

EDIFICATION & EVANGELISM

WHO CAN STAND?

REVELATION 5-7

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WEEKLY AFFIRMATION:

I AM SEALED IN CHRIST!

FOR CHILDREN:

Would you rather ride roller coasters or watch others ride them? You can use the QR code to take a ride in the front row of the world's original tilting roller coaster! (*match the size of your screen to your level of adventure!*). Life is a lot like roller coasters: there are ups and downs, dangers and adventures, sometimes we love it and sometimes it makes us sick. Read Revelation 7:2-3, 13-17. Life is also a lot like roller coasters in that, with God's promises, we are assured to be carried safely & securely to the end. No matter how scary life might seem at times, know that with your trust in God you are always safe! So put your hands up in worship and find joy in the adventure!

FOR THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

Read Revelation 7:9-17. Back in chapter 5 Jesus was viewed from two different perspectives: the Lion of Judah, and the Lamb of God. Here in chapter 7 the people of God are viewed from two different perspectives: the 144,000 and the great uncountable multitude. Those in Christ can view themselves as included in both groups because they both represent the people of God.

What is revealed by the two perspectives is that those in Christ are sealed by Holy Spirit, marked as God's people to be safely brought through any tribulation they face on earth (144k), and then the prophesied fulfillment of that promise - victorious in the New Creation (*multitude*). Safely brought through doesn't mean untouched by trouble and suffering, it means the guarantee of being with God in the end. Prayerfully consider how you have been experiencing God's shepherding and sheltering through your tribulations.

FEBRUARY 2025 GROWTH GOALS

- ❑ Read the Book of Revelation.
- ❑ Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- ❑ Watch the Bible Project videos on the Book of Revelation (available on the website).
- ❑ Invite at least one person to Sunday Assembly.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE:

"the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

Revelation 7:17

FOR THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

Why was the apostle John banished to the island of Patmos? You can find the answer in Rev. 1:9. John was punished by Roman authorities because he was outspoken about Jesus. He was preaching that Jesus was the only divine King instead of Caesar!

Now read Rev. 22:17. Revelation began with John mentioning his work of witnessing, and it ends with the Church (*"the bride"*) testifying to the world that Jesus is coming back - not to mention the invitation for hearers of that testimony to come to Jesus for eternal life! So, the book begins, ends, and is filled with references to evangelism!

Read through these passages in Revelation this week and prayerfully contemplate how they figuratively portray the work of Christians from all generations evangelizing the world around them: 5:9-10; 11:3-6; 12:13-17; 14:6-7; 18:4-5 (*don't be afraid to ask about what it means in Bible study*). The point is that Jesus has called each disciple to evangelism, boldly embrace the task!