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Week 14 – The Interlude of Grace (Rev. 7)

Introduction

Revelation 7:1-17

Two Unshakable Realities

1. The _____ of God sustained (vs. 1-8)
 - Genesis 13:15 “All the land...I will give to you...forever.”
 - Matthew 19:28 “You who have followed me will (judge) Israel.”
 - Acts 1:6 “...are you at this time going to restore...Israel?”
 - Romans 11:25-27 “...all Israel will be saved.”
2. The _____ of God's people secured (vs. 9-17)
 - Matthew 10:28

The Big Picture

Just as God is faithful to all of His promises, He will be faithful to restore the future kingdom of Israel on the earth in the Millennial (thousand-year) reign. And just as God has secured the eternal future of all who believe in Jesus in this age, He will secure the eternal future of those who trust Him in the future Tribulation.

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION

Personal Life:

1. How often do you think about how current events might correlate with the prophecies and predictions we are studying in Revelation? Why is it important that we study the headlines through the lens of the Bible rather than studying the Bible through the lens of the headlines? Discuss...

Ponderings:

2. How does the sealing of the 144,000 Jewish witnesses relate to God's promises to Abraham and the nation of Israel in the Old Testament? Discuss...
3. How does the imagery of God protecting the 144,000 during the Tribulation speak to the reality of His faithfulness and sovereignty in times of difficulty?
4. The response of the martyred saints in Revelation 7:9-17 is one of worship and praise. How does this scene challenge or inspire your personal worship among others when we gather, as well as when you are alone with God? Discuss...
5. How does God's faithfulness to the many prophecies He has fulfilled already invoke greater confidence in the fact that the rest will come to pass according to His plan? How is the study of Biblical prophecy beneficial for our walk with Jesus right now? Discuss...

Promptings:

6. What shifts in your lifestyle might occur (whether subtle or significant) if you truly began to live your life in the confident expectation of Christ's possible return in your lifetime?
7. Try to articulate at least one principle or reality from our study of Revelation 7 that you can apply to your life immediately...