

November 3, 2019 – Revelation 7:13-17 (NIV)

THEME: Who Are All The Saints?

“Then one of the elders asked me, ‘These in white robes who are they, and where did they come from? I answered, Sir, you know. And he said, These are they who have come out of the great tribulation: they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 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 spread His tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their Shepherd; He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

Who Are All The Saints? Are you a Saint? This is a Term that has been distorted and twisted over the centuries. All Saints Day was first celebrated in 610 A.D. It was actually first celebrated on May 13th. It was also first called All Holy Martyrs Day. Later the date was moved to November 1. The Night before All Saints Day was called – Hallowed Eve – Or Holy Evening to prepare for November 1, being ALL Saints Day.

But back to the Question: Who are All the Saints? Are You a Saint? The Holy Bible gives us a definition of a Saint or a Holy One in passages such as:

Ephesians 1:1 – *Paul an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To All the Saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:*

It is from Bible passages such as this that we learn that anyone who is a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ – is a Saint. A Holy One. A Saint is someone who has been made Holy by the Blood of Jesus. Even though these people who we see in this section of Revelation are in Heaven, these verses from Revelation, reaffirm that very fact that the Saints are those who have had their sin washed away by the blood of the Lamb = Jesus The Christ.

Vs. 13 – *Then one of the elders asked me, ‘These in white robes who are they, and where did they come from?*

Vs. 14 – *I answered, Sir, you know. And he said, These are they who have come out of the great tribulation: they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

Who are **all** the Saints? The Saints are ALL believers of All time. Past – Present – Future. As a student of Scripture, you already know some of the saints of the Past: Adam and Eve – Noah – Abraham – Isaac – Jacob – David – Peter – John the Baptist – The Apostle Paul.

Also added to the list of Saints, we can include any family members who are still alive, or who have died, who believe or believed in Jesus as their One and Only Savior from Sin. As Saints, that is as believers, we also have a bit of a glimpse of what we can look forward to in heaven:

Vs. 15 – *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 spread His tent over them.*

Vs. 16 – *Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.*

Vs. 17 – *For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their Shepherd; He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’*

And this is yours because of what Jesus did for you by His perfect innocent life, by His suffering and death on the cross, and by His glorious resurrection from the dead! As Saints in the Lord Jesus we can look forward to His second coming when He will take you and I and all believers to our heavenly home. Until then, what do you do?

Serve the Lord with Gladness.

Ps 100:2 *Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing.*

I Corinthians 10:31 – *Whatever you do, whether you eat or drink, do it all to the glory of God.*

Of course we do not do these things because they will earn us heaven, rather we do these things to say thank you to Jesus for what HE has done for us. **AMEN**