

# Kokomo Christian Fellowship

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## The Holy Spirit Brings a Touch of Heaven to Earth

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“...after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.” (Eph 1:13b-14)

The Holy Spirit is said here to be the earnest of our inheritance. What does that mean? The earnest is a down-payment guaranteeing the rest. The earnest seals the contract and makes it a “done deal.” There is no question about obtaining the rest as in the questions and doubts that we have over earthly deals. Most people in America today believe that they are going to heaven (I know because I’ve asked them). Most people in church today believe they are Christians. When people make these supernatural and very significant claims regarding their lives, is it not reasonable and intelligent at least to ask, “How do you know?” If you’re telling me that you will spend the rest of eternity living in the presence of Almighty God, I at least want to know how you know that.

Our text tells us one answer to that question: “I know that I am going to heaven because God has GUARANTEED it to me. He has given me a GUARANTEE. He has given me the Holy Spirit who lives within me.” How wonderful it is to know that we know that we know and to know why we know that we know that we know!

Not only do we come to an absolute assurance of our eternal destiny by His indwelling Holy Spirit, but since He is a down-payment, He brings a touch of heaven into our lives.

He is our sanctifier, setting us apart from the world to God, making us holy and holier. One day we will be perfected in His image and the amount of grace that we’ve been given to pursue the heights of sanctification this side of eternity will be academic, for when we see Him, we shall be like Him!

He is our comforter now, but one day we will live in the presence of the God of all comfort where there will be no discomfort and God himself will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

He is our illuminator now, showing us our sin, showing us what right living really is, and showing us the judgment to come. One day however, we will live in everlasting light and illumination and all our questions will be answered.

He is our guide now, leading the way and showing us what to do, speaking to us by that still small voice, but one day we will hear Him loud and clear and talk to Him face to face continually.

Now He brings the manifest presence of God into our lives at times, then we will experience His presence perpetually. Faith will no longer be faith because faith is the evidence of things not see. Instead of showers of blessings we will live in floods of His glory.

Thank God for His extravagance when he came up with this crazy religion called Christianity, that He Himself would design to live in us, not only as a guarantee of what is to come, but also as a foretaste and a test-drive of the real thing. Amen.



Naomi's Baby Shower

# September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Church 7:00	3	4
5 Church 10:00 & 6:30	6  Labor Day	7	8	9 Church 7:00  Fasbender Anniversary	10	11  Maxine Etherington's Birthday
12 Church 10:00 & 6:30  Dessert Fundraiser	13	14	15	16 Church 7:00	17 Service at KR Mission 7:00 PM	18
19 Church 10:00 & 6:30  Alex Farmer's Dedication	20	21	22	23 Church 7:00 Jody Hollis' Birthday  True Woman Conference	24 Lavern McQuiston's Birthday	25 Asher Hummel's Birthday  → Kidwell Anniversary
26 Church 10:00 & 6:30	27	28	29	30 Church 7:00		