- Membership has privileges (Airlines; Clubs; YU)
- When we are "in Christ" we are members with privileges. Every blessing in the heavenly realms. (1) Chosen; adopted; (2) Redeemed by the blood, forgiven; (3) Chosen as/for an inheritance. (4) Sealed Eph 1:13-15. These are the reasons why we bless God.

• Ephesians 1:13-15, "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession - to the praise of his glory." (NIV)

• Ephesians 1:13-15, "In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory." (ESV)

- POINT: We have been sealed with the Spirit as a guarantee of our inheritance and this is another reason why we bless God.
- It is because we are in Christ that we have access to all of these spiritual blessings in the heavenly realms. Without Christ, we have no access to the blessings.

 We have been sealed with the Spirit as a guarantee of our inheritance – "you were marked in him with a Seal" – This implies two things: (1) ownership "until the redemption of those who are God's possession" (NIV) & (2) authority "until we acquire possession" of our inheritance (ESV). Let's look at those ideas:

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- Ownership (book stamp) (HS in you guarantees you belong to God)

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- Authority (add name to credit card) (Kingdom authority – identity; intimacy; John 14:12 – context; answers to prayer, promptings)

 We have been sealed with the Spirit as a guarantee of our inheritance – "the promised Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit is the seal of God on your life. We are in Christ; Christ is in us. This is the key to the Christian life. (Forgiveness & redemption – covered in Christ; overcoming? intimacy – in Christ; empowerment, etc – Christ in us) (walk in Spirit – Friend)

- We have been sealed with the Spirit as a **guarantee of our inheritance** "guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession" (NIV) "the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it" (ESV)
- Guarantee we will fully receive redemption & all of its privileges. (free; full) (adopted; loved; weak cell signal) (John 7:37 spring of eternal life) (pay down payment live in the house, not fully yours yet)