



❖ MESSAGE NOTES

MARKING THE PATH: Week 1 - A Marked Man

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ~ Romans 10:13

Consequently faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the preached word of Christ. ~ Romans 10:17

Faith is the confidence that God is who He says He is and that He will do everything He has promised to do.

And when you heard the word of truth (the gospel of your salvation)—when you believed in Christ—you were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit, who is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. ~ Ephesians 1:13-14

The Lord said to him, "Go through the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of the people who moan and groan over all the abominations practiced in it." ~ Ezekiel 9:4

"Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees until we have put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Now I heard the number of those who were marked with the seal, 144,000, sealed from all the tribes of the people of Israel: ~ Revelation 7:3-4

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Sphragizó ~ GREEK ~ to seal or set a seal upon something

"I tell you the solemn truth, the one who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The doorkeeper opens the door for Him, and the sheep hear His voice. He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. When He has brought all His own sheep out, He goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow Him because they recognize His voice. They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not recognize the stranger's voice." ~ John 10:1-5

So Jesus said again, "I tell you the solemn truth, I am the door for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will come in and go out, and find pasture. ~ John 10:7-9

... "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ~ John 14:6

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, and may have it abundantly. ~ John 10:7-10

*My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; no one will snatch them from My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them from My Father's hand. The Father and I are one."
~ John 10:27-30*

But He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our iniquities. The chastisement for our shalom was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. ~ Isaiah 53:5 (TLV)

After He has suffered, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge My righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. ~ Isaiah 53:11-12

But others were tortured, not accepting release, to obtain resurrection to a better life. And others experienced mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed apart, murdered with the sword; they went about in sheepskins and goatskins; they were destitute, afflicted, ill-treated (the world was not worthy of them); they wandered in deserts and mountains and caves and openings in the earth. ~ Hebrews 11:35b-38

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. ~ Ephesians 6:12

Be sober and alert. Your enemy the devil, like a roaring lion, is on the prowl looking for someone to devour. Resist him, strong in your faith, because you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are enduring the same kinds of suffering. ~ 1 Peter 5:8-9

We are experiencing trouble on every side, but are not crushed; we are perplexed, but not driven to despair; we are persecuted, but not abandoned; we are knocked down, but not destroyed, always carrying around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our body. For we who are alive are constantly being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal body. As a result, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. ~ 2 Corinthians 4:8-12

Ichthus ~ Greek ~ Fish
Iota (I) = Iesous = "Jesus"
Chi (X or CH) = Christos = "Christ"
Theta (TH) = Theou = "of God"
Upsilon (U) = Uiós = "Son"
Sigma (S) = Soter = "Savior"

Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes ... ~ Romans 1:16a

❖ DIVE IN!

◆ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What was one thing Pastor G said this week that spoke directly to you?
- 2) Are you inspired by that to make a decision, make a change, or take some action in your life?

◆ READ: Ephesians 1:13-14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Pastor G talked about being a "marked man" from God's point of view:

- 1) How can you know that you have been "marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit?"
- 2) How do you interact with the Holy Spirit on a daily basis?
- 3) What is the "inheritance" that Paul is talking about?

◆ READ: John 10:1-10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) How can you be sure you are hearing the voice of Jesus?
- 2) What does it mean to "enter through Jesus" like we enter a room through a door?
- 3) What is "abundant life?" How do you know if you are experiencing it?

◆ READ: Hebrews 11:35-38, Ephesians 6:12, 1 Peter 5:8-9, 2 Corinthians 4:8-12

Pastor G talked about being a "marked man" from Satan's point of view:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Have you ever experienced persecution because of your faith?
- 2) If the day comes when you are threatened with martyrdom unless you renounce Jesus, how confident are you that you will be able to stand firm in the faith?
- 3) What can you do now to be better prepared for the persecution that the Bible says will come to all believers in the last days?