

# Howards Corner

*Eph 1:13 When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 until the redemption of those who are God's possession*

When you read these words do not read them lightly but with detail and proper meaning. The word believed is more than believing that Jesus existed but more properly interpreted as trust. This trust must be complete and not contaminated with anything else. It is trust only in Jesus as the "Son of God" the promised Messiah that was to come to take away the sins of the world and you have placed your trust completely in Him. If you place that trust in anything else such as church membership or in your works or the belief of your family or your denomination teaching, then you have added some form of contamination to your trust.

The word says further that you were marked with a seal of the promised Holy Spirit. Has that happened in your heart? Have you received this seal –this deposit guaranteeing your inheritance in the kingdom of God who are God's possession. Have you received the presence of the Holy Spirit to give you full assurance that you have received the eternal seal of redemption?

If you have ever bought property or other items and signed a contract and to make that contract valid you were required to put up earnest money to make sure it is a valid contract, then you should understand that the Lord has given you His Holy Spirit as your guarantee that you have an eternal contract. Your part of this contract is that you have placed your total faith in Him to fulfill the contract. So, unless you have received the earnest money then you do not have a valid contract and have been trusting in something else for your salvation and redemption and not solely in Christ alone and not anything else.

I have been in all kinds of churches throughout my life, which is now 85 years. So, I consider my witness to be true that there is much contamination in the churches of today. These contaminants are part of the world system of religion which says that if we put on the appearance of being righteous that it is the same as being righteous. The world is full of religions and many of these are even in what we call Christianity-- Those organizations that have labeled themselves as followers of Christ but are not. There are then those that have other labels that say we are

worshipping God, but which God are they worshipping? They also have what they consider to be righteous purposes. So, there are many Gods that are worshiped, and many causes worshiped and many men that are worshiped.

So, it is the world system of Satan that is worshiped which is the prince and power of the air which has many disguises that are made to look like they are real because they have some form that looks righteous on the outside but are of Satan who is the father of all lies. Many in the Christian church of today have put these forms of religions before the organized churches of today and some sound righteous but are lies.

Some of these are not Christian at all but say they worship God but is it the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the father of light and father of the Lord Jesus Christ? The Muslim religion says they worship God but not the same God the father of Jesus the Christian Lord of salvation. So now the biggest lie of the Christian faith comes through the religion of the Catholic church which has twisted the gospel of Jesus Christ to the point that it is not the same message at all but is totally corrupt. The pope has now been trying to unite the Catholic Church with the Muslims which is impossible because they are not compatible for, they do not hold allegiance to the Lord Jesus as savior and Lord and redeemer, but they are trying to paint over the word of God with man's concepts which is corrupt.

All these false religions are going to be judged on that day for they are false and will not stand the judgement of the world and will be burned up at His coming. So many in what is commonly called the church of Jesus Christ have painted over these churches with crosses and many works that may appear righteous but are for appearance's sake and have no truth in Jesus but are for a veneer of paint which will burn easily and will be destroyed with the rest of false religions.

Only those that have been born again and have received that promised Spirit of Christ Jesus which is the guarantee of our redemption and *“who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance of eternal life”*. He is our earnest money, sealing forever our eternal salvation and resurrection on that day of His return for His church and our rapture.

You cannot fake it –You have either received your earnest money or you are pretending and trusting religion for your eternal hope. My witness is that there are

very many that are operating in churchism and have not received that eternal guarantee.

Do not show up with no contract and the earnest money that has been pledged for you because you will be dismissed with “Depart from me for I do not know you” enter your everlasting damnation for you refused to listen to the truth but loved the world and its ways more.

I have been in your church buildings but have heard no understanding that you are lost and that your way is corrupt and have traded in the message of salvation by grace for churchism and intellectualism and pride in yourselves. Do you not know by now that you are bankrupt before the Lord and have only one hope and that is the Lord Jesus only and you will not surrender yourselves to Him totally but hang on to your belief in churchism that cannot save.

If that is you then I shed tears for you, but my tears will not change the truth but only humble repentance and total surrender to the Lord Jesus will bring the presence of the Holy Spirit into your life –that Holy deposit.

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