

# CLOTHED IN WHITE ROBES

REVELATION 7:1-17 // TODD DUGARD  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



*As one of God's own people, I am...advantaged by his mercy (7:1)...sealed by his Spirit (7:2-3)...aware of his grace for Israel (7:4-8)...standing with all nations (7:9)...eager to join in worship (7:10-12)...grateful to be cleansed of my sin (7:13-14)...longing for the day to come (7:15-17)*

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. ***At the beginning of this sermon, Todd explains that God created time. We experience life as a sequence of events on a ribbon, but God sees all points on the timeline. Our present, past, and future are always known to him.*** How does it feel to know that no matter how much time passes, we're still in his plan?

2. **On a scale of 0 to 5, indicate how confident you are that God will give eternal life to his faithful followers.**

(No Confidence)      0      1      2      3      4      5      (Full Confidence)

How might this level of confidence affect the way you live?

3. **On a scale of 0 to 5, indicate how confident you are that God's tolerance for sin will end and that he will punish those who will not repent of their sin.?**

(No Confidence)      0      1      2      3      4      5      (Full Confidence)

How does this level of confidence affect the way you talk to people about their need to respond to the Gospel?

4. ***Early on in the Scriptures, we see God declare Israel as his chosen nation within his larger plan to bring a blessing to all nations. “Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Genesis 12:1-3)***

How does the sealing of the 144000 from Israel connect with God’s promise to bless Abram?

How does the multitude coming out of the great tribulation represent a fulfillment of the promise to bless all the families of the earth through Abram’s family?

5. ***It would be difficult to admit, but we can carry prejudices that affect our spiritual relationships with other redeemed people in our churches.*** Who is someone at church that you’re excluding through prejudice, that God is clearly redeeming? What attitude(s) must be brought in line with God’s heart to help you embrace that person as a dear and equal brother or sister in the Lord?

6. ***Check the box beside any of these descriptions of worship that match the way you worship.***

- I pray along with the one praying at the front
- I sing as the team sings and plays
- I clap, raise hands, dance a bit, smile, shed tears in worship
- I give generously, cheerfully, willingly
- I dig into my own Bible as the sermon is preached
- I spend this time engaged and undistracted
- I miss it so much when I can’t be with God’s people in worship

Is there any description above in which you feel held back? What could a person think about if they wanted to be more responsive in one or more of these areas?

7. ***The Revelation directs us to rejoice over our salvation and celebrate the promise of eternity with Jesus, our redeemer. Waiting for our complete deliverance can be hard. The frustrations of life can bring us down, we may even appear to be ungrateful for salvation at times.*** How could you maintain a sense of gratitude and joy about being forgiven as you wait for Jesus to complete his great and amazing plan?