

Deacon's Beacons

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But the one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us in God; he has also put his seal upon us and give the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment. 2 Corinthians 1:21–22

This almost sounds like commercial language. But these are the results and effects of Baptism. We are given the Holy Spirit as a “first installment” until we receive the fullness of that Spirit in Confirmation. Of course, in the early Church when this was written, one would be baptized, confirmed and receive Eucharist in one event. So you can look at this first installment as a promise of eternal life. Either way, Baptism begins the work that God has planned for each of us.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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