sealing experience in the last days.

20. What words will Jesus say concerning every person's record, just before He closes probation and returns? Revelation 22:11, 12

21. We have already established that the seal of God is connected to getting victory over sin. How is Job described by God in Job 1:1, 8?

22. Job had every earthly support cut off from him in chapters 1-2. This is because Satan wanted to prove to God that Job only worshiped Him because of temporal blessings. What did Job do after losing all his substance? Job 1:20

a) During Job's time of trouble, what is said of him? Job 1:22; Job 2:10

- b) **Note:** The controversy between the seal of God and the mark of the beast is over worship. Job's life is a type of what God's faithful people will experience in the last days: he went through a time of trouble but did not sin and was declared perfect and upright by God!

23. Notice this principle that we can learn from a biblical seal. What could not be done once a document was sealed? Esther 8:8; Daniel 6:17

24. What is the seal of God also called? Romans 4:11

25. What must a person do, in order to be declared clean and righteous by Jesus? 1 John 1:9; Psalm 32:1-5

26. **Note:** The sinner must believe that Jesus declares him righteous once he sincerely confesses and forsakes sin. The justified person must now believe that Jesus can keep him from returning into sin. Additionally, the justified person must choose to follow God's words and commune with Jesus daily. See James 4:7, 8; Jude 24; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

27. **Further Study:** To recap, the seal of God is keeping the seventh-day sabbath and getting victory over sin by being filled with the Holy Spirit who settles us into truth so that we never choose to sin again. Remember that a seal has three parts: name, title, and territory. Read how receiving God's seal practically applies to our lives.

God's name is Jesus Christ: His people must not just profess to be Christians, but live like Christians. See Philippians 2:3-8; Galatians 5:19-23.

God's title is Creator: His people must not only believe that Jesus created humanity, but that He wants to create in them a clean heart. See Psalm 51:1-19.

God's territory is the world and its inhabitants: His people must believe that they are not their own, but have been bought with a price and must therefore glorify God in their bodies and spirits. See 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.