

The Decisions of the Living and the Destiny of the Dead!

Revelation Series Part 16 Revelation 14

¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!" Revelation 14:13

Character of those Who Are Led by the Lamb (1-5)

Then I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him were 144,000

1. They are Saved, Sealed and Secured (1) Then I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him were 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

Revelation 14:1

"names written ...foreheads" = Seal--- protection/possession/preservation---Ephesians 1:13

2. They are _____ in their Praise (2-3) ² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

³ They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth... Revelation 14:2-3

"new song" = New in quality not new in time---Eph. 5:18-19

3. They are Separated in their Purity (4a) ⁴ These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. Revelation 14:4a

not defiled with women is not referring to marriage (Heb. 13:4)
but to idolatry (Ex. 34: 15; James 4: 4; 2 Cor. 11:2) also look ahead to Revelation 14:8

4. They are _____ in their Purpose (4b) *These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.* Revelation 14:4b

5. They are Symbolic in their Prophecy (4c) *These were redeemed from among men, being first fruits to God and to the Lamb.* Revelation 14:4c

6. They are Sincere in their Profession (5) ⁵ *And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.* Revelation 14:5

Corruption of Those Who are Bossed by the Beast (6-) *If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,* Revelation 14:9

⁶ *Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—* ⁷ *saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."* ⁸ *And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."*

Revelation 14:6-8

Babylon is the cradle and grave of all false religions and idolatry (Genesis 10, 11—Nimrod/Tower)

Consequences of Those Destined By Decision (9-11)

⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." ¹² Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Revelation 14:9-12

Destiny is _____ determined by Judgment.
Destiny is determined by our Decision for or against Christ in this Life!

Those who choose Christ have eternal life in Heaven with the Lord.
Those who reject Christ have eternal death in Hell without the Lord.

He [receives mark] himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." Revelation 14:9-11

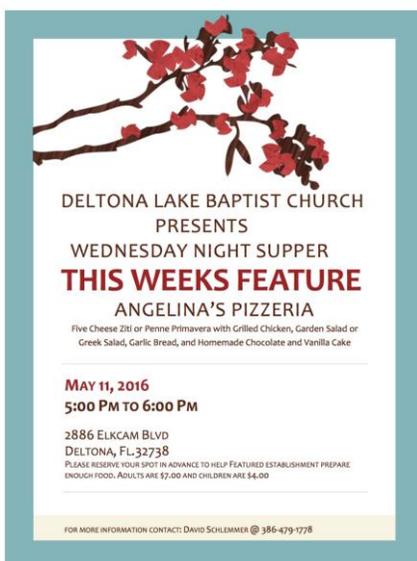
Compare the destiny of the Lost who take the mark with those who do not.....

¹³ Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." Revelation 14:13

They are Rejoicing (Blessed)
They are Resting (rest from their labors)
They are Rewarded (works follow them)

ANSWERS:

Singular, Steadfast, Never



<u>Financial Update</u>
Total Weekly Budget
\$ 12,857.00
Weekly Offering
Received
May 1, 2016
\$ 9,526.39

