

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

"Not Good if Detached"

Back in the days before electronic tickets, train, plane and many coupons of various nature had a phrase on them 'Not good if detached'. The coupon was made of the same material as the rest of the ticket, was printed with the same ink on the same press, and was kept in the same office and used by the same company. But it was not good if detached. **(as an airline agent I have denied passengers attempting to use flight coupons out of sequence, by detaching them)** Its usefulness, its ability to take places, was dependent upon its relation to the rest of the ticket.

Of how much worth is a church member detached from the rest of the church? How much fruit can a branch bear detached from the vine? How good is your hand when it is detached from your body? A Christian is one who stays with the rest of the church. He can not serve apart from it. You may be a foot, a hand, or an eye of the body of Christ, but you are not worth much to yourself or to anyone else separated from the church, which is His body. Did you ever notice just how quickly a banana gets skinned after it leaves the bunch? So remember: "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..." (Heb. 10:25).

The true meaning and real punishment of Hell is, separation from God for eternity.