

## Opportunity Card

**Joshua 18:3 “So Joshua said to the Israelites: ‘How long will you wait before you begin to take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has given you?’ ”**

I battled jealousy when I heard that the first fifty people to show up at a rebuilt restaurant opening, received a card for a free sandwich, every single day, for an entire year. I thought to myself, “Why didn’t I know this information? Did they tell people ahead of time? I deserve workman’s comp for all the damage my kids have done to my brain in their play land. At least they could have given me an invitation.”

I really wish I would’ve at least had an opportunity. But I guess I did. They had a grand opening sign, but I didn’t think it was any big deal.

God gives us something better than a free sandwich card for everyday of the year for the rest of our life. The “Big Deal” is that God gives us a “Life” card for the here and now, and the sweet by and by. Joshua told the Israelites to stop waiting and to take possession of the land that the LORD had given them. Jesus is telling us to take possession of the land he has bought for us NOW.

This land is our eternal-life opportunity card. First you redeem it for eternal salvation received by grace through faith. The soil is a new heart and mind, that is taken by renewal of the mind in the Word of God. This land of life also comes with fruit...Fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, longsuffering, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. You seize that by surrender and being filled with the Spirit. Not to mention it comes with a river of grace, Jesus, the spring of life. You can drink that part of the card, and not ever thirst again.