



Celebrating Lent 2010
Preparing for the Resurrection:
Transformed While Waiting!
Psalm 27:14, Job 14:14, 2 Thessalonians 3:5



Satisfaction Guaranteed

*"Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God,
who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."*

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

The comfort in waiting is always the guarantee of fulfillment. We find it easier to wait, when we know with confidence, that which we await shall come to pass. Holding on becomes even easier when we know that what we wait for is actually worth the wait. We learn in our text of focus that God works within our hearts, through His anointing, giving us the confidence we need during times of waiting. This is part of our transformation while we wait.

*Much of the anger and resentment and bitterness and frustration
which often overwhelm our speech and actions and thoughts has firstly overwhelmed
our hearts rendering God's anointing of non-effect.
when we are overwhelmed with such diseased affections
the Spirit is in our hearts but not flowing out,
present in our hearts but not active.*

God's earnest deposit of the Spirit within our hearts teaches us how to wait giving us endurance, confident in the hope of fulfillment. The anointing involves so much more than dynamic, Spirit-filled preaching and gift practices. The anointing, in its fullness, grants to us contentment with God, and an assurance of the eventual vindication of God, even amid the strife of human grievance, complaint, and frustration. The anointing guards our hearts through and in the Anointed One who is Christ Jesus.

Pray this:

*Lord while I wait, release Your anointing within my heart to break the chains
of diseased affections which cause me internal and relational strife.
Cleanse my heart of ill will that I may find satisfaction in You.*

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