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The Seven Beatitudes of Revelation

Revelation 1:3

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Revelation 1:3

• **Blessed** is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

**We should not be surprised to find
7 beatitudes (bestowal of blessing)
in the book that is the Revelation
Jesus Christ considering the reality
that Jesus began his preaching
ministry with the word “blessed.”**



Matthew 5:1-3

- Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ **“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

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5:3 Blessed. More than a temporary or circumstantial feeling of happiness, this is a state of well-being in relationship to God that belongs to those who respond to Jesus' ministry.

The ESV Study Bible

We are going to get a description of this state of well-being later in the sermon in Revelation 7.



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Turn to
Matthew 16
v. 15ff

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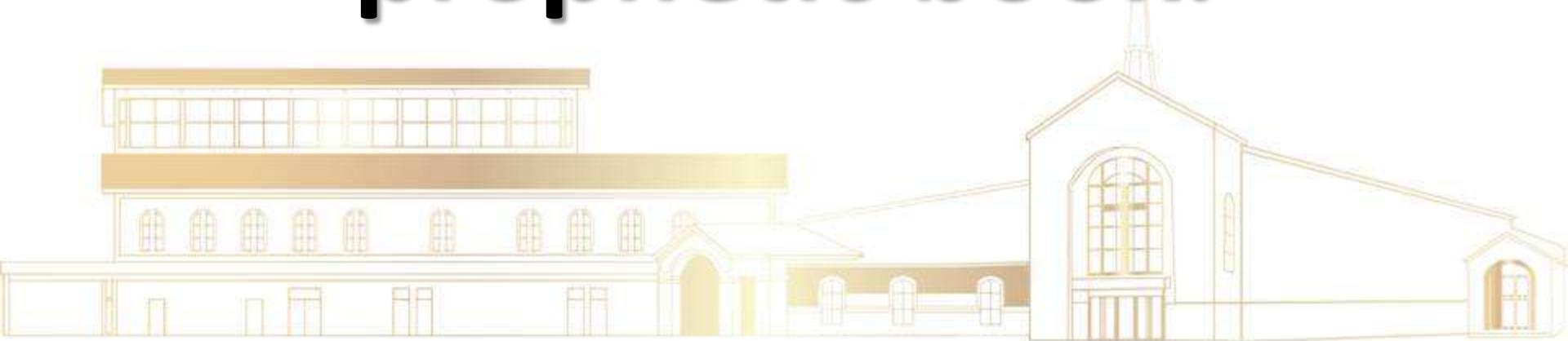


Revelation 1:3

- Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear,

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**We are going to read
aloud from this pulpit
every word in this
prophetic book.**



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Notice

You do not have to
correctly interpret the
text to be blessed.



**Will you make a commitment to hear
each word that is written in this
book?**

**Blessed are those people who
hear these words.**

How serious will you take this study?





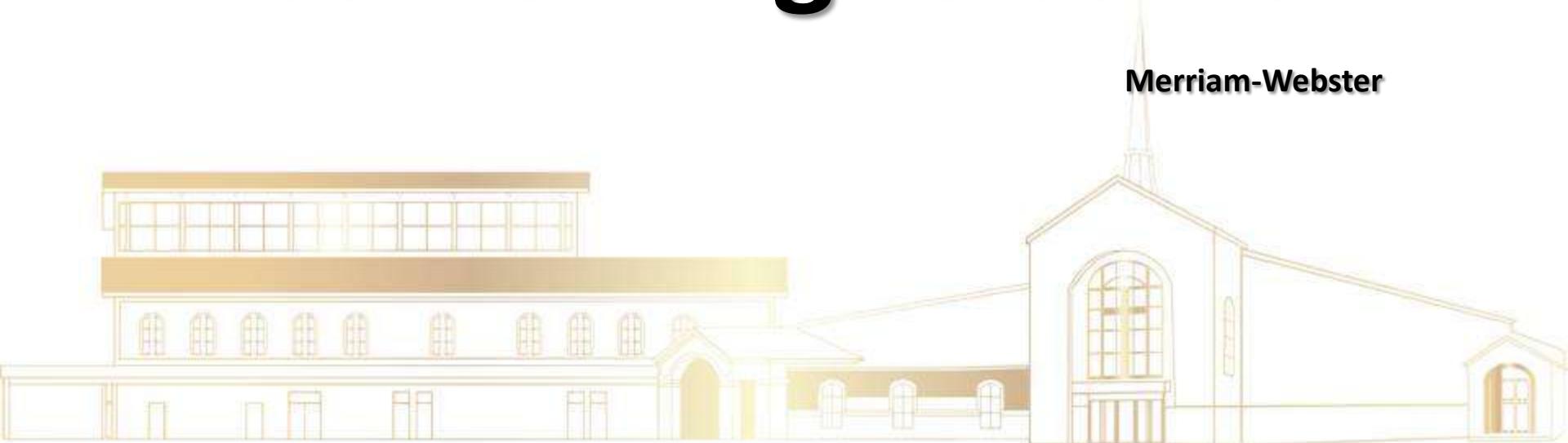
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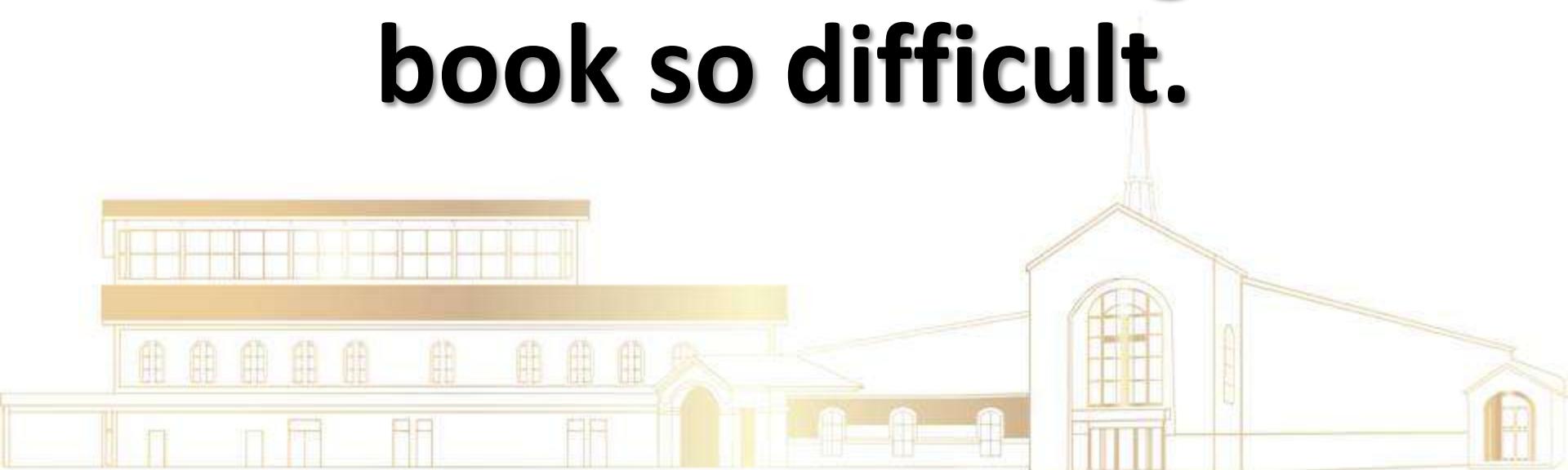
Prophecy a prediction of something to come

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**Correctly interrupting the
prophecies in this book is
what makes teaching this
book so difficult.**



- 1. What has already taken place?**
- 2. What is yet to take place?**
- 3. How literal should the words in this book be interpreted?**
- 4. Are the “days” days are the “years” years?**
- 5. Is “the beast” a beast?**
- 6. Is the “book of life” really a book?**
- 7. Is the “tree” a tree?**

(and on and on)





**What is the
most important
prophecy in this
book?**



Revelation 1:3

•and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

This promise of blessing
for those who keep what is written in it is repeated in Rev. 22

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Revelation 22:7

- “And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

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Parallel Thought

Luke 11:27-28

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- As he [Jesus] said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “**Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!**” ²⁸
- But he [Jesus] said, “**Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!**”

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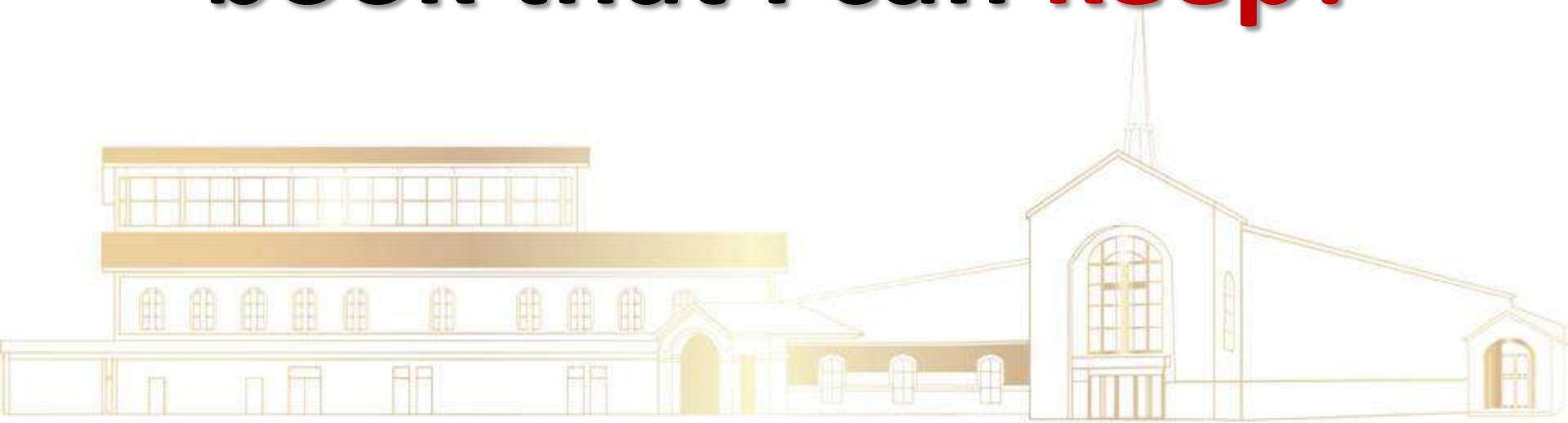
3 Questions

- 1. Do you believe the Bible is the Word of God?**
- 2. Do you seek to know what it contains or says?**
- 3. Is there a focus on keeping it in your life?**



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**What is an example of
something found in this
book that I can **keep?****





Revelation 2:10

•Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.



Revelations 3:19

• **Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.**

Each and every person in sin is expected to repent.



Revelation 14:7

• And he said with a loud voice,
“Fear God and give him glory,
because the hour of his
judgment has come, and
worship him who made heaven
and earth, the sea and the
springs of water.”



Revelation 14:12

- Here is a **call for the endurance** of the **saints**,
- Notice the description of the saints
- those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.**

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Turn to

Revelation 14:13

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Revelations 14:13a

- And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this:

**Blessed are the dead who die
in the Lord from now on.”**

If you were to die this
very moment, would
you be one who
‘died in the Lord’?



Clearly you understand the implications of the promise that those who die in the Lord are blessed.

By default there must be those who do not die in the Lord and are not blessed.

But it is worse than that...



Matthew 25:41

- “Then he [Jesus] will say to those on his left,
‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

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1 Corinthians 15:22 (ESV)

- For as in Adam all die,
- so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

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**Look at the
2nd half of
Revelation 14:13**





Revelations 14:13b

- “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors,

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Notice the promise of
REST!





Revelations 14:13b

- “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, **for their deeds follow them!**”

A deed is something that is done.

**So I take from this statement that
what I do or don't do in this life
follows me into eternity.**

So I ask:

What are you taking into eternity?



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Turn to Revelation 16:15

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Revelation 16:15

- (“Behold, I am coming like a thief!

How does Jesus come back as a thief if he isn't coming back before the tribulation for the church?

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Let me show you

1 Thessalonians 5:2-4

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1 Thessalonians 5:2-4

- For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

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2 Peter 3:3-4

- knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴ They will say, “**Where is the promise of his coming?** For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”

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**Jesus comes as a thief in the night to
those who are NOT watching.**

**Blessed is the one who stays
awake.**

**Obviously the text is NOT talking about
avoiding sleep.**





Revelation 16:15

- **Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”**



Revelation 16:15

•Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”)

**What garment
is John
referring to?**



**There are two ideas in
these beatitudes and in
this book running
parallel represented by
fine linen and robes.**



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Turn to Revelation 19:1

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After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ² for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.” ³ Once more they cried out, “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.” ⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” ⁵ And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.” ⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. ⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; ⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”— **for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.**



**Did we not see earlier
that our righteous
deeds follow us into
eternity?**



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Revelation 16:15 (ESV)

(“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”)



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Revelation 19:9

•And the angel said to me,
“Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, **“These are the true words of God.”**

Remember “Lamb” reminds us of Christ’s substitutionary work on the cross, shedding His blood, for our sins, dying in our place, so that we do not have to experience the wrath of God.



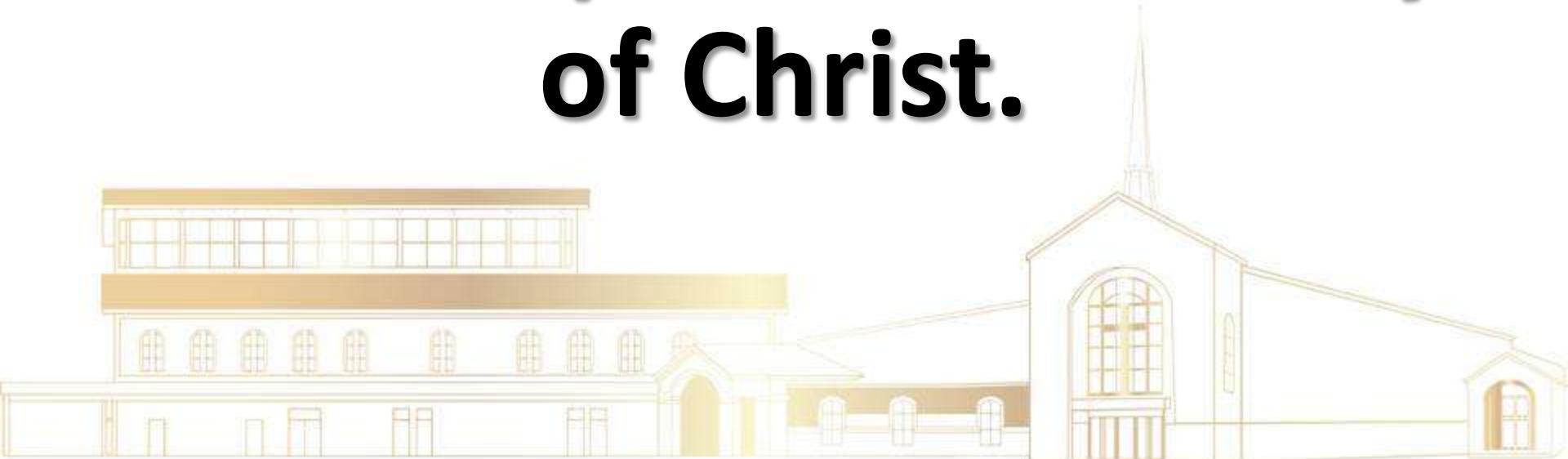
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The marriage supper of the Lamb is the celebration that bridegroom (Christ) and bride (the church) are NO longer separated.



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**Everyone at the
Marriage Supper of the
Lamb is part of the body
of Christ.**



Matthew 22:1–3 (ESV)

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a **king who gave a wedding feast for his son**, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the **wedding feast**, but they would not come.



Matthew 22:11–12 (ESV)

“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had **no wedding garment**. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here **without a wedding garment?**’ And he was speechless.

We are going to learn about robes washed in the blood of the Lamb in just a little bit.



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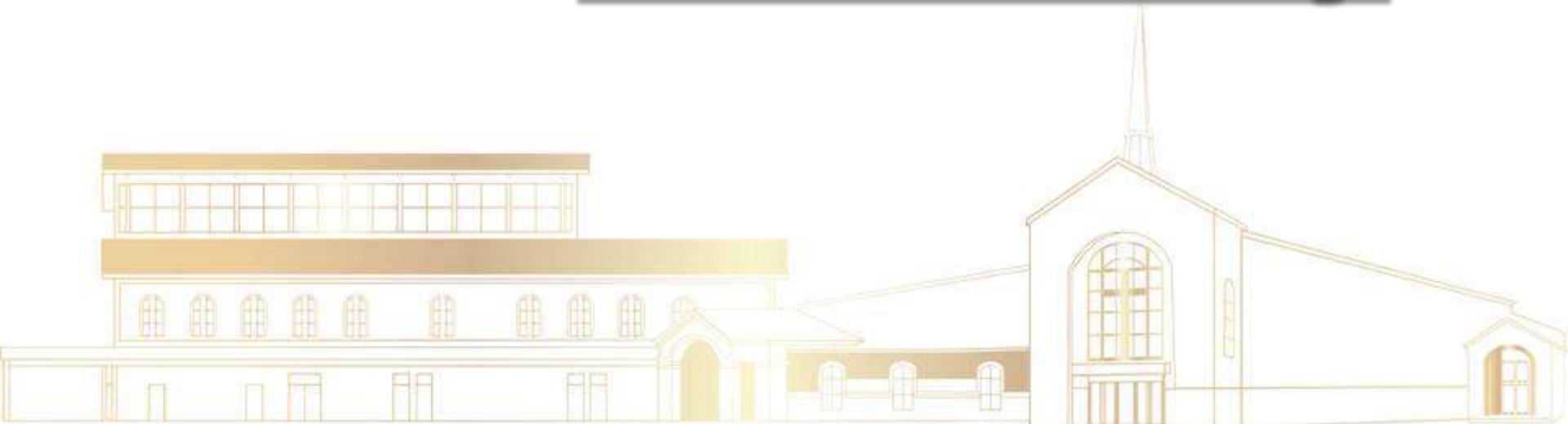


Revelation 20:6

- **Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection!**
Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

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Notice the language
blessed and holy



The saints of God are holy in two ways.

First, Christ righteousness has been applied to their account (imputed) thus they are now righteous or holy.

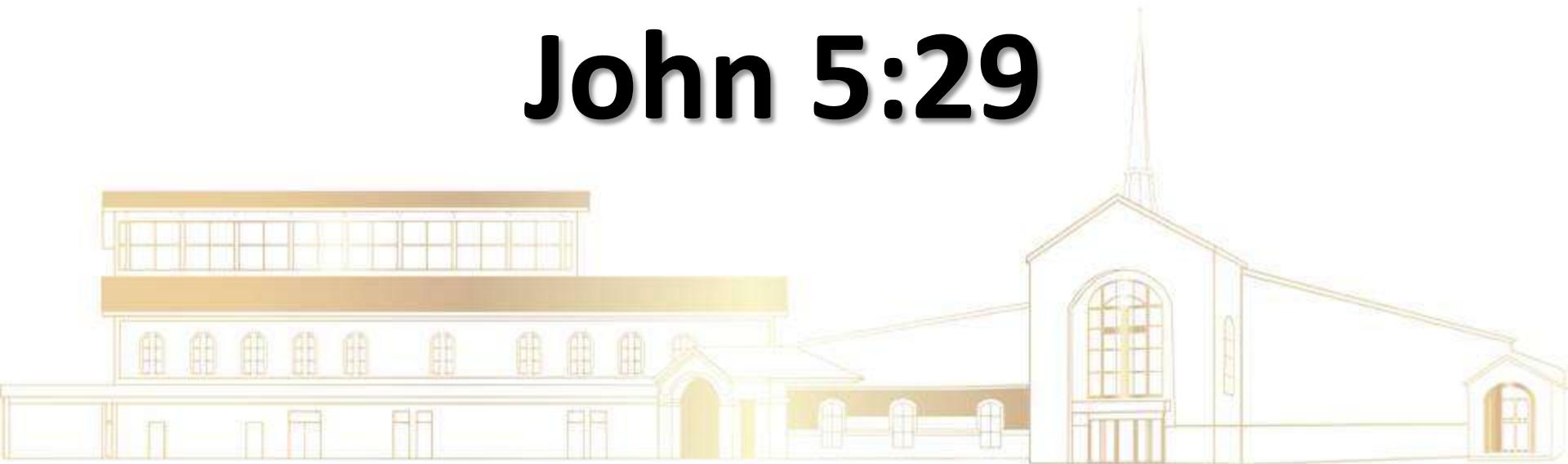
Second, those who have been made holy through the blood of the Lamb are consistently striving to be holy.



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**The first resurrection is
the resurrection unto
life.**

John 5:29



John 5:29

- and come out, **those who have done good to the resurrection of life**, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

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Finally



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Turn to Revelation 22:14

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Revelation 22:14 (AV)

•**Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**



Revelation 22:14 (ESV)

- **Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.**

ἐντολή



Transliteration

entolē

Pronunciation

en-to-lā' (Key)



Part of Speech

feminine noun

Root Word (Etymology)

From ἐντέλλω (G1781)

στολή



Transliteration

stolē

Pronunciation

sto-lā' (Key)



Part of Speech

feminine noun

Root Word (Etymology)

From στέλλω (G4724)

**Revelation 7:14 answers the
question:**

**what does it mean to wash
your robe?**

**And is going to show us
what blessed looks like.**



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Let me show you

Revelation 7:13-17

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Revelation 7:13–17 (ESV)

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “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. ¹⁵ “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. ¹⁶ **They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.** ¹⁷ 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.”



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