

Urgency 20

Assurance the redeemed will be with Christ

Revelation 14:1-5 ¹ Then I looked, and behold, ^[a]a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred *and* forty-four thousand, ^[b]having His Father's name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. ³ They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred *and* forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. ⁴ These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were ^[c]redeemed from *among* men, *being* firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵ And in their mouth was found no ^[d]deceit, for they are without fault ^[e]before the throne of God.

1. The redeemed will be with Jesus. The Lamb is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, the one whom all true believers long to be with. He is the Lamb who was slain for our sins, the Lamb who took all our sins and died for them. Everyone, not just some. Oh my God, it's so good.

Matthew 13:43 Amp ⁴³ Then THE RIGHTEOUS [those who seek the will of God] WILL SHINE FORTH [radiating the new life] LIKE THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears [to hear], let him hear *and* heed My words.

John 12:26 Amp ²⁶ If anyone serves Me, he must [continue to faithfully] follow Me [without hesitation, holding steadfastly to Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me]; and wherever I am [in heaven's glory], there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

2. Sealed: The redeemed will be sealed with God's name. We always have to remember that we are sealed with all the promises of God.

Ephesians 1:1-14 Amp ¹ Paul, an apostle (special messenger, personally chosen representative) of Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed), by the will of God [that is, by His purpose and choice], To the ^[a]saints (God's people) ^[b]who are at Ephesus and are faithful *and* loyal *and* steadfast in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace [inner calm and spiritual well-being] from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ ^[c]Blessed *and* worthy of praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in Christ, ⁴ just as [in His love] He chose us in Christ [actually selected us for Himself as His own] before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy [that is, consecrated, set apart for Him, purpose-driven] and blameless in His sight. In love ⁵ He predestined *and* lovingly planned for us to be adopted to Himself as [His own] children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the kind intention *and* good pleasure of His will—

⁶ to the praise of His glorious grace *and* favor, which He so freely bestowed on us in the Beloved [His Son, Jesus Christ]. ⁷ In Him we have redemption [that is, our deliverance and salvation] through His blood, [which paid the penalty for our sin and resulted in] the forgiveness *and* complete pardon of our sin, in accordance with the riches of His grace ⁸ which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and understanding [with practical insight] ⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ with regard to the fulfillment of the times [that is, the end of history, the climax of the ages]—to bring all things together in Christ, [both] things in the heavens and things on the earth. ¹¹ In Him also we have [a]received an inheritance [a destiny—we were claimed by God as His own], having been predestined (chosen, appointed beforehand) according to the purpose of Him who works everything in agreement with the counsel *and* design of His will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ [who first put our confidence in Him as our Lord and Savior] would exist to the praise of His glory. ¹³ In Him, you also, when you heard the word of truth, the good news of your salvation, and [as a result] believed in Him, were stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit [the One promised by Christ] as owned *and* protected [by God]. ¹⁴ The Spirit is the [a]guarantee [the first installment, the pledge, a foretaste] of our inheritance until the redemption of *God's own* [purchased] possession [His believers], to the praise of His glory.

3. The redeemed will hear the voice of God:

John 10:27 NKJV ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

John 8:47 NKJV ⁴⁷ He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

Romans 10:17 NKJV ¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Jeremiah 33:3 NKJV ³ 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and [a]mighty things, which you do not know.'

Isaiah 30:21 NKJV ²¹ Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This *is* the way, walk in it, "Whenever you turn to the right hand Or whenever you turn to the left.

John 16:13 NKJV ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

James 1:19-27 NKJV ¹⁹ [a]So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and [b]overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

²⁶ If anyone ^[a]among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion *is* useless. ²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Hebrews 2:1 NKJV ¹ Therefore we must give ^[a]the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

4. The Jewish people will be redeemed: Clearly in the scripture the 144,000 Jews clearly will and have had a special task. They take special vows to minister to the people in the last days who will be severely attacked by the antichrist. But this scripture can very well be related to us.

Romans 15:1 NKJV ¹ We then who are strong ought to bear with the ^[a]scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Mark 10:28-31 NKJV ²⁸ Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You." ²⁹ So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother ^[a]or wife or children or ^[b]lands, for My sake and the gospel's, ³⁰ who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. ³¹ But many *who are* first will be last, and the last first."

Philippians 3:8 NKJV ⁸ Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

Luke 9:23 NKJV ²³ And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

1 John 2:6 NKJV ⁶ He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

5. We need men and women who will commit themselves to be blameless before God. That is a big task in the world today but it isn't impossible when you walk in the spirit. That is if you know what Jesus did for you.

Romans 6:13 NKJV ¹³ Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Romans 12:1-2 ¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Knowledge is key!!!!!!!