

## The End Part 9

### Key Scriptures

Revelation 13

<sup>16</sup> And he requires everyone - small and great, rich and poor, free and slave-- to be given a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, <sup>17</sup> so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark: the beast's name or the number of his name. <sup>18</sup> Here is wisdom: The one who has understanding must calculate the number of the beast, because it is the number of a man. His number is 666.

Eph. 1:13-14 <sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

2 Cor. 1:21-22 <sup>21</sup> And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, <sup>22</sup> and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Eph. 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**Key Point:** The greatest privilege of being human is the ability to know our creator and His salvation. The greatest tragedy is to reject Him.

## TALK IT OVER

**Start talking:** Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- What are some of the most major changes in our world that you have witnessed during your lifetime?

**Start thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking.

Before working through the questions below, take some time to read through Revelation 13 in your group.

- What is the Mark of the Beast? Why is this significant during the end times? How do you think something like this will affect society?
- What are some of the details surrounding the image made by the beast? Verses to consider: 13:14, 2 Thes.2:4, Matt 24:15, Daniel 8:27, 11:31, 12:11)
- What do Eph 1:13-14, 4:30, and 2 Cor 1:21-22 teach us about being sealed with the Holy Spirit? How does this gift contrast from the mark of the beast?

**Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- Whenever you saw the number 666 or heard or read the name “the mark of the beast” what kinds of things came to your mind? Is it different now?
- How do you see society preparing for the time when the prophecies of Revelation 13 will come to pass?

**Start praying.** Be bold and pray with power.

- Who is on your prayer list who does not yet know Christ? Pray for them to have a soft heart toward the things of God. Pray that you may have opportunities to talk with them about who Jesus is and about some of the things you may have learned in this series.

**Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- The mark of the beast is a way to force people to worship the antichrist. How can you take steps to offer worship to the real Christ this week?