

## Revelation 7:9–17

“The Mission, Message, and Means of a Perfect Church”

***What is a perfect church like? Pastor leads his family in today’s “Hopewell @Home” passage. Revelation 7:9–17 prepares us for the first reading, prayer, and song of the public worship on the coming Lord’s Day. In these nine verses, we learn that the perfect church’s mission is the glory of God, message is that salvation belongs entirely to God, and means is Christ Who is the fountain of all her cleansing and life.***

### Tuesday, March 16, 2021 ▪ Read Revelation 7:9–17

*Questions from the Scripture text: Whom did the apostle see in v9? In what were they clothed? What were they crying out in v10? With what kind of voice? Who respond to this in v11? What do they do? What do they say in v12? Who asks John a question in v13? How does John answer in v14? Whom does the elder say they are? In what have they washed their robes? Where are they (v15)? What do they do? When? What does “He who sits on the throne” do? What two things won’t they do anymore (v16)? What two things won’t strike them? Who is in the midst of the throne (v17)? What will He do to them? Where will He lead them? What will God do to them?*

Next week’s Call to Worship, Prayer for Help, Song of Adoration, and Prayer of Confession all come from Revelation 7:9–17, so that we will see that we are singing God’s thoughts after Him with *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*.

We will be joining the great assembly of vv9–12 this coming Lord’s Day (cf. Heb 12:22–29). For what will they be worshipping our God?

They will be praising Him that He must save and He alone. “Salvation belongs to God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb” (v11)! Salvation is the Lord’s proprietary work. Not the labors of our hands. Not the intensity of our zeal. Not the depth of our emotions. Salvation is His alone.

They will be praising Him that “Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and power and might” are His forever and ever (v12). The One who has saved them is the all-glorious, all-powerful God. The Rock of Ages, as it were, from Whom fountains of living waters flow (v17; cf. 1Cor 10:4, Ex 17:5–7).

They will be praising Him that they have been washed clean in His blood (v13–14). The blood which flowed from the side of Christ has cleansed them now, not only from the guilt of sin, but even from the power and the presence of sin!

They will be praising Him for His enthroned glory, where they behold Him and worship Him and He dwells among them (v15). They will be praising Him for removing every trouble: hunger, thirst, the striking of sun or heat, even every last tear (v16–17).

And though we see that victory only from afar at the moment, when we join them on the coming Lord’s Day, we will praise Him for the same, as it touches the situation of our soul and life in this world. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee!

How can you be saved? How can you be cleansed? What are you looking forward to in glory? How can you do it now?

Suggested songs: ARP18A “I Love You Lord” or TPH452 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

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Revelation chapter 7 verses 9 through 17, these are God’s words. After these things I looked and behold a great multitude which no one could number of all nations tribes peoples and tongues standing before the throne and before the land. Clothed with white robes Palm branches in their hands and crying out with a loud voice saying salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the lamb.

All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped. God saying Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom Thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen. Then one of the elders answered saying to me who are these arrayed in white robes.

Where did they come from? I said to him. Sir, you know. He said to me, these are the ones who come out of the great tribulation. And washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb. There. Therefore they are before the throne of God and serve him day in night in his temple and he who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

They shall neither hunger anymore nor nor thirst anymore. The sun shall not strike them nor any heat for the lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear. From their eyes. So far the reading of God’s inspired and inherent word.

In which and these. Nine verses we have a scene a glimpse of the worship that takes place and glory not only the angels and the elders and the fore living creatures who are falling on their faces, but also the ones in the white robes is great multitude, which no one can number from all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues.

And just like when you want to see what it looks like to obey God’s law rightly as a person you look at the perfect person the Lord Jesus Christ now here they God’s law and that’s a wonderful perfect example of how we are to obey God’s law and the one to him we are being conformed well here we have the perfected church we know that they are perfected because they’re in glory, we know they are perfected because they’re, There being washed white in the blood of the land is a main feature of.

Of this assembly particularly the part of the assembly that is the great multitude that no one can number of all nations and tribes and people who don’t so just like we often do with Jesus and we say well how should we talk in a particular situation we look at the way Jesus will talk and listen for instance, he never told a line me must never tell a lie and never will we face such great danger and opposition and so forth as the Lord Jesus did and so there’s, Never any righteous situation a situation in which you can righteously tell a lie you look at Christ for how we should conduct ourselves individually we look at this and we see how the church should praise God, what is the church about primarily and of course

it's about worship and what is that we're talking about primarily of course the gloriousness of our God that he is all glorious and all powerful.

I'm in lasting enough glory and wisdom thanksgiving and honor and power it might be to our God forever and ever. The church exists for God's glory and worshipping. His all-powerfulness Almightyness and His old gloriousness is the great part of the church's worship. But the place where He has or the way that He has especially designed to display that glory and that power and to which we respond is especially in saving us entirely by himself.

He is the one who planned the salvation and he is the one who has accomplished. Aviation. He is the one who is applied to that salvation. In the application of it is again, the significant feature here that they have not just had the lamb sentence slain for them and they have not just been forgiven by the blood of the lamb but they have even been by now as they're in this assembly clients by the blood of the lamb and so you have the work of salvation from start to finish all by God the Father Son and Holy Spirit, and so they're first great cry in this.

Is in verse 10 salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the lamb, of course the lamb also sits on the throne verse 17, he's in the midst of the throne and so the one who became a man so that he could be the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world is God himself who became man.

So he has God and he is the lamb and the great thing the great way in which God has displayed his almighty and, Is all gloriousness is in accomplishing this salvation that is entirely by him and that should be the central part of all of our worship as recognizing proclaiming hearing responding to rejoicing in that all of our salvation from its planning to its being accomplished to the completion of its being applied is all by the sovereign power and mercy of our God salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and it is only his.

And then there is this emphasis towards the end of the passage on some of the benefits that we get from the land. No more hungry no more thirsting fountains of living water for us that he wipes away every tier from our eyes he has everything in him. The the Lord Jesus is not only cleansed us by his blood but he also gives us life from himself.

He is the bread of life. And anybody who is thirsty should come to him and drink. And so you have that symbolized and even in the blood that flowed from his side and the water that flowed from his side when he was pierced on the cross and especially in reference to his piercing.

He's pictured in Revelation as a lamb so we get all of our forgiveness all of our cleansing and even all of our life and satisfaction and happiness and comfort. No more. Hunger or thirst or or being struck by either the sun or heat in verse 16 or having any tear whatsoever the perfect and full blessedness that we have only in Jesus himself who not only had the water that came out of him on the cross, but even first Corinthians 10 tells us that the believers or the people rather in the wilderness when they drank from the same spiritual rock.

Out of which the water came that the rock was Christ and he is the rock of ages and he leads us even in glory as it were probably figurative but who knows there's a new heavens and even after the resurrection and you earth leads us to living waters fountains living fountains of waters verse 17.

This is why the church exists and to a great extent as part of the church, this is why you exist to worship God and especially to worship him in response to the salvation, that is only an entirely from him from start to finish let's pray. Thank you Lord for this glimpse of this picture of your church and glory and for what you teach us about what our church should be about and what our worship should be about you would be merciful to hope well and to each of us as members of Hopewell that we would indeed.

Exist for be all about your glory and the worship of you and especially at the center of that worship the proclamation and response to rejoicing in this salvation that is entirely from you from start to finish help us we pray cling to Christ for everything that we need and everything that every blessing that we will receive that in him we would neither hunger nor thirst nor be susceptible to any harm.

And have every tier wiped from our eyes granted we pray that we would clean to him to him alone an entirely to him we ask in Jesus name amen.