

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, That They May Continue Many Days." Jeremiah 32:14 KJV

Jeremiah had been told to redeem by purchase some family land which he could purchase by right of inheritance. Land was to stay in the family, but could be sold to a family member. To initiate the transaction a down payment or earnest money would change hands to certify the buyer's good intentions. There were deeds, evidences, that certified these possessions both to the family and to the individual who redeemed his right to own it. They would then seal the documents in clay jars to preserve them for posterity, much like the Dead Sea scrolls that were discovered. Herein lie examples of spiritual Truth concerning your Salvation. Believers are the inheritance of Jesus Christ from God the Father. *"And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which He hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the Last Day. And this is the Will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have Everlasting Life. Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. What? know ye not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a Price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."* Man belongs to God. He created us for His Purpose and the Holy Spirit is the Seal of His Promise to redeem all who believe in Him. Our deed to Eternal Life is "sealed in earthen vessels" by the "*Holy Spirit of Promise, Who bears witness (certifies) with our spirit that we are the children of God. And every man that hath this Hope in him purifieth himself, even as [Christ] is pure.*" In other words, if you know you are God's child, act like it! Several things enable the long term preservation of food. It is purified with heat, salt, vinegar, or sugar is added, and it is then sealed in its purified state to certify it against spoilage until use. The Seal of the Spirit in our lives is the unbreakable Seal or Earnest of our Redemption in Christ. His Witness is the Word of God dwelling in our conscience convicting us of sin through our belief in God's Word kept in our thoughts through study and meditation. *"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing (understanding) the Word of Truth."* Faith is the Gold of Heaven and our desire to obey God is evidence of that faith.



Continue in the faith of God,
As long as thou art on the sod,
It will preserve thy life below,
A witness to Eternal Hope. –CGP

Is God's Earnest of Redemption Sealed in your earthen vessel through faith to verify His purchase of your eternal soul?

"Now He which establisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the Earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 KJV