

James 4:13-15

- 15 “Come now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:
- 14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.
- 15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.”

What Guarantees Do We Have in Life ?



Guarantees in Life ?

Saying:

**There's only 2 things
Guaranteed in Life:**

1) Death

2) Taxes



Guarantees in Life ?

**Matt. 17:24-27 → “Does you Master pay the
Census Tax ?”**

vss. 25-26 → Jesus explains:

**“Taxes are NOT taken
from the King’s children”**

**vs. 27 → the fish you catch will have
a shekel in its mouth.**

⇒ NO TAXES in Heaven !!!



Guarantees in Life ?

I. The Guarantee of Death

A. Physical Death

Job 14:1-2 → Man's days are few, and full of trouble

Ecclesiastes 12:7 → Man shall return to dust

Hebrews 9:27 → an appointment with Death

Death: An Unavoidable and Inevitable Reality

Question: Do we have to FEAR Death ?

The Answer depends on ME !!



Guarantees in Life ?

I. The Guarantee of Death (Cont.)

B. **Another Death Guarantee : Death of the Old Man**

Rom. 6:1-11 → Dead to Sin; Alive unto God

Ephes 4:17-24 → Put Off the Old Man; Put on the New

Col. 2:13 → We are Dead to Sin; Alive unto God

⇒ **If we obey God, the Old Man is put to Death**

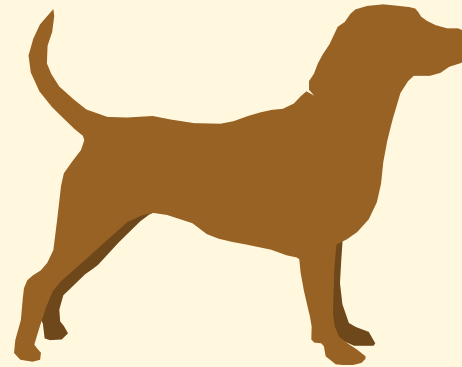
II Cor. 5:14-19 → In Christ, All things are New



Guarantees in Life ?

II. The Guarantee of the Opportunity of Being Saved

Eccles. 9:4 → "...a living dog is better than a dead Lion"



Isaiah 55:6-7 → "Seek the Lord while He may be found"



Guarantees in Life ?

II. The Guarantee of Salvation's Opportunity

A. Salvation was not Always Available to All Men

Matt.10:5-6 → Not for Gentiles

Matt. 15:22-24 → Jesus' response to the Canaanite Woman

All this changed after Jesus' death on the Cross

Matt. 28:19-20 → "...teach all nations"

Ephes. 2:11-19 → all men united in Christ

Mark 16:15-16 → "...He that believeth and is baptized"



Guarantees in Life ?

II. The Opportunity of Salvation (Cont.)

B. Salvation with a Guarantee

Ephes.1:11-14 → Holy Spirit: Our Earnest

⇒ **Legal Terms, just like a house loan**

Num. 23:19 → “God is not a man, that He should lie”

Ephes. 1:14 → “[The Holy Spirit,] which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession”



Guarantees in Life ?

II. The Opportunity of Salvation (Cont.)

B. Salvation with a Guarantee (Cont.)

Ephes.1:14 :

- a) KJV: “the earnest of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession.” ...
- b) ASV: “an earnest of our inheritance, until the redemption...”
- c) Weymouth: “a pledge and foretaste of our inheritance, in anticipation of its full redemption...”
- d) Nuovo Diodati: “il quale è la garanzia della nostra eredità, in vista della piena redenzione dell'acquistata proprietà



Guarantees in Life ?

III. A Guarantee that You'll Always be Loved

John 3:16 → “For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”



Guarantees in Life ?

III. A Guarantee that You'll Always be Loved

A. God “so” Loved the World

“so” ⇒ a 2-letter word

John 3:16 → “For God so loved the world ...”

⇒ **God loved the world so much that . . .**

Rom. 5:6-11 → (especially vs. 8)

John 15:13 → “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”



Guarantees in Life ?

III. A Guarantee that You'll Always be Loved

B. God can Love you NO Matter What !!!

2005, Reba McEntire: "You're Gonna Be"

Luke 22:31-32 → Peter informs Peter of Satan's request

Luke 22:56,58,59 → Peter denies Christ three times

Luke 22:61-62 → Jesus looks upon Peter

John 21:15 → Jesus speaks with Peter,
coming back from fishing

⇒ **No matter what we do, Jesus can love & forgive us**



Guarantees in Life ?

**Jesus
Loves
You**

