

Diversity in Heaven
Beyond Borders – Part 9
Life Church St. Louis – November 26, 2017
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Luke 23:43 (ESV) And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Matthew 6:10 (ESV) Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Galatians 3:28 (ESV) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

1. _____ people group will be in heaven

Revelation 7:9 (ESV) After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

A. All people will _____ together

Revelation 7:10 (ESV) and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

B. People and _____ will worship together

Revelation 7:11-12 (ESV) And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

2. Only those _____ will be there

Revelation 7:13 (ESV) Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"

A. All believers will go through _____

Revelation 7:14a (ESV) I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation."

B. All are made _____ by Jesus' blood

Revelation 7:14b (ESV) They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

3. Believers will _____ God continually

Revelation 7:15 (ESV) "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."

A. God will _____ them from all harm

Revelation 7:16 (ESV) They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

B. Jesus will _____ them in eternal life

Revelation 7:17 (ESV) 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."

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. How would you describe heaven to someone who asked what it was like?

What does Jesus' statement to the dying thief on the cross tell us about heaven (Luke 23:43)?

In what ways is heaven a model or example for the church (Matthew 6:10)?

What does Galatians 3:28 tell us about biblical diversity in the church?

1A. What stands out to you about John's vision of diversity in heaven (Revelation 7:9)?

1B. How is it possible for this diverse group of people to worship God together (Revelation 7:10)?

1C. How do people and angelic beings worship together even today (Revelation 7:11-12, Luke 15:7)?

1D. How should each church today represent the heaven's diversity? What is problematic with churches that only represent one people group?

2A. What do the white robes of the multitude represent (Revelation 7:13)?

2B. In what ways does every believer face tribulation (Revelation 7:14a, 2 Timothy 3:12)?

2C. How can imperfect and sinful people enter into a perfect, sin-free heaven (Revelation 7:14b)?

2D. What is the basis of unity in a local church?

3A. How is serving God continually the fulfillment of man's purpose (Revelation 7:15)?

3B. In what ways is heaven paradise restored (Revelation 7:16, Genesis 1:31)?

3C. What is the place of Jesus in heaven (Revelation 7:17)?

3D. How can our church better represent heaven's diversity?

3E. How can a diverse church positively affect the church's witness?