

The Amazing Gift of “The Guarantee”

Do you ever spend time just meditating upon what lies beyond life and your eternal destiny? Do you ever fear that maybe you will miss the mark for eternal life? Does the unknown of what lies beyond death bring about fear in your spirit? I believe every single human has felt this, and if we're all honest, the feeling can be a bit overwhelming. It's the one thing that reminds us that we are finite and not in control of everything. It reminds us of that one thing that is certain and for sure – **we will die, and something will happen to us afterwards.**

Did you know that we can know what will happen to us afterwards? We can actually know for sure, and we can actually be at peace all the days of our lives on this earth. I will even go so far as to say that we can be happy about death and what awaits us! We can have a **guarantee** of our eternal future! Just to focus on that word, “guarantee”, for a moment, let's look at the definition. In Webster's original dictionary published in 1828, “guarantee” is defined as “to warrant; to make sure; to undertake to ensure to another, at all events, as claims, rights or possessions.” In short, it means to “make sure” or “ensure”.

Before moving forward and discussing more about this **guarantee**, and to complete this message in its fullness, we must briefly discuss both Heaven and Hell first. They are both extreme and they are both eternal. As taken from the pure Word of the Most High (which is where both of these have been originated and explained), Heaven is described as a place where we will dwell with Yahuah as our Father and His Son and be presented “*faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy*” (Jude 1:24); it's a place where “*there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away*” (Revelation 21:4); a place that is so wonderful that “*eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which Yahuah hath prepared for them that love him*” (1 Corinthians 2:9); a place where we will need no sun or moon to shine, because “*the glory of the Most High God illuminates it and the Lamb is our light*” (Revelation 21:23); a place of complete righteousness where “*nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying shall ever come into it*” (Revelation 21:27); and a place of immense beauty where “*the walls will be made of pure diamond and the city of pure gold - clear as glass and the foundation will be filled with precious stones*” (Revelation 21:18-21). It is truly a place we cannot comprehend.

Hell, on the other hand, is quite the opposite. Hell is a place of total darkness and separation from the Most High. Have you ever truly thought about what separation from Him really means? First of all, it's important to acknowledge that everything good that you know on this earth and that is in your own life today is from Him. The Bible says that “*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning*” (James 1:17); this means EVERY good thing, tangible and intangible. This includes your marriage, your friendships, your job, the tasty food you eat, your pets, the beautiful flowers, the sunset, the shining stars, the pristine beaches, the awesome mountains, the whiteness of snow, the air you breathe, etc., etc., but most importantly, the love you give, the love you receive, and the love you so desire. To be absent from the Most High God means to be absent from all that is good – to be absent from love. To be absent from the Most High means to be present with evil, hatred, pure darkness, torture, fire, and

confinement with no escape, all in a place where evil rules and there is no good at all. The Bible goes so far as to explain Hell as *“a place of outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth”* (Matthew 25:30), a place where *“their torment ascends forever and ever, and they have no rest day or night”* (Revelation 14:11); a place *“where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched”* (Mark 9:44); place of *“the blackest of darkness”* (Jude 1:13); *“a place of everlasting destruction from the presence of the Most High and from the glory of His power”* (2 Thessalonians 1:9); and there are many, many more.

So, after hearing these explanations, our choice is a no brainer! Well, while it seems that we can simply just choose, there is more to the story. We must choose the Creator’s way; not our ideas or beliefs about choosing. Yahuah gives us one very clear way to enter into His Heavenly Kingdom and live there in a state of glory with Him for all of eternity!! He gives us a way to understand eternity, His expectations, and our options. If you choose His way, there is a **guarantee** available to you now while you live on this earth – a **guarantee** that you can be with Him for all of eternity. This **guarantee** deposits a peace in your spirit now that will allow you to set aside your fears about death and will cause you to look forward to your afterlife with Him. Are you comprehending this? Isn’t this what every single human being longs to have? A **guarantee** of love, protection, beauty, and joy that lasts forever and ever and ever and forever. Please understand that you can actually have a **guarantee** of this. Keep reading ...

First of all, where do we get more information about this **“guarantee”**? From the same place that we get our information about life, death, Heaven, and Hell – the perfect and holy Word of God, the Bible. Directly from the Father’s Word, He tells us about our guarantee:

- *“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed** with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the **guarantee** of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”* (Ephesians 1:13-14)
- *“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)
- *“Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a **guarantee.**”* (2 Corinthians 5:5)

So, do you see, it is the Holy Spirit who “seals” us and is the very **“guarantee”** that we belong to the Father, our Creator. Who is this Holy Spirit? He is the very Spirit of the Most High who came after His Son finished the work of redemption. Upon our full faith of the finished work of the Son, the Spirit then comes to dwell in us, sealing us as sons of the Most High! And when we continue in our repentance and stay steadfast in our faith, the Spirit leads us into all truth and guides every step to keep us on the narrow path that leads to eternal life as well as equips us with the strength needed to endure till the end! The Holy Spirit deposited in you will seal you and provide you with a **guarantee** that you belong to the Father; is that not amazing?! And when we belong to Him, **nothing** can separate us from Him (Romans 8:38-39). When we belong to Him, we are His, and our afterlife, which is our permanent life, will be with Him for all of eternity in the place He has prepared just for us!! Knowing this provides peace in this life that surpasses all understanding!

So now you may be asking, “How do I get this **guarantee**”? First, there are questions that must be answered. Do you believe that you are a sinner born in the flesh due to the fall of mankind? Do you believe that your Creator is 100% pure, holy and righteous, and cannot look upon any form of sin and must judge it? The very first step is recognizing your sinful state, admitting it, and then repenting of it, knowing that this must be dealt with before a holy, righteous Creator can receive you. Repentance means that you **turn away** – your sin grieves you and you no longer want to do it or do anything against the Father; you turn from it! When you repent, then the finished and completed work of the Son of the Most High God can atone for your sins and remove them as far as the east is from the west, never to be remembered again (*Psalms 103:12*). The Most High God sent His Son, a part of Himself (often referred to as His “Right Hand”), in the form of sinful flesh to this world to live as we live and experience all of the experiences of this life, including the temptations. And while He was here, He remained perfectly sinless, obeying every word of His Father and never going against His ways, laws, or ordinances. Then He was tortured in every form possible, ultimately becoming a sacrifice to atone for the sins of the House of Israel and all the world. The sacrifice involved the shedding of His pure, perfect blood, because sins cannot be atoned without this. Your sins, and mine, were placed upon Him (*Isaiah 53:5*), and the Father judged Him for it in our place costing Him His earthly life. Because He was of the Most High, He defeated death and rose after three days unto life and perfection, having presented Himself on the heavenly altar. In turn, our faith in Him – including steadfast obedience and walking in the Spirit – clothes us in His righteousness and makes us presentable to the Father (*Romans 5:1*).

These are the things you must believe with all your heart, and when you do, you will speak them with your mouth. *Romans 10:8-11* explains very clearly how this profession works as well as the end result. When you believe this in your heart, you are in essence surrendering your life to the Son of the Most High, to His control, and His ways. From there, you move forward in obedience by His Holy Spirit as you are transformed, guided, taught, and loved with the greatest love, patience, and long-suffering that ever existed in this world. And as stated in the scriptures bulleted above, **this is the gift of the guarantee**.

And in closing, it is also very important that you know and understand that not only is the Holy Spirit the **guarantee** of your redemption and inheritance, it is also a **requirement**. The Word is very clear that you must have the Holy Spirit dwelling in you, or be born again of the Spirit, in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Yahusha (Jesus Christ) stated in *John 3:5*, “*Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of the Most High.*”, and just before this in *John 3:3*, He states, “*...Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of the Most High.*” This is true, and it is final, just as He spoke.