

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

THE BEATITUDES IN REVELATION

- A. There are seven Beatitudes (Blessings) found in the Book of Revelation (1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7, 14).**
- B. Beatitudes refers to a state of great joy, being supremely Blessed, fortunate, and happy or the Joys of Heaven.** Beatitudes are Blessed sayings, statements of characteristics and Blessing , or declarations of Blessedness made by Christ along with promises of future rewards. Blessedness is a consequence of union with God as the genuine good.
- C. There are nine Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew (5:1-12) at the beginning of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount.**
- The seven Beatitudes in Revelation is a follow up to Jesus’ Beatitudes that He gave in His Sermon on the Mount. All of the Beatitudes are central – of great importance – to our Christian walk with God.

PROPOSITION:

This study gives an overview, condition, and reward for each Beatitude in Revelation.

I. THE BLESSING OF OBEDIENCE

“Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand” (Rev 1:3).

A. The Condition

1. “Blessed is he that readeth” reflects form of worship in which the Scriptures were read aloud on the Lord’s Day.
2. It was a Blessing to those in the congregation that heard the reading of this prophecy in Revelation and the rest of Scripture.
3. It was also a Blessing to those who kept (obeyed) “those things written therein” (In Revelation and the rest of the Scripture).

B. The Reward

1. As Believers, it is a Blessing for us to read, hear and obey the Word of God.
 2. It is important to know what the Word of God says, but it is much more important to obey it. Failure to obey God’s Word is Sin.
- “²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. ²³ For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: ²⁴ For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. ²⁵ But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed (James 1:22-25).

II. THE BLESSING OF ETERNAL LIFE

“And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them” (Rev 14:13).

A. The Condition

There are Believers who have died **in** Christ. This means the Believer lived **in** Christ while on earth. The Believer loved Christ. And followed after Him with all his heart, mind, soul, and life. Therefore, when the Believer died in Christ, he died being **in** Christ.

B. The Reward

There are two significant rewards for the Believer who dies in Christ.

1. The reward of rest from earthly labor

The Believer is at rest from singing, praying, witnessing for Christ and all the trials and temptations of this earthly life.

- “And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels” (2 Thess 1:7).
- “There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God” (Heb 4:9).

2. The reward of Heavenly work to do

Believers will be rewarded with work to do in Heaven – whatever Jesus assigns for us to do. We will rule and reign with Christ (Matt 25:23; Luke 12:42-44; 22:28-29; 1 Cor 6:2-3).

III. THE BLESSING OF WATCHFULNESS AND PURITY

“Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame” (Rev 16:15).

A. The Condition

1. It is a Blessing for the Christian to be watching and waiting for the return of Christ.
2. It is a Blessing for the Christian to live a pure life while watching and waiting for Christ to return.
 - ¹²Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; ¹³Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:12-13).

B. The Reward

1. Christ will return unexpectedly – “As a Thief.”

Therefore, we are to anticipate His return at any time. Always be on the lookout for His return, as it could happen at any moment (1 Thess 5:1-6).

- “Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (Matt 24:42, 44).

- “Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh” (Matt 25:13).
- 2. The Crown of Righteousness will be rewarded in Heaven to Believers who love the appearing of Christ – ready and waiting for the coming of Christ.
 - “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing” (2 Tim 4:8).

IV. **THE BLESSING OF BEING CALLED TO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB**

“And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God” (Rev 19:9).

A. The Condition

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb is a Blessing – Glorious celebration – for all who are in Christ.

B. The Reward

1. Christians will be the only invited guests at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.
2. The Lamb is Jesus Christ Himself, the King of kings and Lord of lords who shed His precious blood to cleanse sinners. The church (Believers) is His bride.
3. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb will take place in Heaven – what a wonderful Blessing – and those called will be Blessed.

V. **THE BLESSING OF THE RESURRECTION**

“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years” (Rev 20:6).

A. The Condition

1. Christians will be included in the First Resurrection with Jesus.
2. Unbelievers will be participants in the Second Resurrection and will be cast into the Lake of Fire. Unbelievers will experience the Second Death which is eternal separation from God.
 - ¹⁴ And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
 - ¹⁵ And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire” (Rev 20:14-15).

B. The Reward

1. Believers will be Happy and Blessed – They will participate in the First Resurrection - What a wonderful Blessing.

2. The names of Believers are written in the “Book of Life.” This Book contains the names of those who will live with God forever in Heaven. It is the roll of those who are saved and secured in Christ.
 - “And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life” (Phil 4:3).
 - “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels” (Rev 3:5).

VI. THE BLESSING OF OBEDIENCE – HEEDING THE SAYINGS OF REVELATION
“Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book” (Rev 22:7).

A. The Condition

“Behold, I come quickly” – Jesus is assuring us that He is coming soon or suddenly. Therefore, we must be prepared, and we must quickly witness to a world lost in sin, crime, drugs, and death.

B. The Reward

1. The Book of Revelation will be a Blessing to the Believer who reads, studies, and obeys the prophecy of this Book.
2. The Book will be a Blessing to the Believer as it will draw him closer to God and will give him a deeper understanding of the Rapture, Tribulation, Millennium, New Heaven and New Earth.

VII. THE BLESSING OF OBEDIENCE – KEEPING ALL OF GOD’S
COMMANDMENTS

“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city” (Rev 22:14).

A. The Condition

“Blessed are they that do His commandments” or “Blessed are they who wash their robes”

1. The washing of robes refers to purification from uncleanness (sin).
2. This verse is in reference to those who are saved through their faith in Christ.
 - “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (Eph 1:7).
 - “¹³ And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? ¹⁴ And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Rev 7:13-14).

- “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

B. The Reward

1. It is a Blessing for a person to have his sins forgiven in full by having his robe washed in the Blood of Jesus.
2. Christ’s sacrifice for us can remove the most stubborn stain of sin. It is powerful. There is nothing that a person has done that cannot be forgiven through the Cross of Jesus.
3. A person is not saved by keeping God’s Commandments. He obeys God’s Commandments because he is Saved.

4. The Saved Person is Blessed because he:

1. Has a “right to the Tree of Life”
This Tree represents God’s children having full fellowship with God and full access to God forever.
 2. “May enter in through the Gates into the City”
This City is the New Jerusalem, the Holy Heavenly City of God – It is Paradise (Luke 23:43; 2 Cor 12:4; Rev 2:7).
- **What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the Blood of Jesus**
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the Blood of Jesus.
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- **There is Power, Power, wonder working Power, in the Blood of the Lamb**
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POINTS TO PONDER:

- A. Are you prepared for the Second Coming of Christ? Are you prepared to meet the Lord?**
- B. Christians will be participants in the First Resurrection. Share the Gospel with the unsaved – Do not give up on anyone that is not saved.**
- C. Continue to live Holy and Blameless while waiting for Christ to return.**
 - “Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy” (1 Pet 1:16).
- D. Always obey Gods regardless of the situation – “Obey God and leave the consequences to Him” – Charles Stanley**

MEMORY VERSE:

“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him”
(John 14:21).

CONCLUSION:

A. Based on the Beatitudes in the Book of Revelation, Christians have the Blessings of Obedience, Eternal Life, Watching and Waiting for the Second Coming of Christ, an Invitation to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, Participants in the First Resurrection, Heeding the Sayings of Revelation and Keeping all of God’s Commandments.

B. Blessed Assurance

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

C. ABC’s of Salvation

- **A – Admit** that you’re a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)

Blessed is he that readeth, hear and keep the words of prophecy	1:3
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord	14:13
Blessed is he that watcheth	16:15
Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb	19:9
Blessed and holy part in the first resurrection	20:6
Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book	22:7
Blessed are they that do his commandments	22:14

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).