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Revelation Chapter 20

1. *And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.*
2. *And he laid hold on the dragon that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,*
3. *And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*
4. *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*
5. *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*
6. *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.*
7. *And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,*
8. *And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.*
9. *And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.*

10. *And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.*
11. *And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.*
12. *And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*
13. *And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works*
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.*

Vs 1 *'And I saw an angel come down from heaven*, the word 'come' is literally descend. Where is God? God is up, as far as we know. Not physically up, but in a higher spiritual plane. He is spiritually higher up. So we see something happening here, we see an angel descending from heaven (that's the spirit realm, the highest realm), ***having the key of the bottomless pit***. Now who do you think this angel is? This messenger? It was Christ. And He descended from the heavenly realm. Didn't Jesus say, *'I am the bread of life that came from heaven'*? Didn't he say, *'I'm the light that has come into the world to light every man that comes into the world?'* He descended from the Father. So this angel, this Christ, comes down from the spirit realm and he had the key. What does a key do? It opens or locks things; two things that it does; it opens or shuts; locks them or opens them.

'And he had the key to the bottomless pit'. 'Bottomless pit', the Greek word says 'Abyss'. Well there is only one bottomless pit, and that is your mind. Jesus had the key. Didn't he say, *'I have the keys of death and hell'*? That's your mind. It's right between your ears. That's where hell is. Have any of you ever experienced that between your ears? That's hell all right; it's not some place in the middle of the earth down there, it's in the middle of our earth, our thought process. But Jesus has the key to the bottomless pit; that's the mind of humanity, ***'and a great chain***, or literally a big fetter or handcuffs to lock you up. He has the keys to these things that have us locked

up. Was He the key to life? And He unlocked that with his death. When He died, what were the last words that He said? "It is finished." He unlocked it right there. The stone was rolled away from the tomb already, and the veil in the temple was rent from the top all the way to the bottom; it was opened. And all that is speaking of is your mind. Our minds were opened at the time of His death. God opened us up and revealed God in humanity. That is what it is all about. We are an example to the rest of the world.

Vs 2 ***'And He laid hold of the old dragon'***. He literally seized the dragon, or the original serpent. What was it that got Eve in trouble? Was it a snake in a tree? No, it was a serpent in her mind. And that original serpent, that old primeval serpent, the same one that got Eve is the same one that gets us. Don't think for a minute that it isn't wily. Because God said in Genesis 3 that *the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field* that He (Yahweh Elohiym) created. So guess what? All of the beasts within us, the most subtle one is the mind of humanity. It is very wily and it will deceive you. The greatest mistake she made was she had conversation with it. You can talk with that thing, but the only way you should be speaking to it is one way only. "Get behind me! Take a hike! I don't want to talk to you! I'm not going there! I'm not going to listen to that stuff, because God said."

When Jesus dealt with the serpent in the temptation in the desert, in the Gospels, how did He deal with the serpent? He said, 'It is written.' Well we can do the same thing. God said; it is the same thing, it is written, God said, God wrote it, God said it. So all I have to do is say, "No, no when you start telling me that I am less than someone else, guess what I am going to tell you? "Get behind me Satan, I am not going to listen to you; God said that I am a child of God. He is no respecter of persons." There is no one who is better than you are. There is no one worse than you are. We are all in the same boat. God is just dealing with each of us differently. There are different personalities, you are no less a person than anyone else. Read Romans chapter 11 verse 32 and see if we are not **all** in the same boat. Jesus ***laid hold of this serpent, which is the devil, or the accuser, or the false accuser, Satan; and bound him a thousand years***". That is just one day. A thousand years is a day; it's a period of time, it's a season. It's God's season. In my life God had let him loose on me for nearly 40 years, and then He changed me. He came in and took control. So we know we don't have to worry about this devil, the dragon, the serpent, Satan; all this is just the mind of humanity. And God bound him; He has the key. He had the chain or the

manacles or the fetters, and He is the one that controls this. Do you see this? He had control of it.

Vs 3 ***'And they cast him into the bottomless pit.'*** This is the mind of humanity again. ***'And shut him up and set a seal upon him that he should deceive the nations no more.'*** Or it is literally deceive the mind of humanity. ***'Until the thousand years should be fulfilled'*** and the book says ***after***, which literally is 'meta' which means 'in the midst of'. So in the midst of all this going on ***he must be loosed a little season*** or literally a short space of time. What is it all about, His being loosed for a little season? It is to test you. Where is your heart? Do you really love God; do you believe what God tells you? He is going to give him a chance to take a shot at you. Didn't Peter say ***'count it all joy my brethren when these fiery trials come upon you?'*** It is okay. It's all right when they come. You have brothers and sisters in the Lord that can encourage you. Now what are they for? To encourage you. So when the fiery trials are going on, you should seek some assistance from other people: Help me, encourage me; you should shouldn't you? If they have already gone through it and they have the joy to put it back in your life, then get the joy.

Vs 4 ***'And I saw thrones and they that sat upon them and judgment was given unto them'***. Now, we look at judgment as a bad thing; this is not punishment, it's justice. ***'And I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Christ.'*** Beheaded, what does that mean? It means to cut your head off. If you cut anyone's head off and someone finds the body with no head on it, what is the first thing they say? 'Well, we don't even know who this is.' Do you remember Jesus making this statement? He said, ***'I have no place to lay my head.'*** Well he said he saw the souls of the people under the altar who were beheaded for what? They had lost their identity because of their witness for Christ. I lost my identity; I am no longer Dave; I'm Christ. No body wants me; I've lost my identity. When you loose your identity in Christ, you won't be accepted in the worldly church system and you won't be accepted in the world, you'll just be an alien. These people that were beheaded for the witness of Christ, the Greek word for witness is 'marturia' (mar-too-ree'-ah) it is where we get our word martyrdom, are martyred for Christ. I don't care about laying down my reputation for Christ. I can do what God says, and worldly people say, 'He's just a religious fanatic', and the church people will say he's a heretic. Nobody accepts you, but I can't let that stop me from where I'm going. That has no bearing on it. If Jesus had worried about what people thought about Him, the Romans or

the Jews, would He have ever accomplished what He was doing? We have to come to a place that we know that this is going to happen. Jesus preached in the Gospels, Matthew 5: He said, “*you’re blessed when they say all manner of evil about you, and lie about you and persecute you; you’re blessed, and great is your reward in heaven, the spirit realm.* Why? Because when they are firing on you for what you do, godly things, not the fleshly things that people say are godly, I’m speaking about the godly things. You’re blessed because you stand and take the persecution. In Timothy it says, “*what good is it if we take punishment for something we did evil?*” Is that good? No, we deserve it just like anyone else. So when you suffer for doing something good this is well pleasing unto God. He is not speaking of doing some worldly thing. He is speaking of doing the things that God tells you to do.

So He says back in verse four “***I saw the souls (or the ones) that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus*** (or, they lost their identity in Christ) ***and through the word of God*** (their martyrdom for Christ through the word of God; the word ‘for’ should be ‘through’) ***and which had not worshipped the beast.***’ What is the beast? It’s the Adamic nature, the natural mind; Adam was the beast. I was created from Adam and we came up with another identity didn’t we? But you see this people here that have lost their heads, were beheaded, guess what they did? They found their identity. They lost their natural identity. So I see them being beheaded as a people who has found out who they are. They were beheaded, but guess what? That was Adam’s head. Didn’t Jesus say that he was the last Adam? When he died, he took away that head. Who really beheaded them? I’ve heard the church preach that this is the good people that get their head cut off for Jesus, and they are going to do that in the end days, they’re going to start cutting heads off again. It’s said the guillotine is the most efficient method of destruction there is. It is instantly that it cuts the head off. This is Christ taking our head off, the word of God taking our head off. He is taking off our false identity when He took Adam out of the world. He was the last one. He is restoring us back to our true identity. We’re missing what God is trying to tell us in this. He is showing us a good thing and it’s happening right in you. Christ has already taken your head you just don’t know it. You have to realize that you have no identity in Adam any longer. My identity and your identity are in Christ.

‘And for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast.’ It’s not worshipping the beast; I am not speaking of bowing before some idol. I am speaking about worshipping myself and thinking that my ideas and my thought processes are God’s. That is not true. The only way mine are like

God's is when they come out of God's mind. That is why He said 'let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus'. If I have the mind of Christ, guess where my thoughts come from? A double minded man is what? Unstable in all his ways. Well when you come with the mind of Christ, those people that are double minded are not going to be able to understand you anyway. So you have to expect those things coming from them, and if you expect that stuff to be coming at you, then it isn't going to hurt you. If I'm walking down the street and someone walks around the corner and smashes me right upside my head with their fist, man that is going to turn me upside down. It was a sucker punch that caught me off guard, but when I know someone is standing there, and I walk up to him or her and they say, 'I'm going to hit you.' Well, go ahead, I'm not going to fight it, but I can brace myself and be prepared for it can't I? Is it going to hurt me as bad? No. That is what He is telling us to do. Be prepared. You still bleed, you still hurt, but you are not going to be taken out are you? You'll make it; you'll just lose your head.

They haven't worshipped the beast, they haven't worshipped themselves, or humanity, ***neither his image; neither had received*** or obtained as their own, ***his mark***'. We have all received the mark of the beast. Every one of us has had the mark of the beast. It was stamped right in our DNA from the time we were formed in Adam. We had the mark of the beast. We received this mark from the birth, but guess what? It's been removed. When Jesus died his blood washed away everything. That mark is not on me anymore, but we want to go back and stamp it again, and stamp it again. You walk around and say, 'Do I still have the mark on me? Somebody put it back on me, real quick; hurry up cause I have to be like everybody else.' Everyone wants that mark; I don't want it. I want it gone. The only marks we should have are the nail prints, cause we died in Him. '***Neither had they received*** or obtained as their own ***the mark upon their foreheads***.' When you obtain the mark, all you are doing is justifying the way you live your life. That is all you are doing. When He says this, you receive it as your own upon you, your forehead, your mind. That says it is okay to think like the world thinks. Is it okay? No. So you see, you stamped yourself again; you approved yourself. You justified the mind that you have. I don't have any justification for that mark being on me. He has already washed it off. Christ cleansed us. So I have no justification for this mark being on me. If I try to justify what I do, I'm asking someone to mark me again. '***Or in their hands***' the things I do with my hands, they're my works. So the things I think, say, and the things that I do, I'm asking for the approval of the world. I'm asking them to re-

mark me again every time I justify anything that I say or do that is outside the mind of Christ. If we are outside the mind of Christ, we are asking someone to re-stamp us again and give us approval in the world. We want man's approval. ***'And they lived and reigned with*** (the word 'with' is meta, in the midst or amid) ***Christ a thousand years.***' A thousand years is as a day. But they lived in Christ, not with Christ. Everyone wants to see this word 'with' as Jesus as the one Christ and then we have a whole bunch of little Christ's running around. Well that is not the theme that the Bible teaches. There is only one son called Christ, and He is a many membered body. One Corporate Son and together we all make up Christ. There is not going to be a Jesus the head running around, who is the Jesus Christ, and we are all a bunch of little Christ's, that is not true. We are one in Christ; He is the head and we are the body that makes us one. We are one in Him.

Vs 5 ***'But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.'*** That is the first fruit, He is picking first fruit; and until the time comes guess what? The rest of them can't live. This is first fruit being picked. This thousand years is a time when God is picking fruit. It's not a literal number; this whole book is spiritual and symbolic. He's not going to tell you the exact time. Didn't Jesus say that no man knows the day or the hour? Only our Father, which is in the spirit realm. So this time that is going on, and I won't even attempt to tell you a time for it; I'm just telling you that until those thousand years is finished, the rest of them are not going to come to life. The only thing that is coming to life right now is first fruit. The rest of them can do all the religious hoodoos that they want to, and they can baptize you in the creek until you know every tadpole and frog and crawdad by their first name and it isn't going to bring you to life. The only thing that brings you to life is knowing God in your heart. It's that relationship with ***'the life'*** that will bring life to you. It's not water that brings it to you; it's not bread and wine that brings it to you; it's only the fellowship with the Spirit of God that brings you to life. ***'This is the first resurrection'***. There are several words that are translated for the word 'first'. The word 'first' here is 'protos' it is where we get our word, prototype. The prototype is the first one created. You make a prototype to fit the idea or a thought process that works. So God makes the prototype and this prototype resurrection is what He said goes on first, in that first thousand years; that is the resurrection. The first resurrection has been going on since the time that Jesus was resurrected from the grave. And that time, that first resurrection is going on until that first fruit is picked. Until the rest of his body is picked, how can it be finished? Do you understand what I am saying? The

resurrection started in the first century when he came out of the grave, he was resurrected; but the rest of his body has not been resurrected in the natural yet. That is what he is telling us, so this thousand-year period is a time of resurrection. He said, 'this is the first resurrection'. This is the resurrection; it's still going on. The first part is finished, but it's the last part. He said, *'I am alpha and omega, the beginning and the end; the beginning is already resurrected, the end hasn't resurrected yet. Come on, it's that simple. It's not resurrected yet, but it is being resurrected every day.*

Vs 6 ***'Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the 'protos' or the first resurrection: upon these persons, the second death has no power.'*** If I am resurrected in Christ, and I know that I am part of the resurrection, then guess what? The natural death, the lake of fire has no hurt upon me. None whatsoever. It doesn't bother me, because I am already alive, and my book says *He is alive forever more*. That means that I can't die, and I'm not speaking about this flesh that is walking around that I am speaking out of. I'm speaking of my spirit that is inside of me. I can never die. I cannot die. I am part of the first resurrection. ***Upon these persons the second death shall have no power, but they shall be priests of God.'*** Didn't Peter say that we are a nation of Kings and Priests unto our God? The first fruit is the priesthood, the Melchizedek Priesthood, and we are dealing with the priesthood, the first fruit. ***'But they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign (not with) but in the midst of him.*** It's in the midst of Christ, because Christ is my center and in the midst of Christ is where we want to be in the Holy of Holies. When we are in the Holy of Holies we are in the midst of God, in the midst of His Christ. Then I rule with Him and I reign with Him upon this earth right now. We can walk NOW living, ruling and reigning in Christ right now, in the midst of Him. That is how you know your head is gone. That is proof of it. That is a seal put on you. When your identity is gone you're Christ, you're in Him and there is nothing else that is really important.

Vs 7 ***'And when the thousand years, or that day, is expired, the accuser, Satan, shall be loosed out of his prison.'***

Vs 8 ***'And shall go out to deceive the nations'*** (shall go out and deceive the imaginations) ***'which are in the four quarters of the earth'*** Where are they? In the earth (pointing to this flesh). They are all around this earth. ***'Gog and Magog'*** these represent the first two realms of the church experience in you, and they are dust and sand in the earth. They are not in the heavenlies. ***'To gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the***

sea.’ And the reason I say that this is the first two realms of the church, the dust and the sand is on the earth right? That is Passover and Pentecost, and the next is Tabernacles and they haven’t attained to Tabernacles or they wouldn’t be in the earth. Gog and Magog are the first two realms of the church experience in you, the Passover and Pentecost. ***‘To gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.’*** Sands are covenant and speak of the second covenant. It’s speaking of the first two because always when it is covenant, covenant starts in the dust, the sand covenant comes along and it just encompasses and enlarges itself. It doesn’t do away with it; it enlarges that first covenant and makes it greater. When the dust came along in the first covenant, it was the greatest thing that we had. God made a covenant with Abraham in the dust and then He gave him a covenant in the sand, which was a greater covenant. And then He gave him a covenant in the heavenlies, which was greater in the stars. It is never done away with the first two covenants or they would have been wiped out and wouldn’t even be in the book. They are there for a reason.

Know this, the first two realms of the church will compass themselves about you as a believer, believing the truth that God has for you; you are going to be encompassed about. The world could care less what you do. They don’t care what we talk about in here. They don’t care about how we live our lives. Just don’t bother them. But the church world will get mad at you. They will curse, spit, throw things at you, threaten to kill you and do everything in the world, when you say something that steps on their idol. Because their belief, their imaginations are their idols, and if you break one of them, they will be so mad, they can’t stand it, and they will want to destroy you. That is their natural thinking. First thing anyone does that offends you, your thoughts might be, ‘Do away with them! Kill them!’ Sorry, that is not the way God does it.

Vs 9 ***‘And they went up on the breadth of the earth’.*** Why did they go up? Where are you seated? Mt Zion, in heavenly places. So if they are going to encompass you, what do they have to do? They have to go up. If they are going to encompass the camp of the saints, and the camp of the saints is Mt. Zion, the only way they are going to encompass you is to get up on that mountain. That ought to make you happy, because once you get them on that mountain; you have half the battle over with. You already have them coming up. Isn’t that what you had to do? You started in the dust, you come to the sand, and you go up to the stars. Well, God is going to bait them. Out of the very wickedness and evil that is in their hearts that they want to

destroy you with, is going to be the very thing that is going to bring them to the fire to purify them. I think God is cute; I think He has all kinds of things figured out. He is going to drag them right up there to try to destroy you, so you can be that consuming fire to destroy the wickedness out of them and bring them into reality. I just think that is beautiful. They think they are destroying us. They compass us about, and the very hatred that they have toward us is the very thing that is going to drive them into the love of God. That is fantastic! But God will let them take that hatred out on us and when they come to destroy us He'll say, 'Come on in, come on in.'

'And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed (or surrounded) the camp of the saints about (up on Mt. Zion), and the beloved city:' what is the beloved city? New Jerusalem; the heavenly Jerusalem, it's up in the mountain, it's up in the higher realm, and that is what He is going to do. He is going to draw them up. He draws the first fruit out of love, and the other two realms are going to come out of bitterness and hatred. But they are still going to go up the mountain. And why do I care how God is going to get them up the mountain. The main thing is that He got them up on the mountain. Why do I care how God is going to reconcile the world? I don't care; I want Him to reconcile the world. He reconciled me, so why should anyone else be left out. If I deserve it, everyone deserves it. ***"And fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."*** Fire is purification and it came from the spirit realm, and what happened? It consumed the wicked. It didn't consume the people. The same fire that purified you is the same fire that is going to purify the rest of creation. It is going to be the fire of God, our consuming fire that God has placed within our hearts. That is what I said the other night, if you can receive this; you are the lake of fire, because God placed the fire in your heart, and the fire in you. When they come up on Mt. Zion to compass you about to destroy you, you are going to be the fire that consumes the wickedness and evil out of them.

Vs 10 ***'And the devil'*** (the accuser) all of this is going on in the inside. This is an internal book. It's all going on inside. The accuser in my head that deceived them; this is speaking of all the people from the other realms; the other two realms that are coming up on to the Mt Zion. Look at what is happening. ***And the devil***, the deceiver, the false accuser ***that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire***. Who is the lake of fire? You are; we are. We are the ones that are going to destroy that accuser. And the way that we are going to destroy it is not by having some big battle called *Armageddon*. It's a spiritual thing going on in within me, and I have to speak to this accuser in

me. "I don't believe you, I believe God." All I have to do is say 'NO'. James said, '*submit yourselves therefore unto God and resist the devil*' literally it says, 'obey God.' Don't submit to Him, obey God and guess what? That accuser hasn't got anything left, he is destroyed; he literally disappears, is what the language says. That false accuser, when you accuse him, you can say, "whoop wait a minute, you're a liar, I'm not buying that." So where can he go? That's it, he hit the wall, and he's finished. He's into the wall.

Again it says, '*The false accuser that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire* or purification. The lake of fire and brimstone, fire is purification and brimstone is literally the Greek word 'theon' or sulfur. Sulfur was added to every sacrifice for purification. So we are that purifying sacrifice that is given to humanity. '*Where the beast and the false prophet are.*' Where are they? They were in us, but they don't have a place anymore. And all you have to do is realize this, that God has beheaded that old man, there is nothing left any longer. I now have my true identity that I had before the foundation of the world. Now I am who I am!! It's not duality any longer. I'm not thinking that I'm Adam today and I'm Christ tomorrow or every five minutes back and forth. Now I know who I am. I'm Christ. The Corporate Christ. Now who can bother me? No one. Who shook Christ? No one. If we know this, guess what? We can't be touched. Job chapter 1 verses 8 and 9.

'*Where the beast* (the natural man) *and the false prophet* (the religious beast).' That comes up also in Revelation 13. That's the religious imposter, and every one of us has had a religious imposter in us. I'm as guilty as anyone else. I had a religious imposter in me and with that religious imposter, that religious beast that came up in Revelation 13 with two horns on his head, made him look like a lamb, but he spoke as a lion. We have all had that. And I tried to worship God according to man's traditions, and guess what? God de-horned me. He took that lion out of my mouth and put a lamb's heart in me. That is what He is doing to all of you. He is taking that lion's heart out and putting a lamb's heart in you. And that lamb's heart will win more battles with love than that lion did with his claws and his teeth. You see I have clawed and bit people, and it doesn't work, because you only intimidate them, and you can't intimidate anyone into love. You can only intimidate them into submission. Submission is not love. In James it says, '*submit yourselves unto God.*' It's not submission, it's love, and if you don't go to God for love, you don't go for any reason at all, there is no sense of going. You have that religious impostor in your head making you believe that it is okay just because someone beat you into submission. That is not what it is about.

‘And the false prophet (the religious imposter) ***are, and shall be tormented*** (the word tormented is the word touchstone again) that is the test, it shows you of what quality your life is. The touchstone was a black stone and they rubbed the gold onto the stone; but the stone was not what it was about, the stone was the test to see how good the gold was, the nature of God in you. How much God do you have in you? And when He rubs you up against someone, how much gold is there? That is the touchstone; you have to realize that is what people or relationships are, touchstones. And He brings them into our lives no matter who they are. It could be anyone; we can be used as a touchstone. You have to know that the touchstone is in there for your benefit. ***‘And they shall be tormented’*** And this is saying to you that the beast, and the false prophet, and the devil, the false accuser which are all inside of you are thrown into this lake of fire, which you are. And guess what? They are tormented there; they are tested there. How much of God is in you? How many times do you have to be struck before you realize the quality of gold you are? That stone doesn’t make you gold, it only tells you how good the gold is. How long before you believe that God has already tested and purified and made you righteous and holy in Him? It’s not about making you pure, you already are. When are you going to believe the test? The test is going to convince you. I am what that stone said I was. I’m righteous, holy, and unblameable in God. And the last part of this verse should say, ***‘and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever*** or into the age of ages.’ There is no end to it until the age is over. Time is gone.

Vs 11 ***‘And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away;*** the dust and the sand, all of them fled away didn’t they? ***‘And there was found no place for them.’*** You see in religion the world doesn’t want them and God doesn’t want them until they are purified. God is not going to let them in until they are purified.

Vs 12 ***‘And I saw the dead’*** Who is dead? My book says that we were all born dead in sins and trespasses, and as long as I have that thinking that I am still born dead I will remain dead spiritually. Is Christ dead? **NO**. So we have to get beyond this thinking that as long as we have sin and trespasses in our life then we are dead. I have to know that he died on that tree for you and me. If he died to take away the sin of the world did he accomplish it or not? So I don’t have that thinking any longer. I know I’ve got a place and I know who I am because I am no longer guilty. The world doesn’t want religion and If I still think I am a sinner, guess what? I’ll have no place in

God. I can't get in there with Him because I'm condemned today and tomorrow I'm not. Then the next day I am and the next day I'm not. It's like Paul spoke of in Romans 7 'the things I want to do I don't do and the things I do want to do that I don't do, or what I don't want to do that's what I do. It's a tongue twister. It wasn't even about Paul it was about us trying to live under the law. We realize the law is not the answer. The answer was Christ. It is not in words written on a piece of paper. It is in the Spirit of God within us.

'And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things (or given justice) which were written in the books, according to their works.' Now that tells you something; we were just speaking of James, according to your works: *Faith is dead without works*. Jesus made this statement in Matthew 16:24, 25, 26 Then Jesus said to his disciples, *'If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'* That sounds like someone lost their head doesn't it? *Deny yourself and take up your cross (there's the crucifixion) and follow me, because whosoever will save his life (or literally soul) shall loose it, and whosoever shall loose his soul for my sake, shall find it. For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and loose his own soul (soul, the same word they used for life in vs. 25). For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father, with his angels (or in his messengers) and then he shall reward every man according to his works.'* And where is he going to come? In you; and he is going to reward you when he comes. It isn't going to be some futuristic white throne judgment like they try to take this into the carnal and place it way out there in the future somewhere; but now they are saying, 'any day now.' This is something that is going on in your life every day. White just speaks of righteousness and throne speaks of ruler ship, and God is sitting on the throne today. He is King of Kings is He not? He is King of Kings sitting on a throne, ruling RIGHT NOW, and a King doesn't have to wait for anything, he makes a decision. If I'm doing something right, you will know about it now. If you're doing something wrong, you will know about it now, the King is ruling right now in US. This is all internal; it's not external. When we look into the external, we are getting caught up in the dust and the sand. We're marking ourselves again.

Vs 13 ***'And the sea (that is literally all of humanity) gave up the dead which were in it (or the ones that were in it); and death and hell (that's the carnal mind and the grave; death and the grave) delivered up the dead which were***

in them (or literally the ones that were in them): ***and they were judged every man according to their works.*** Now, if you think the ground is going to open up and there are going to be a bunch of bodies that rip up out of the ground, it isn't going to happen. To be carnally minded is death; so as many as are in carnality and in the grave, dead in this body: You see when I was born everybody said, "Oh boy a son is born; I was born dead. I had no life in me, I was just a bag of dirt that God put on this earth and it wasn't ready yet was it? I was still dead. So death, carnality, the flesh is going to give up all the dead that is in them. So guess what that tells me? Hell has no more power; the grave has no more power; the flesh has no more power because they must release everyone that is in them. This isn't a negative thing; this is a great thing. God says that all these things that tear flesh and keep humanity down in the dust and the sand, have to release you. And that love on Mt. Zion that brings them up there that tries to destroy you (their hatred) is going to be the very thing that releases them. They have to release you because love conquers all. What's left? Love.... conquers all.

Vs 14 ***'And death and hell*** (that's the carnal mind and the grave) ***were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*** Well that is the very thing that is going to purify you. When I release my thinking and all of those dead thoughts, that death that was in me. Guess what? When I release all of that fleshly stuff, the second death has no place on me. It has no hurt on me.

Vs 15 ***'And whosoever*** (it should say, if any) ***was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*** (The second death, the lake of fire.) In the 2nd Chapter of Revelation Vs. 11: He said, *he that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches, he that overcomes shall not be hurt of the second death.* It has no hurt upon you. You see if I overcome this thinking process, the poneros, this wicked one that is in my head. If I overcome him by the word of God, the second death can't hurt me. I become the lake of fire that purifies the rest. Jesus said, *'I have the keys of death and hell'*, well if you are part of him then you have the same key. You have got the key that unlocks the carnal mind. It unlocks that thing or literally locks it up and He is the life that comes in with it.

'May the Spirit of Christ within you awaken your Spirit to His internal and external work that HAS already been done in you. It is finished...'

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