

The People of God (4/6/25)

Discussion Questions

Summary: In Revelation 7 there is a pause in the drama as we wait for the seventh and final seal to be opened. God calls a time out so His servants can be marked with His seal of ownership, protecting them from His coming wrath. 144,000 from Israel, followed immediately by a great multitude from every nation. This chapter gives us four promises for those who belong to God by faith in Jesus: 1) access to the glorious presence of God; 2) righteous standing before God; 3) protection from the wrath of God and; 4) blessing and joy in the Lord forever. Be encouraged to hold on a little longer. Our Good Shepherd is coming back soon!

“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.” Ephesians 1:13-14

Promises for those who belong to the Lord:

1. **Access** to the glorious presence of God (v. 9; 15; 6:11)
2. **Righteous** standing before God (v. 9; 14)
3. **Protection** from the wrath of God (v. 14-15; Rom. 8:1)
4. **Blessing** and joy in the Lord forever (v. 16-17; Ps. 23)

“These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” Revelation 7:14-17

Get Started:

1. Do you have a tattoo? Why did you get it? If you were to get a tattoo what would it be? Why? (If leaders prefer, skip to question 2.)
2. Do you have a special piece of jewelry or other treasure passed on from a loved one that is very important to you because it reminds you of them? What is special about it? How do you feel when you wear it?

Dig Deeper:

3. Read Revelation 7:1-17. What stands out to you in this passage?
4. How were Jews supposed to be identified as belonging to the Lord (Deut. 6:8-9)? Why was the forehead specifically named?
5. How does God show His control of the end times (and all of history) in verses 1-3?
6. What do you make of the number 144,000?
7. Who is the great multitude in v. 9? What are they doing?
8. What are the promises for all followers of Jesus in verses 14-17?

Move Forward:

9. Read Ephesians 1:13-14. What does it mean to be “sealed with the Holy Spirit”? (See also 2 Cor. 1:21-22).
10. Read Romans 8:16-18. How does the Holy Spirit encourage the believer?
11. How does this prepare us to face persecution and suffering?
12. How can we pray for you today?