

The Blessed Assurance of Ephesians 1:3-14:

The Father's Role in Salvation (v. 3-6)

1. He gave us every blessing we have (v. 3)
2. He _____ us (v. 4)
3. He _____ us (v. 5a)
4. He _____ us (v. 5b)
5. It's ultimately about His glory, not us (v. 6)

The Son's Role in Salvation (v. 7-12)

1. We are in Him (v. 7a; John 10:27-29; 2 Cor. 5:17, 21)
2. We possess His _____ (v. 7b, 5:25-32)
3. We possess His _____ (v. 7c, 4:30-32)
4. We're part of His plan that won't fail (v. 8-11)
5. It's ultimately about His glory, not us (v. 12)

The Spirit's Role in Salvation (v. 13-14)

1. **He enables us to believe** (v. 13a; 1 Cor. 12:3, 9; John 3:6-8)
Think C.R.I.B.S. to remember the Spirit's role in our new birth
 - Convicts _____ [John 16:7-14]
 - Regenerates (imparts life)[John 6:63-65, Titus 3:5]
 - Indwells _____ [John 14:16-21]
 - Baptizes _____ [John 1:33-34; 1 Cor. 12:13]
 - Seals till final salvation [Eph. 4:30, despite sin]
2. **He seals us at** _____ (v. 13b)
 1. Security
 2. Ownership
 3. Authenticity / Genuineness
 4. Identification
3. **He is the Spirit that fulfills** _____ (v. 13c)
4. **He is the pledge guaranteeing** _____ (v. 14a)
5. **It's ultimately about His glory, not us** (v. 14c)

Cross-References: Romans 7-8; 2 Peter 1:1-11; Hebrews 11-13; 1 John

Books for further study: *Saved Without a Doubt*, MacArthur; *Assured by God*, B. Parsons; *Your Child's Profession of Faith*, by Gunderson; *Absolutely Sure*, by S. Lawson; *Doubt and Assurance*, by R. C. Sproul