

**IN CHRIST
THE GREATEST PRIVILEGE
& THE HIGHEST POSITION**

TEXT:

Revelation 14:12-13:

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Introduction:

As you may well know, the Book of Revelation is a Book of Prophecy. In this fourteenth chapter is recorded the translation of the 144,000 Jewish believers from the twelve tribes of Israel who have just made their safe arrival to Heaven.

The following facts are recorded about them:

- **They are with the Lamb of God Who is the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Revelation 14:1a: And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Sion, and with Him a hundred forty and four thousand,

- **The Father's Name is written in their foreheads.**

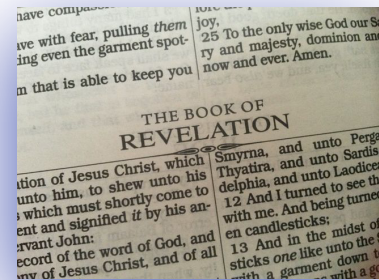
Revelation 14:1b-2:

1a having His Father's Name written in their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from Heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

- **They learn a new song.**

Revelation 14:3a: And they sung as it were a new song before the Throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could



learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, [which only they are privileged to learn]

- **They were redeemed from the earth.**

Revelation 14:3b: which were redeemed from the earth. (which shows they are no longer on it)

- **They are holiness people for:**

They were not defiled with women . . .

Revelation 14:4: These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the Firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

In their mouths is no guile . . .

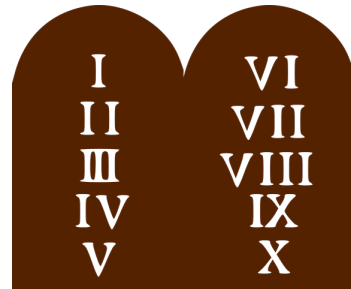
Revelation 14:5a: And in their mouth was found no guile:

They are without fault before the Throne of God . . .

Revelation 14:5b: for they are without fault before the Throne of God.

They kept The Commandments of God . . .

Revelation 14:12: Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the Commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.



They have the faith of Jesus . . .

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They died “in the Lord” . . .

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There are only two ways in which a person may die — either in Christ (as a believer) or outside of Christ (as a non-believer). There are no middle or neutral grounds in between. We who are in Christ are alive spiritually; thus the term, “born again”.

Those who are outside of Christ are still dead in their trespasses and sins and are separated from Christ.

To be in Christ is the greatest honor, privilege, and position any person could ever have. Many strive for honors, special privileges, and positions of authority in this world, but all these earthy things shall one day pass away, along with their glamour. The only position of honor and privileges shall be to those who are “in Christ”.

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Note:

Book of John

John 6:56: He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him.

John 14:20-21:

20 At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you.

21 He that hath My Commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.

John 15:3-7:

3 Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.



5 I am the Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 16:33: These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Book of Romans

Romans 8:1: There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 16:7-13:

⁷ Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

⁸ Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord.

⁹ Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.

¹⁰ Salute Apelles approved in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' household.

¹¹ Salute Herodion my kinsman. Greet them that be of the household of Narcissus, which are in the Lord.

¹² Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord.

¹³ Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

Romans 16:22: I Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord.

Book of 1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1:2: Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours.

1 Corinthians 1:30: But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, Who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption

1 Corinthians 3:1: And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

1 Corinthians 4:15: For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the Gospel.

1 Corinthians 4:17: For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.



1 Corinthians 15:22: *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

1 Corinthians 15:58: *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

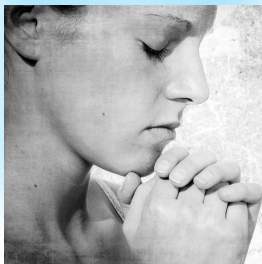
1 Corinthians 16:24: *My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

Book of 2 Corinthians

2 Corinthians 1:21: *Now He Who stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;*

2 Corinthians 2:14: *Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His Knowledge by us in every place.*

2 Corinthians 2:17: *For we are not as many, which corrupt the Word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.*



2 Corinthians 5:17: *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

2 Corinthians 5:21: *For He [God the Father] hath made Him [Jesus] to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the Righteousness of God in Him.*

2 Corinthians 12:2: *I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third Heaven.*

Book of Galatians

Galatians 1:22: *And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ:*

Galatians 2:4: *And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:*

Galatians 3:28: *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.* [He proclaims an end to all class, status, and social distinction.]

Book of Ephesians

Ephesians 1:3-4:

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ:

⁴ According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be Holy and without blame before Him in love:

Ephesians 2:6,10:

⁶ And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus:

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:13: *But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh [near] by the Blood of Christ.*

Ephesians 2:21: *In Whom [Christ] all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an Holy Temple in the Lord:*

Ephesians 3:12: *In Whom [In Christ and what He did on the Cross] we have boldness and access with confidence by the Faith of Him.*

Ephesians 4:15: *But speaking the Truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ:*

Ephesians 4:17: *This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*



Ephesians 5:8: *For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as Children of Light:*

Ephesians 6:1: *Children, obey your parents [and those in authority] in the Lord: for this is right.*

Ephesians 6:10: *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His Might.*

Ephesians 6:21: *But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:*

Book of Philippians

Philippians 1:1: *Paul and Timothy, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:*

Philippians 1:14: *And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds [the example of Paul in prison], are much more bold to speak the Word without fear.*



Philippians 3:9: *And be found in Him [united with Christ], not having mine own righteousness, which is of the Law, but that which is through the Faith of Christ, the Righteousness which is of God by faith:*

Philippians 4:21: *Salute [greet] every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you.*

Book of Colossians

Colossians 1:2: *To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Colossians 1:28: *Whom [Christ] we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect [mature] in [what He], Christ Jesus [did on the Cross]:*

Colossians 2:6: *As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk [behave] ye in Him:*

Colossians 2:10-11:

¹⁰ *And ye are complete in Him, which is the Head of all principality and power:*

¹¹ *In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:*

Colossians 3:23: *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the lord, and not unto men;*

Book of 1 Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 1:1: *Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Thessalonians 2:14: *For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews [pertains to persecution]:*

1 Thessalonians 4:14: *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus [caught up with Christ – raptured] will God bring with Him.*

1 Thessalonians 4:16: *For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the Trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

Book of 1 Timothy

1 Timothy 2:8: *I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up Holy hands, without wrath and doubting.*



Book of 2 Timothy

2 Timothy 3:12: *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ shall suffer persecution.*

Book of Philemon

Philemon 6: *That the communication of thy Faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.*

Philemon 21: *[I, Paul] Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.*

Philemon 23: *There salute thee Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus;*

Book of 1 Peter

1 Peter 3:15-16:

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear [from a position of strength]:

16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, [that] they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

1 Peter 5:14b: Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Book of 1 John

1 John 2:6: He that saith he abideth in Him [Christ] ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.

1 John 2:24: Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning [the True Gospel]. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

1 John 2:28: And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear [at the Rapture of the Saints], we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His Coming.

1 John 3:6: Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not [does not practice sin]: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him.

1 John 3:24b: And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us.

1 John 4:13: Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit.



1 John 4:15-16:

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the Love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

1 John 5:20: And we know that the Son of God is come [to take up residence in you], and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him Who is true, and we are in Him Who is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the True God, and Eternal Life.

Book of Jude

Jude 1: Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them who are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and Called.

The Lord does NOT want to lose the people He has Called to be His Own.

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