



A VISION OF WHITE ROBES

Sermon Notes

Text: Revelation 7:9-17

Intro:

How does the book of Revelation help me be a better follower of Jesus today?

Part two of a two-part vision

7:4 - I heard...

7:9 - I looked...

A Multitude in White Robes

Ethnic differences don't disappear in heaven; they just no longer divide.

This vision is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham (Gen. 12)

They were wearing white, which symbolized their victory and purity.

The "Great" Tribulation (v. 14)

How do I live in light of the tribulation in my generation?

John 16:33

We live in tribulation times right now!

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Tribulation = "*Thlipsis*" (Pressure)

Envisioning our future (v. 16-17)

"All reasons for human sorrow will be banished forever" ~Gordon Fee

Romans 8:18

The phrase "Live like there's no tomorrow" is not a Biblical phrase. We should live like there *is* a tomorrow - the tomorrow of this vision!

My joy is not dependent on my moment.

"What you think about death, and life beyond it, is the key to thinking seriously about everything else—and, indeed, [it] provides one of the main reasons for thinking seriously about anything at all" ~N.T. Wright

Hebrews 12:2

Conclusion:

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. What is a dream that you hope to live out in the future? A goal, or experience you'd like to have that motivates you today?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. The phrase "Great Tribulation" (v. 14) may speak about a future period of time, but we certainly live in tribulation times right now (see John 16:33). What spiritual and physical resources do Christians have to help us endure tribulation times? Are you making the most of those? How can your Life Group help you?
2. Read the vision of the future the elder shares with John (v. 16-17). Then read the parallel passage in Revelation 21:1-5. How do you picture heaven? What are you looking forward to? How does that vision of your future help you live differently today? Why does it seem like God is delaying so long before he fulfills that vision of a new heavens and earth?
3. What do you think of the phrase "Live like there's no tomorrow"? What would be a more Biblical version of that?

Application:

1. What spiritual and physical resources, available to you as a Christian, are you under utilizing? How will you make better use of them this week?

Prayer:

- Pray a vision of your future that will help you endure tribulation today.

Other Requests

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