

Revelation 14-15 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Rev 4:9-11 what did the 3rd angel declare (v9-10)? List the details of what will happen to those who worship the beast (v10). How long will this last (v11)?

5. Using 4:12-13 what is the twofold aspect of the saints' perseverance (v12) and what will be their reward (v13)?

6. Looking at 4:14-16 who was sitting on the cloud (v14) and what was in His hand (v14)? What was He going to do (v15-16) and why (v15)?

7. According to 14:17-20 what was the 1st angel's function (v17, 19) and the 2nd angel's function (v18)? What would be the result (v19-20)?

8. From 15:1 what sign appeared in heaven? Why was this the last of the plagues? Why is this good?

9. Read 15:2-4. Who was celebrating (v2) and how (v3)? Describe the content of this song (v3-4). Whose song was it (v3) and what do you think this means?

10. In 15:5-8 what did John see (v6-7) and what was about to happen? What did this scene cause (v8)? Why?

11. Using this week's study how is God's fairness and righteousness demonstrated? Why should this motivate us to faithfulness?

Scripture to Remember

"Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; for all the nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed."

Revelation 15:4 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Pathway to Peace—Grace, Part 2 (Eph 2:8-9)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with the group the first gift you ever remember—who gave it to you, and how long did you keep it. Why was it so special?
2. Read Eph 2:8-9. Define the 4 substitutes for salvation—sincerity, subtraction, service, and substitution. Why do you think most people rely on these substitutes?
3. Discuss the process of grace, which is faith. What is faith and why is it essential to experiencing grace (rather than using one of the 4 substitutes)?
4. If grace is available to anyone who believes, how do you experience it daily? If you don't, what obstacles in your life keep you from walking in God's grace?
5. Talk about what it means that "grace is free but not cheap". Share what you think about the incorrect and correct ways to spell "salvation" (Do, Don't, Done).
6. What "quality of life" should grace lead us into? How does guilt and shame keep you from that—does it weary, wound, worry, or waste you like David experienced?
7. If there is time bring up anything else from the message that you would like to talk about.



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A Zero Sum Game

Introduction to Revelation 14-15



When King Jesus returns evil will be defeated and every-

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In a zero sum game the winners take all and the losers get nothing – there is no middle ground. This describes the outcome of the Tribulation depicted in this week’s study—the winners will be richly rewarded but the losers will receive nothing but God’s eternal wrath. Revelation 14-15 opens with a look at the winners. They are represented by the 144,000 believing Jews who have the name of the Father and the Lamb on their foreheads—instead of the mark of the beast. They will stand on Mt. Zion as God’s judgment is prepared and sing a new song of redemption that comes from heaven. This is their reward because they faithfully followed the Lamb in purity and truth. Although these have been purchased from the earth by the Lamb, God

makes one final offer to those who have not believed. An angel at the highest point in the sky declares the gospel of eternal life to all the earth’s inhabitants. Sadly, no one responds and a second angel announces that the evil world system, Babylon, has fallen at last. At this point the focus switches to the losers. All who have worshiped the beast will drink the wine of God’s wrath. They will be eternally tormented by fire and brimstone; they will never rest as their smoke forever ascends. On the other hand those who have been obedient and faithful will rest from their labors as they die in the Lord. With the destiny of the losers sealed the Lord will harvest the earth in judgment and throw the fruit of their evil into His winepress. Their blood will

fill up the valley outside of Jerusalem for 200 miles. The scene in heaven will be that of the victorious ones celebrating in song as they sing of God’s greatness. They will sing the song of Moses and the Lamb, spotlighting God’s great and marvelous works of redemption. He will be worshiped and His name glorified because He alone is holy and righteous. As they sing this song God’s last judgments, the seven bowls of wrath, will be prepared to be poured out on the earth. It will be winner-takes-all, loser-gets-none, zero sum game.

Daily Study Questions for Revelation 14-15

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Rev 14:1-3. Who did John see (v1) and where (v1)? What was on their foreheads (v1)? What song did he hear (v2-3) and where (v2)? Who could learn the song (v3)? Why?</p>	
<p>2. Using 14:4-5 describe the 144,000 (v4, 5). What had God done for them (v4) and what were they doing for the Lamb (v4)?</p>	
<p>3. Looking at 14:6-8 what was the 1st angel’s message (v7), where was he, and who was it to (v6). What did the 2nd angel preach (v8)? Why do you think each of these messages was given?</p>	

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