

**Part 9 – March 21, 2010**

**The Portrait of Christ in Revelation**

**Revelation 14-15**

**First “I Saw”** (14:1-5) – *the heavenly church of the redeemed*

**The characters**

- They are those who have the Name of God and the Lamb on their foreheads (**v. 1; 1 Peter 1:3; Romans 8:29**)
- They have been purchased out of the earth (**v. 3; 1 Peter 1:18-19**)
- They are pure and undefiled (**v. 4; Titus 3:5**)
- They follow the Lamb wherever He goes (**v. 4; John 10:27; Luke 9:23**)
- They are the first fruits of God and the Lamb (**v. 4; 1 Cor. 15:20**)
- They are blameless (**v. 5; Rom. 8:1; Eph. 1:4; John 5:24**)

**The city**

- The Lamb stands on Mount Zion

**Genesis 14:18; 2 Samuel 5:7**

**Acts 7:55; Hebrews 1:3; 10:12**

### The celebration

- Celebration on Zion

**Hebrews 12:22**

- A new song (v. 3)

**2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 2:15**

### The communion

- God's desire in creation was to have a people who would declare His image (**Genesis 1:26**)

**Matthew 1:23**

- The Lamb stands with His saved and secured brothers (**Hebrews 2:11**) who have been saved from wrath (**Romans 5:9**) and secured to the end (**1 Cor. 1:8**)

### Second "I Saw" (14:6-13) – *the impact of the Gospel*

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Messenger/Message (v. 6-7)

- The message of the Gospel is eternal, administering justice to those who disbelieve (**Romans 1:18**) and mercy to those who believe (**Ephesians 2:4**)
- God's law (**Romans 3:20; 7:12**) warns us of our fallen condition so that we will fear His wrath (**Luke 3:7**) and experience godly grief (**2 Cor. 7:10; Matt 5:4**) that leads to repentance (**2 Tim. 2:25**) resulting in worshipping Him (**John 4:24**)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger/Message (v. 8)**

- All culture will come under the judgment of the Gospel.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger/Message (v. 9-11)**

- All who worship the beast, the image of man, will fall under the judgment of the Gospel.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Messenger/Message (v. 12-13)**

- All of those who obey the Gospel will be blessed.

## **Third “I Saw” (14:14-20) – *the harvest***

- The Gospel divides all people into two groups.
- Both groups will be judged according to their relationship to the Gospel (**Joel 3:13**)

### **The harvesting of the servants of God (v. 14-16)**

- The Harvester is the Lamb

*One seated on a white cloud (Rev. 1:7; Matt. 26:34; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thess. 4:17) ...like a son of man (Rev. 1:13; Daniel 7:13-14; Matt. 8:20; 9:6; 10:23; 12:8) ...with a golden crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.*

#### **Matthew 24:30-31**

### **The harvesting of the servants of the beast (v. 17-20)**

#### **Fourth “I Saw” (15:1-4) – the final triumph & judgment**

- Those who conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name (v. 1-4)
  
- The seven angels with the seven bowl plagues (v. 5-8)

**Read for next week: Revelation 16-18**