

# DIGDEEPER

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Ephesians 1:13-14 ([Listen](#))  
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## THE BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit is not a resource to be accessed, an emotional experience, or a genie in a lamp to do our bidding as needed. Rather, he is the eternal, personal God to whom we belong. He dwells in us to keep, lead, convict, and comfort us as we do the work of making Jesus known.

**START A CONVERSATION** (Use this to begin a Conversation that Matters with your kids, co-workers, spouse, or someone in line at the grocery store. Then, [tell us about it.](#))

Have you ever heard God speak to you? What was that like?

## SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- If you had to describe the Holy Spirit to someone who didn't know God, what would you say to them?
- How are you dependent on the Holy Spirit? It may help to think of the last time you undeniably saw the Holy Spirit at work in or through you.
- When is the last time you asked the Holy Spirit to guide you in a specific circumstance? What was your response to his direction?
- In verse 14, Paul says that the Holy Spirit is the pledge (guarantee or down payment) of our inheritance until we acquire full possession of it. What is our inheritance?

## GO DEEPER

- The Holy Spirit is often mysterious and frequently neglected in our lives. Get to know him in [this short booklet from Kevin DeYoung](#). It's free, and in just twenty brief pages will help you see the Spirit in all the Bible and recognize his work.
- The Bible often talks about the importance of Christians being filled with the Holy Spirit. That can be a mysterious or confusing idea at first. Take a moment to let John Piper walk you through [what the Scripture says](#) about being filled with the Spirit.
- How do we practically experience the Holy Spirit? J.D. Greear has [a great list of six ways](#). You can also check out his book the list is taken from, [Jesus, Continued...](#)

## LIVE IN LOVE THIS WEEK

As Richard mentioned, the book of Ephesians begins with a beautiful note of assurance that believers are chosen, predestined, redeemed, and sealed with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Eph 1:3-14). What a great truth given to you! Spend time this week thanking God for that kind of love and asking him to open your eyes to see it more clearly.