

Sunday Bible Study Session 2 – November 16, 2014

"Gentiles In Heaven, Angels Worshipping" – (Revelation 7:10, 11)

[Read Revelation 7:10, 11.](#) This is a description of the worship of God by Gentiles and angels in heaven.

Verse 10 – "And they cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God, which is sitting upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."

Read [Matthew 25 and Revelation 7.](#)

In the Synoptic Gospels we have an emphasis on Age of Israel information. When the Lord returns (2nd Advent) He separates the sheep from the goats. "Sheep" will enter the Millennium (as survivors of the Tribulation), and "goats" will be cast off (destroyed at the end of the Tribulation).

Gentile converts of the Tribulation will express their faith by helping the 144,000 witnesses. The Gentiles of Matthew 25 are the ones who survive on earth, and those in Revelation 7 are those who will be martyred, and afterwards are presented in that passage, in heaven.

"Tongues" means gentile languages, languages other than Hebrew and Aramaic. *Effective evangelism depends on proficiency in the language of the objects of that evangelism.* This is required for effective communication, and has no other mystical, squirrely meaning like the gibberish of the tongues movement, that too many assign to this passage. In [Revelation 7:9](#) The "Lamb" is the Lord Jesus Christ. "Clothed with white robes and palms in their hands" means the following: "white robes" is a reference to *imputed righteousness*, and the "palms" are a sign of victory. Victory belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ; those who belong to Him will thus be *victorious*. *Don't get involved with or be associated with defeat.*

Waving of palms indicates a great inner peace expressed outwardly.

Look again at Revelation 7:10 – *"And they cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God, which is sitting upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."*

σωτηρια – Soteria – "SALVATION TO OUR GOD" This is a reference to God the Father and God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus before His incarnation agreed to come to the earth, suffer and provide our salvation – σωτηρια. Salvation is what *God does* for mankind!

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REGENERATION – CHANGE of NATURE

JUSTIFICATION – CHANGE of STANDING

SANCTIFICATION – CHANGE in CHARACTER

ADOPTION – CHANGE in POSITION

Regeneration is a change of nature – from a lost condition to a saved condition.

In [John 3:1-18](#) we see that there were religious individuals who despite their religion, simply didn't understand salvation. One such was Nicodemus. Jesus said to him – "*except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.*" He asked how a man could enter back into his mother's womb and be born again; he was thinking only of physical birth, so Christ answered that he must be born twice... first of the *water* (physical birth), then of the *spirit* (spiritual birth – God's work). We all have had water birth, physical birth. Not all of us have experienced spiritual birth, where the Holy Spirit gives us a place for God's Righteousness to be imputed. And there is no salvation without *God's Work*. This alone changes our nature (from body and soul to body, soul and spirit). People with body and soul cannot comprehend spiritual things from God's Word. People with body soul *and spirit* have experienced *positional sanctification*, and can comprehend, perceive and metabolize this spiritual information. This results in *experiential* sanctification, where we grow spiritually, then *ultimate sanctification* will happen when we leave this life and enter into our Lord's presence.

In justification, God works a miracle, and we are changed.

JUSTIFICATION

1. It is an act of God, whereby man is made free from the guilt and penalty of sin, and is declared righteous ([Titus 3:7](#)). "*Being justified* [at a point of time (aorist tense)] *by His Grace* (instrumental) *we might become* [γίνομαι (ginomai) – Aorist passive subjunctive] *heirs of eternal hope through Christ.*" Paul used *ginomai* to mean acquitted from God's judgment, pronounced and treated as *righteous*. It is an act of God, whereby we are acquitted and free from the guilt and the penalty of sin.
2. Justification is based upon God's Grace, and *not* upon *anything* that we could ever do ([Romans 3:24](#)) – We are never saved by our own verbal, ritual, psychological, religious, behavioristic, or any other works.
3. Justification takes place ([Romans 3:28, 5:1](#)) at the point of acceptance of the Person of Jesus Christ in salvation.
4. Justification does not take place by means of the Mosaic Law ([Romans 3:20, Galatians 2:16](#)).

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5. Justification means SOTERIA (σωτηρια) – Salvation. It means to clear, to vindicate, to redeem and deliver, to set free from a just penalty. Paul said this to the Roman believers: *"Even as David also described with the blessedness of the man unto whom God imputes Righteousness without works, saying 'blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered'..." (our sins are covered). "White garments washed in the blood"* really means that there is only one way to be saved – The Total Work of Christ on the Cross (TWOCOC).
6. Justification means imputation of divine Righteousness. He credits our empty accounts with His perfect Righteousness ([Romans 3:22](#)).
7. Justification is brought to us by the Work of Jesus Christ on the Cross. We are justified by His blood, that is the TWOCOC ([Romans 5:8, 9](#)).
8. Justification involves the resurrection of Jesus Christ ([Romans 4:25, Romans 3:28](#)).

Look again at Revelation 3:10, 11 – *"And all the angels stood around the throne and about the elders and the four beasts and fell before...(33:29)*

[Verse 10] *and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,*

"Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." [Verse 11] *And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God.*

Look at [Revelation 7:12](#) we will be studying next Wednesday. It is a unique verse. Note it starts and ends with *AMEN*, with a lot of wonderful things in between.