

AFTER THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

HEBREWS 13:14

INTRODUCTION:

1. The faithful are promised eternal life. (Heb. 11.9,10.13-16)
2. What can we expect to experience living in heaven?

I. WHAT CAN I EXPECT IN HEAVEN?

- A. I can expect to be awestruck. (1 Cor. 15.54; Rev. 21.9-23)
 1. The measurements of the city. (Rev. 21.14-17)
 2. The materials of the city. (Rev. 21.18-21)
 3. The magnificence of the city. (Rev. 21.22,23)
- B. I can expect to be appreciative. (John 14.1-6)
 1. The heavenly city was created for me. (John 14.1-3)
 2. Access to my mansion is because of Jesus. (John 14.6)
- C. I can expect to have anticipation.
 1. I look forward to new knowledge. (1 Cor. 13.12)
 2. I look forward to seeing Jesus. (1 John 3.2)
 3. I look forward to seeing God. (Rev. 21.2-4)
- D. I expect to have associations.
 1. I will see those who sleep in Jesus. (1 Thes. 4.16,17)
 2. I will meet new people. (Matt. 8.11,12; 25.46)
- E. I expect to be aware of my condition. (Mark 10.29,30)

IV. WHO WILL ENTER INTO HEAVEN?

- A. The thirsty will be in heaven.
 1. **REVELATION 21.6:** *“water of life...to him who thirsts.”*
 2. Do you hunger and thirst for righteousness? (Matt. 5.6)
- B. Those who overcome will be in heaven.
 1. **REVELATION 21.7:** *“He who overcomes...”*
 2. Will you be faithful unto death? (Rev. 2.10,11)
- C. The saved will be in heaven.
 1. **REVELATION 21.24:** *“those who are saved shall walk”*
 2. Are you saved? (Mark 16.16; 2 Cor. 7.10; Rom. 10.9)
- D. Those in the Book of Life. (Rev. 21.27; Heb. 12.23)

CONCLUSION: God wants all of us to be in heaven.

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-Mark 16.15

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM

WHO WILL FOLLOW JESUS?

Are you a follower of Jesus? Saying one is a follower of Jesus does not make it so. Jesus said, *“If anyone desires to come after Me”* (Luke 9.23). What are your desires? What do you want to do with your life? If your desire is to follow Jesus, there are three things that Jesus said were required.

LUKE 9.23: *“Let him deny himself.”* If I really want to be a follower of Jesus, I am required to say no to what I want. There are going to be things that you want to do but are no longer going to be able to do. The word “deny” is in the form that means once and for all time. From this point forward, I will say no to myself.

LUKE 9.23: *“Let him...take up his cross daily.”* The one who was condemned to die by crucifixion was forced to pick up his own cross. That is what we are being told to do. We are to do what God wants us to do even if it is difficult, and even if it leads to our death (Rev. 2.10)

LUKE 9.23: *“Let Him...follow Me.”* Literally, it means to keep on following Me. You are to, once and for all, say no to your desires. You are to be willing to do whatever you are asked to do, even if it is difficult, even if it leads to your death. And you keep on following Jesus. That’s the mindset you need to develop if you truly want to be a follower of Jesus. CLP

A MEANINGFUL FEAST

MARK 14:25

INTRODUCTION:

1. The first half of Mark 14 addresses four subjects
 - a) Anointing of Jesus. (Mark 14.3-9)
 - b) Betrayal of Jesus. (Mark 14.10,11)
 - c) Celebration of Jesus. (Mark 14.12-29)
 - d) Denial of Jesus. (Mark 14.30-35)
2. As Jesus celebrates the Passover, He shifts its meaning to a memorial of His death. [Read Mark 14.22-25]

I. WHAT DID THE FEAST MEAN TO JESUS?

- A. Jesus wanted to remember.
 1. **MARK 14.22:** “*As they were eating...*” (cf. Mark 14.16)
 2. The Passover was an annual memorial to remember the day when death passed over Israel. (Ex. 12.13)
 3. Being His last Passover, Jesus looked forward to this day with great anticipation. (Luke 22.15,16; cf. Heb. 12.2)
- B. Jesus wanted to be remembered.
 1. **MARK 14.22:** “*Take, eat; This is My body*” What kind of bread did Jesus and the disciples eat? (cf. Ex. 12.20)
 2. **MARK 14.24,25:** “*This is the blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many*” This was the fruit of the vine.

II. WHAT DOES THE FEAST MEAN TO YOU?

- A. To make the Lord’s Supper more meaningful, we need to focus our attention on Jesus.
 1. The Corinthian brethren were not observing the Lord’s Supper properly and needed correcting. (1 Cor. 11.20)
 2. Five aspects to the Lord’s Supper, but one focus.
 - a) Reflection: (Mark 14.23-25)
 - b) Proclamation. (Mark 14.26)
 - c) Anticipation. (Mark 14.26)
 - d) Examination. (Mark 14.27,28)
 - e) Condemnation. (Mark 14.29-32)
- B. As we focus our attention on Jesus, our thoughts are to reflect on two things about Jesus.
 1. Think about His body. (Luke 22.19)
 2. Think about His blood. (Mark 14.23,24; Matt. 26.28)

CONCLUSION: Worship is a challenge. It takes focus!

ARE YOU A CHILD OF GOD?

None of the relationships that we enjoy compare with the joy of being the children of God. The apostle John wrote, “*Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God*” (1 John 3.1)! Who was John addressing when he identified his audience as the children of God? In **1 JOHN 2.12,13**, he identified them as those whose “*sins are forgiven*” and thus “*have known Him who is from the beginning.*” How does one receive the forgiveness of sins and become a child of God?

Turning to the book of 1 Peter, the apostle Peter wrote to those who were Christians (1 Pet. 4.16). He described these Christians as those who are called out of darkness (1 Pet. 2.9). The idea of being called is being invited or summoned. In 2 Thessalonians 2.14, we are told that one is called by the gospel. A Christian is one who is called by the gospel and has accepted the invitation by doing what the gospel says to do.

What does the gospel say we are to do in order to become the children of God? After His resurrection, Jesus met with His disciples and told them to “*preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. He who does not believe will be condemned*” (Mark 16.15,16). When the gospel was preached, people were told to believe and be baptized. If one wants to become a child of God, he is to obey the commands of the gospel by believing and being baptized. In **MATTHEW 28.19**, Jesus told His disciples to “*make disciples of all nations...*” What did they have to do to make disciples? Jesus explained, “*...baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*” To become a Christian, a child of God, a disciple, I must believe and be baptized.

The church is made up of individuals who have been called by the gospel and responded by obeying the commands of the gospel to become children of God. In Acts 2, Peter preached the gospel (Acts 2.22-36). The people responded by asking, “*What shall we do*” (Acts 2.37). Peter told them what they needed to do to be forgiven and thus become the children of God. “*Repent and... be baptized...for the remission of sins*” (Acts 2.38). To whom was this invitation given? **ACTS 2.39:** “*as many as the Lord our God will call.*” However, it is not limited to only a select few, for all are called by the gospel...even you (Col. 1.6). CLP