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The Seven Beatitudes of Revelation

Part 2

Revelation 1:3



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Beatitude

#1



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.”**



**I think Revelation 7:15-
17 provides us a
beautiful description of
what blessed looks like
with words we can
relate to.**



“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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#6



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



- 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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Turn to

Revelation 14:13



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.”

Revelations 14:13b



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

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



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



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**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 7:13ff



Revelation 7:13-14

- 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.**”



Isaiah 61:10 (ESV)

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God, **for he**
has clothed me with the garments of
salvation; he has covered me with the
robe of righteousness, as a
bridegroom decks himself like a priest
with a beautiful headdress, and as a
bride adorns herself with her jewels.



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Turn to Revelation 19:1



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?**



Revelation 1:3 (ESV)

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Revelation 14:13 (ESV)

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”

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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#4



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.



John 1:29 (ESV)

- The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

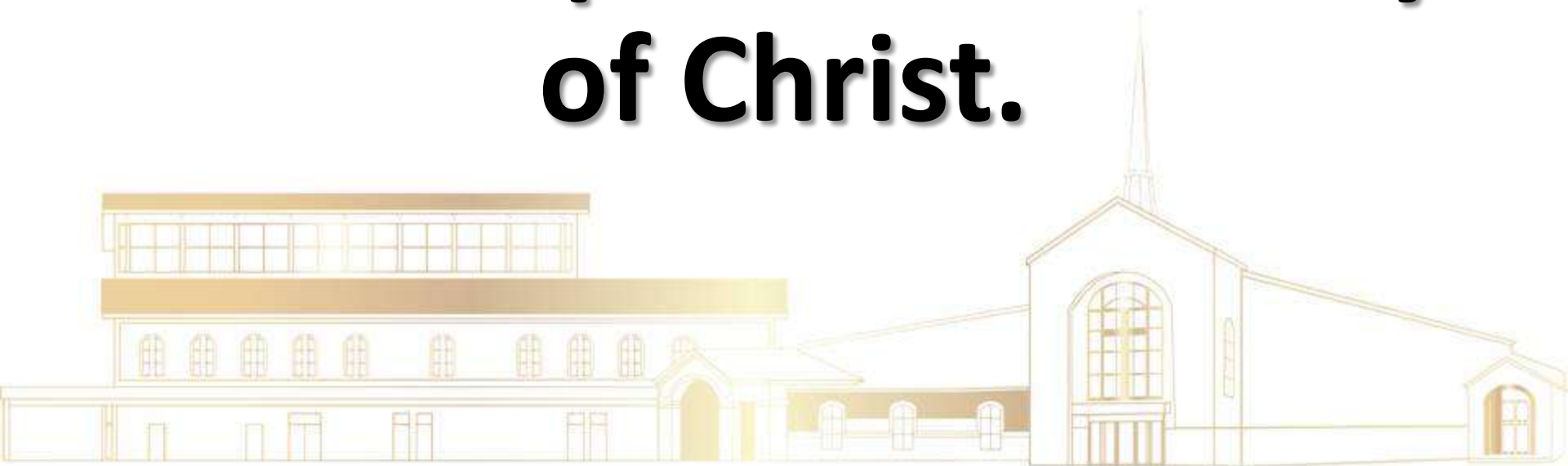


The marriage supper of the Lamb is the celebration that the bridegroom (Christ) and the bride (the church) are NO longer separated.



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



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Turn To

Matthew 22:1-14



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.

Wedding Garment?



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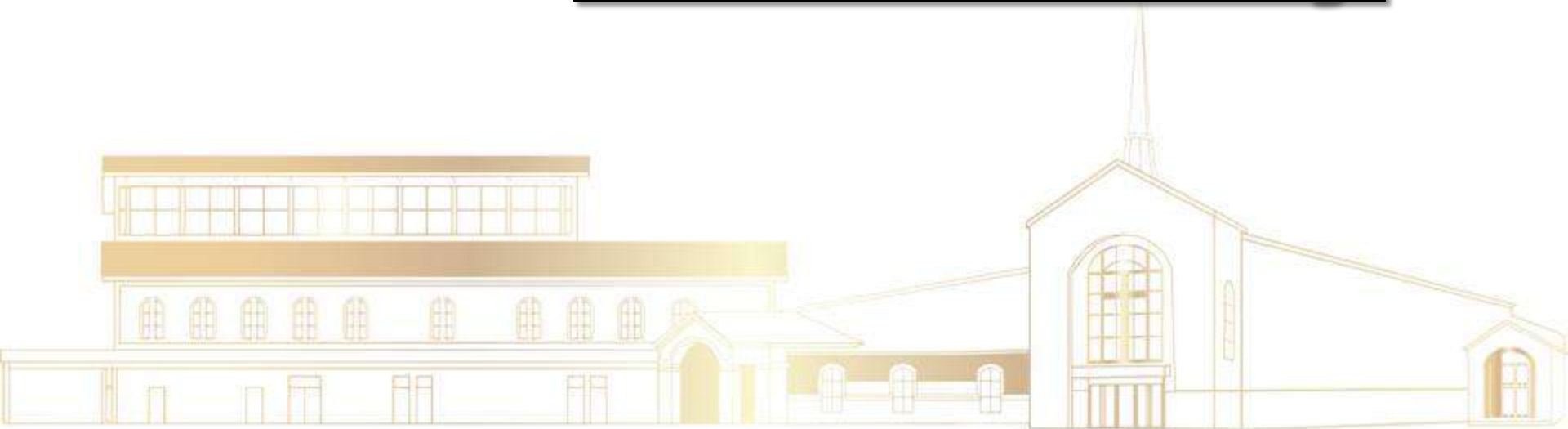
Revelation 20:6



- **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.

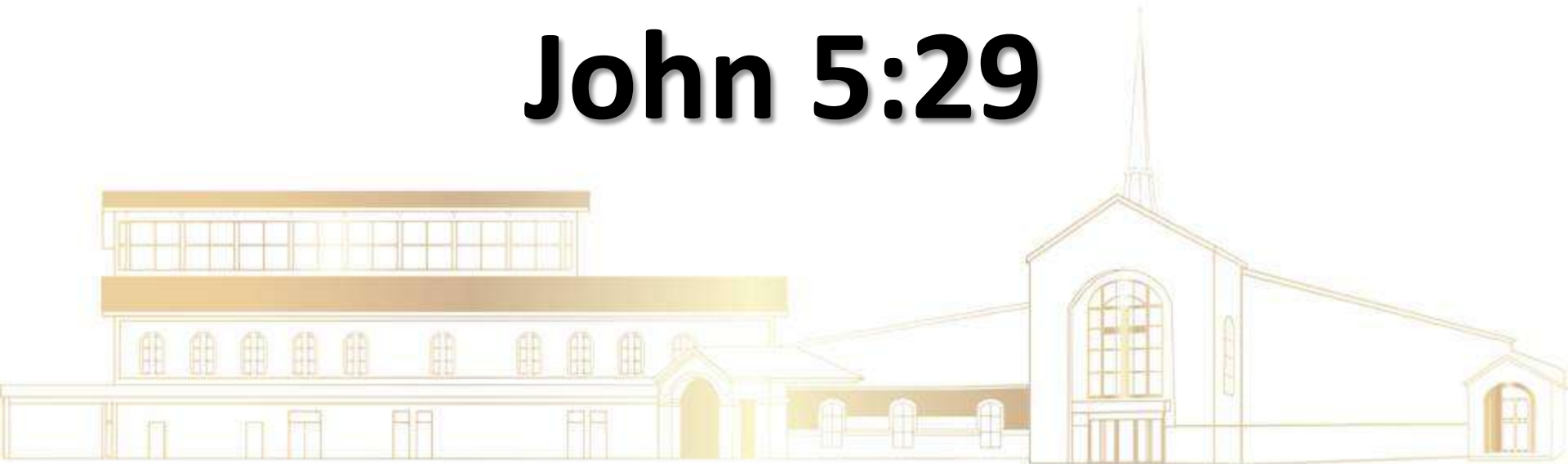
Second, those who have been made holy through the blood of the Lamb are consistently striving to be holy.



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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.



Finally



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Beatitude

#6 & 7



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Turn to Revelation 22:7



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

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Turn to

Revelation 22:14

Big Textual Variant



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.**

έντολή



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)

The Bible contains textual variants and translation variants.

1. A textual variant means we are not sure what the original manuscript contained in the original language.

2. A translation variant occurs when translation committees do not agree on how the original language should be translated.



**Revelation 7:14 answered
the question:
what does it mean to wash
your robe?**

**And showed us what
blessed looks like.**



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Review

2 Main

Inseparable Ideas



Remember

- Saints are clothed with a garment washed in the blood of the lamb
- And will be clothed in fine linen which are the righteous deeds of the saints



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