

A GUARANTEE OF THE GLORY TO COME!

“Having believed, you were marked in him (Christ) with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance.”(a glorious, eternal body) (Eph.1:13-14 NIV) **“Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose** (a glorious, eternal body) **and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”** (2 Co.5:5 NIV)

The apostle tells us that God marks those who have truly trusted Christ. His seal of approval is not based on their perfection, but on their faith. They have humbled themselves, realizing their need of a savior and have put their trust in God’s chosen one; Jesus Christ. **These get a foretaste of the great climax which is coming. “When he appears, we shall be like him.”** (Col.3:4) Until then, we have this deposit. He is the one who comes and makes the things of Christ real to us, and we experience the reality of Christ’s presence in our lives. He helps us to learn and follow Christ; Jesus’ example and will for us. **The Christian life is indeed, a life of faith and the reality of God; a deposit of the future life.** “Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.” (Ps.34:8 NIV)

We have the scriptures, the Bible, that tells us of God and what he is like. It gives to us the understanding of God’s purpose for man and how, in his love, he brings it forth. It speaks of the reality of this purpose being worked out in our lives. Also, we experience the blessing of the presence of the Holy Spirit, which confirms the truth that we read in the scriptures. **The Word confirms the experience; the experience confirms the Word.**

Let us be continual students of the scriptures, for they cannot be broken. They are solid and sure. **Let us also walk in submission to the Holy Spirit and experience the reality of his guidance, wisdom and strength.** What a wonderful, sure salvation in Christ!