

“Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.” *2 Corinthians 1:22 KJV*

Earnest is given to bind a contract; forfeited if unfulfilled. It shows intention to be earnest. Usually, cash is preferred as surety. God gives us Himself as the earnest of His intention to preserve us forever in eternal bliss. The Holy Spirit is very God “*for God is a Spirit and those that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in Truth.*” You may ask, “If God is a spirit, how can Jesus be God?” The same way your spirit is you. Does anyone ever see your spirit? No. All they ever see is your body. Many recognize your body, but only few choose to enjoy the fellowship of your spirit. Have you ever heard the expressions, “soul-mate and baring one’s soul?” It means you share your innermost thoughts and secrets with someone you trust implicitly! The communion of one spirit with another. We most often use the term intimate for a relationship that goes beyond words, where a simple look speaks volumes. Do you remember when Mom used to give you that “look” when you were misbehaving? No one else even saw it, but it changed your mood and behavior instantly. “*The eye of the LORD is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.*” Remember when Peter denied Christ three times? Earlier in the day; “[Peter] said unto Him, ‘Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.’ And He said, ‘I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.’” Later that same day; “Then they...led [Jesus], and brought Him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, ‘This man was also with Him.’ And he denied Him, saying, ‘Woman, I know Him not.’ And after a little while another saw him, and said, ‘Thou art also of them.’ And Peter said, ‘Man, I am not.’ And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, ‘Of a truth this fellow also was with Him.’ And Peter said, ‘Man, I know not what thou sayest.’ And immediately...the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the Word of the Lord, how He had said unto him, ‘Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.’ And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.” Oh, what weight a look from God must bear upon one’s soul! We may not be able to see God, but we can be corrected or soothed by the “still small Voice” of Truth for Truth in thought is the “Voice of God.” Jesus told us so, Himself. “*I am the Way, the TRUTH, and the Life.*” Truth is not a law or concept. It is a person. It is written that the Holy Spirit is “*the Spirit of Truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.*” As your body, soul, and spirit are one, God is one God, not three.



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The God of Truth doth soothe my soul,
Making my hope completely whole,
His inner Voice makes me to know,
That when He comes, with Him I’ll go! -CGP

If the Holy Spirit indwells you, you will know for certain Jesus is coming back. The “*earnest of the Spirit*” present in your thoughts and soul makes you know the veracity of His promise, “*I will come again!*”

“*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal Life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*” *John 10:27-28 KJV*