

Torment or Rest

Revelation 14:6-13



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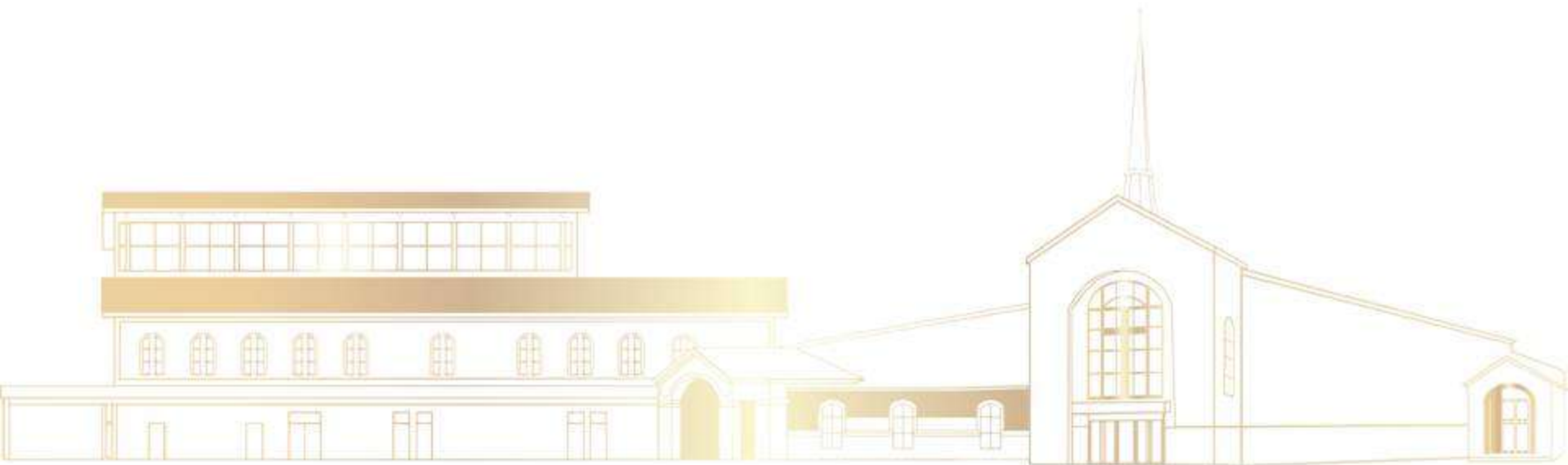
Outline

- 3 Angelic Messages
- A Call for Endurance
- A Voice From Heaven



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Angel #1



Revelation 14:6



- Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

The Eternal Gospel

The gospel is the good news that God is reconciling sinners to Himself eternally through the sacrificial and substitutionary death, burial, and resurrection of the man Christ Jesus through authentic faith in what Jesus, the one and only Son of God, accomplished on a tree 2000 years ago on a skull-shaped hill in the city of Jerusalem.



Revelation 14:7



• And he said with a loud voice,

“Fear God

Be Afraid

Revelation 14:7



- And he said with a loud voice,
- give him glory,

**What does this
mean?**

Give Him Glory

To give God glory is to give Him all that He is due as:

- 1.The Sovereign God of the Universe.**
- 2.The Creator of the Cosmos.**
- 3.Your Savior and Redeemer.**
- 4.The Lord and Master of your life.**
- 5.The Giver every good and perfect gift.**



What is the Sovereign, Lord God Almighty, Creator and Sustainer, Savior and Redeemer of my life due?

- 1. My consistent fidelity (authentic faithfulness)**
- 2. My absolute allegiance (loyalty)**
- 3. My full obedience (willing submission)**
- 4. My reverential adoration (fear and worship)**
- 5. My undiluted devotion (dedication and love)**

Give God the Glory He is Due.



Revelation 14:7



- And he said with a loud voice,
because the hour of his
judgment has come,

**This is what folks don't
believe will ever come.**

Revelation 14:7



- And he said with a loud voice,

- **worship him**

who made heaven and earth, the
sea and the springs of water.”

Revelation

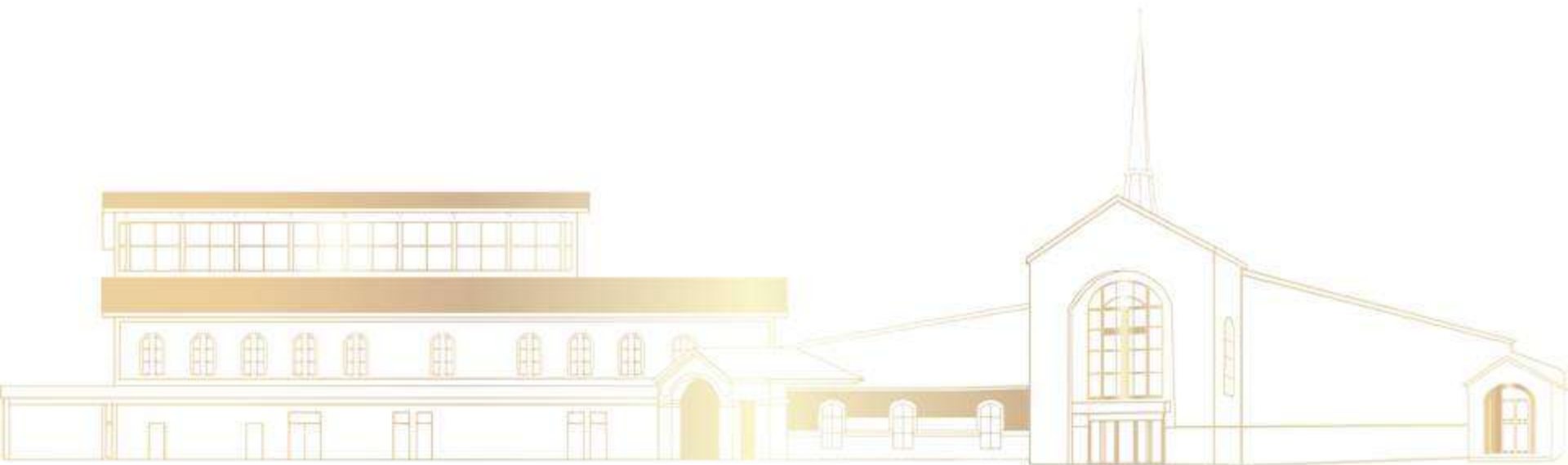
Makes it very clear that God
is to be worshipped because

He is the Creator.



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Angel #2



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- Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great,

Major Cities Destroyed

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Babylon in contrast to the New Jerusalem or the city of God.



Babylon is not a single a city. There are multiple cities that will have to be dealt with when Christ returns.

Babylon represents the heart of Satan's kingdom on the earth where those to have taken the mark of the beast rule and reign.

At the time of John writing, Babylon would have been Rome.

Peter calls Rome Babylon in 1 Peter 5:13.



1 Peter 5:13

- She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son.



Revelation 14:8



- Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, **she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.**”

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**Sexual Immorality
in this case is
Spiritual in Nature**



The values and ideals the major cities of the world promote are anti-God and antichrist in every regard.

- The god of materialism and pleasure reigns in the hearts and minds of its residents.
- **Followers of Christ are ridiculed.**
- The sanctity of life is mocked; image bearers of God are aborted.
- **Sexuality purity is ridiculed while the sexual revolution conquers.**
- The god of tolerance and acceptance reigns supreme.
- **The creation and that which man creates is worshipped above the Creator.**



Revelation 17:5



- And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: “Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth’s abominations.”

Jeremiah 3:7-8

- And I thought, 'After she has done all this she will return to me,' but she did not return, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. ⁸ She saw that for all **the adulteries of that faithless one**, Israel, I had sent her away with a decree of divorce. **Yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she too went and played the whore.**



A person or nations failure to be faithful to the one true and living God is described as adultery—or playing the whore.

God used earthly marriage and the expectation for a husband and wife to be committed one to another in vows of commitment, loyalty, and fidelity as a picture of His expectation for His people.

Are you playing the whore in your walk with God?



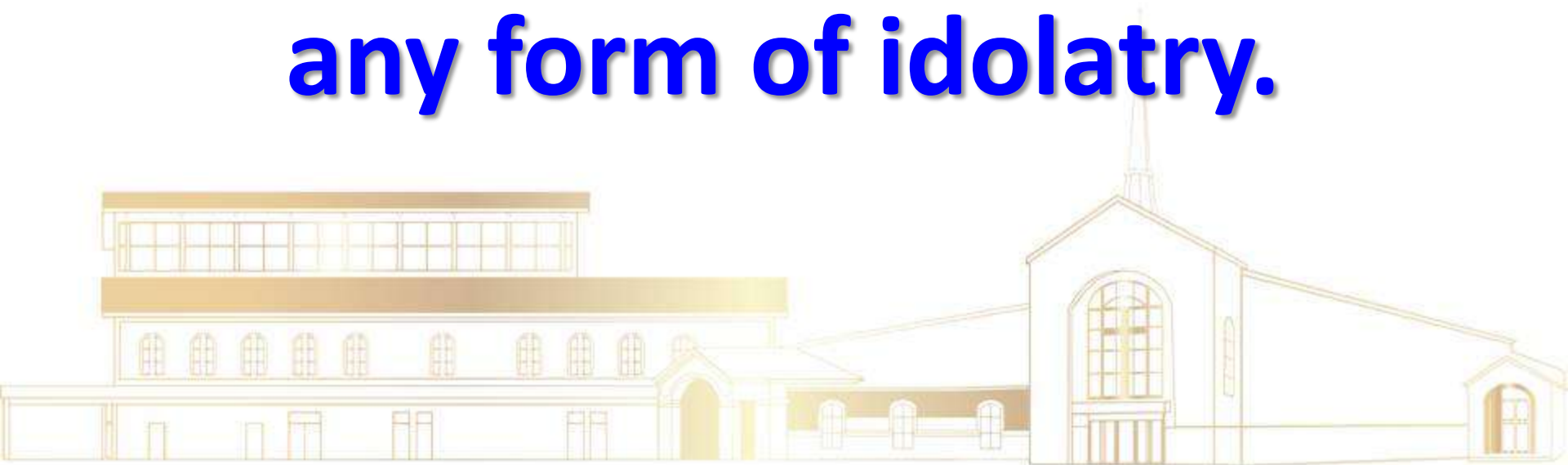
Revelation 18:10



- They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, “Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come.”

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If there is a consistent message in the Bible it is that God is NOT ok with any form of idolatry.



Exodus 20:2–3

- “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
“You shall have no other gods before me.



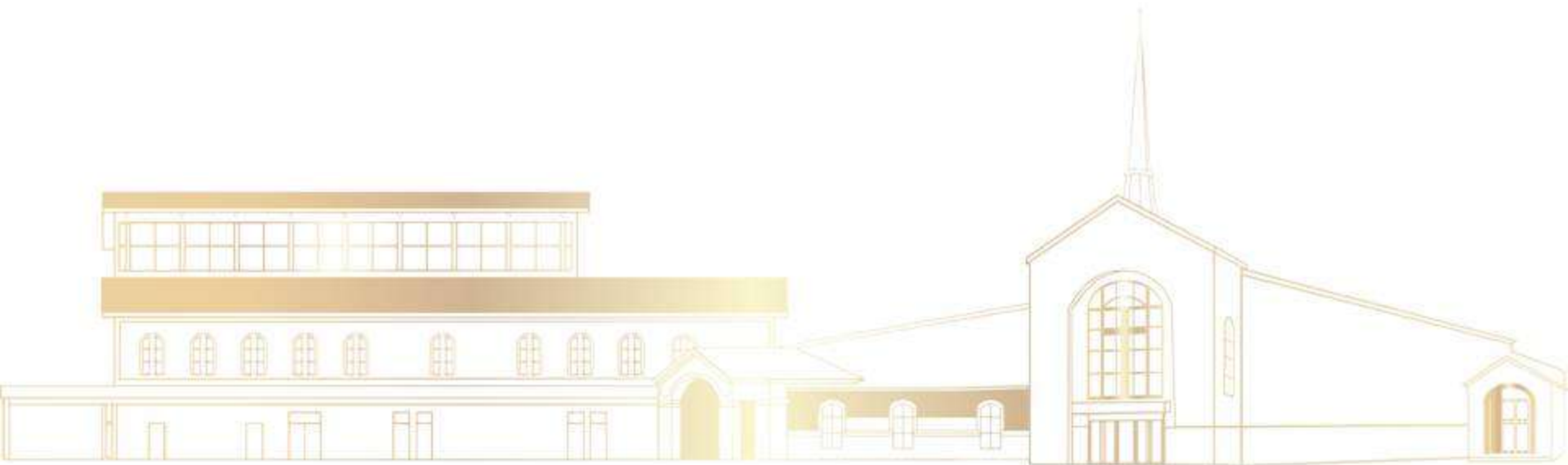
Leviticus 20:5

- then I will set my face against that man and against his clan and will cut them off from among their people, him **and all who follow him in whoring after Molech.**



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Angel #3



Revelation 14:9



- And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,

Worship

1: to honor or reverence as a divine being or supernatural power

2: to regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion

Merriam-Webster



Revelation 14:10



- **he also will drink the wine of God's wrath,**

To drink the wine of God's wrath is to be on the receiving end of God's fury.

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Why is God so angry?



**Satan has led humanity
to worship the created
rather than the Creator.**

**Turn to
Romans 1:25**



**Parents, I want
you to try and
remember the first
time the son or
daughter that you
raised from birth chose
to honor, follow, and
obey a peer over you.**

**Can you remember that
feeling?**



Romans 1:25

- because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.



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- 1. We worship what we love.**
- 2. Since we love ourselves we must continuously be vigilant that we are not worshipping ourselves or anything but God.**
- 3. Jesus summarized the first 3 commandments of the Decalogue in Matthew 4:10.**



Matthew 4:10

- Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “ ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’ ”



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**Anyone who doesn't
think God is angry with
sin has not read
Revelation.**



Revelation 14:10



- poured full strength into the cup of his anger,

In order to make wine last longer, it would be diluted. In this case, God's wrath is NOT being diluted.

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**The wine of God's wrath
is being poured full
strength into the cup of
God's anger.**



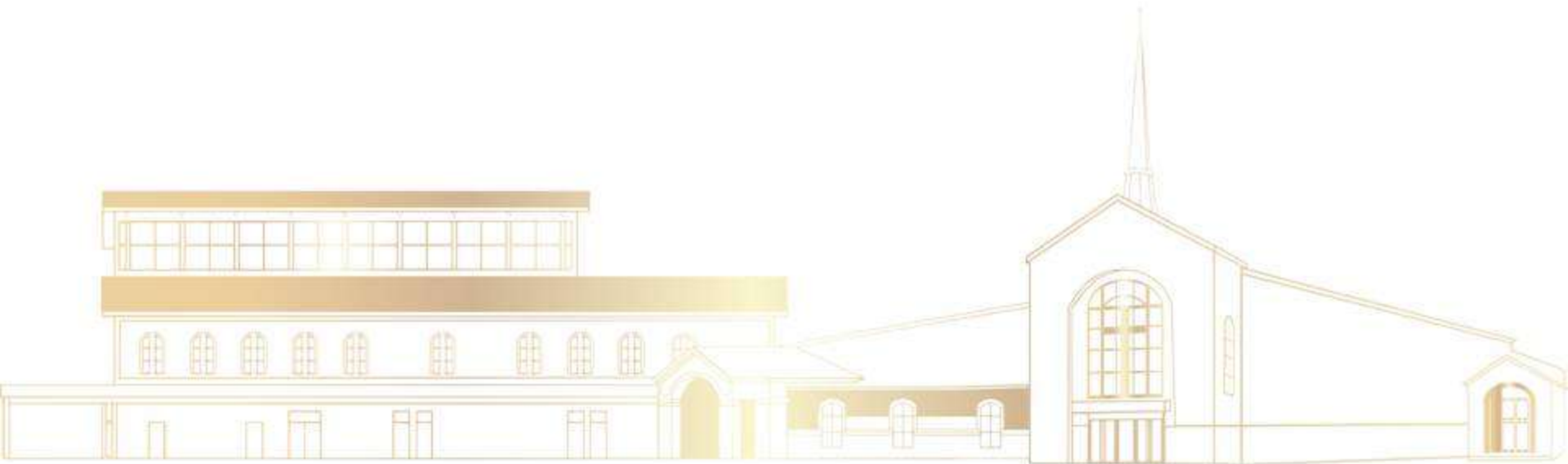
Deuteronomy 8:19

- And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, **I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish.**



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**We don't believe
Hebrews 10:31.**



Hebrews 10:31

- It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.



Revelation 14:10



- **and he will be tormented**
with fire and sulfur in the presence
of the holy angels and in the
presence of the Lamb.

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**Hell is Real or the
Bible is the Work of
Fiction Writers.**



Revelation 14:11



- And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever,

Turn to Luke 16:19

“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, **being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, **and you are in anguish.****



And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, **lest they also come into this place of torment.’²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’ ”**



RIP
ROBIN WILLIAMS

TO THE MAN
WHO BROUGHT US
LAUGHTER
AND HAPPINESS...

THANK YOU...

**Rest in Peace (RIP) is what we
say when someone dies.**



You're always in our hearts...



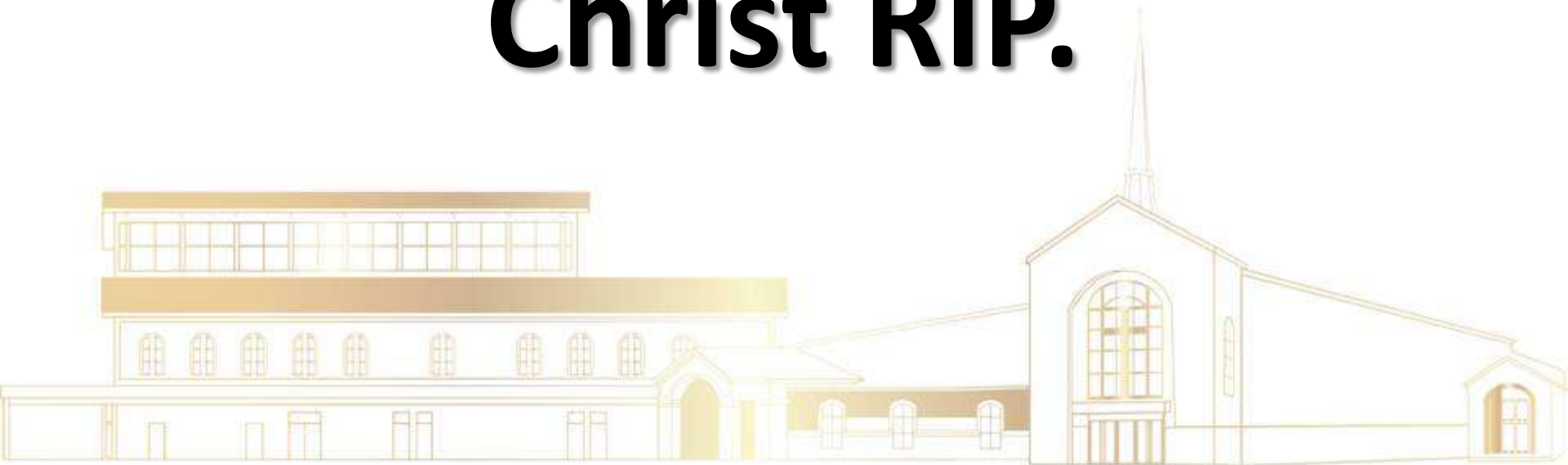
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Rest in peace, Sir.



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The Bible is clear:
Only those who die in
Christ RIP.



Revelation 14:11



- **and they have no rest,**
day or night, these worshipers of
the **beast and its image, and**
whoever receives the mark of its
name.”

Matthew 8:11–12

- I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹² while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”



Look @

v. 13



Revelation 14:13



- 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!”

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**Only those who
die in the Lord
rest in peace
when they die.**



Hebrews 4:9–10

- So then, **there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,** ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.



To die in the Lord is an expression used to describe the saints of God look @ v. 13.

These saints (literally 'holy ones') have been made holy through the imputed righteousness of Jesus.

Their faith is in the person and work of Jesus and they are characterized by keeping the commandments of God.



Revelation 14:12



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

Revelation 14 in Review

Marked by God and the Lamb as one of His	Takes the mark of the Dragon and the Beast
Redeemed from the Earth	Dwells on the Earth
Blameless	Guilty
Fears God	There is no fear of God
Worships God alone	Worships the Beast
Saved from the wrath of God	Experiences the undiluted wrath of God's anger
Rests from their Labor	No Rest
Blessed	Tormented

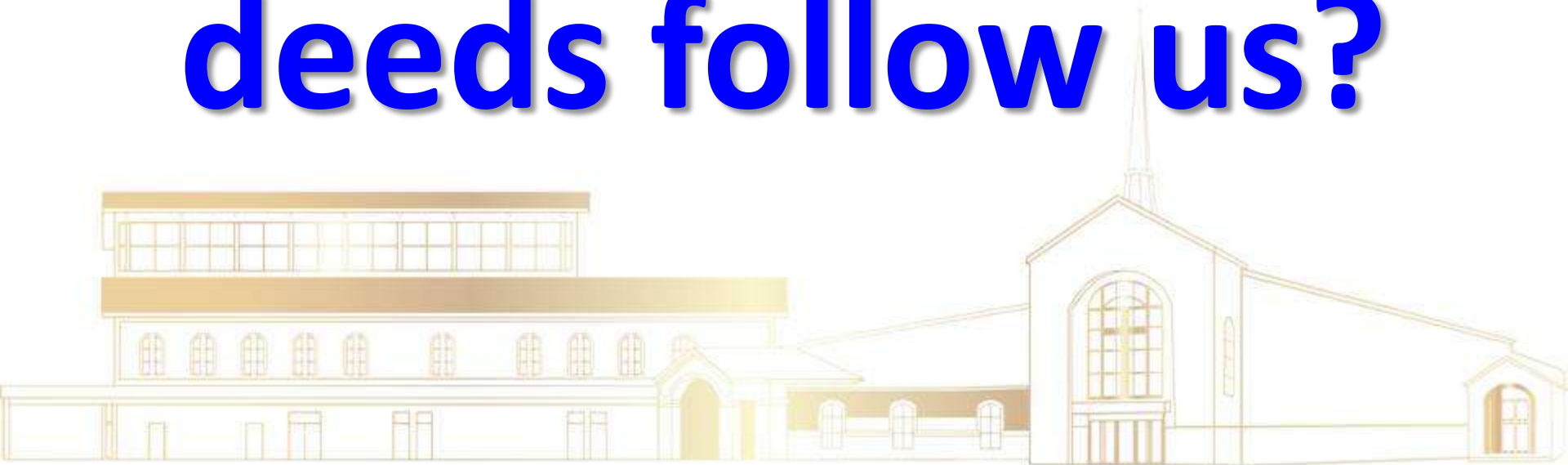
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#3 What we do or don't do in this life matters beyond this current life we have.



**What will you do
this week that
will follow you
into eternity?**

