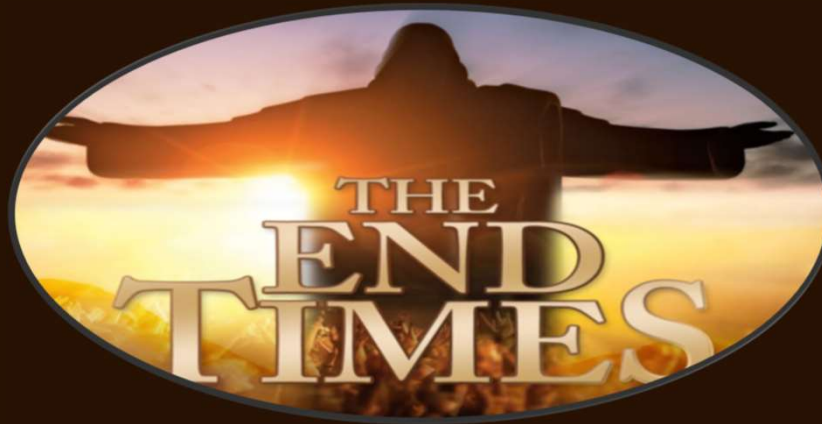


SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



Practical Heavenly Mindedness

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Study Schedule Apr – May 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson Title</u>	<u>Scriptures</u>
4/15/2020	The Last Days Are Here!	Acts 2
4/22/2020	He Will Come Back	John 14:1-27
4/29/2020	Waiting With Hope	Matt. 25:1 -13; 31 – 46
5/6/2020	God's Timing—and Ours	Joel 2:12-32
5/13/2020	The Future of the Human Person	1 Cor. 15:12-28, 35-44, 58
5/20/2020	Investing in Heaven	1 Thess. 4:13—5:11; 2 Thess. 3:6-18
5/27/2020	Going to the Lamb's Wedding	Rev. 7:9-17; 19:1-10; 21:1-9



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This Week's Lesson – May 20, 2020

The End Times:

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Lesson 7: **Going to the Lamb's Wedding**

Rev. 7:9-17; 19:1-10; 21:1-9



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"What is Christian Eschatology/Last Days?"

Eschatology - is the study of what the Bible says is going to happen in the end times.

Last Days – Refers to the period of Grace (after the death, burial & resurrection of Christ) before the final Judgement.

End Times - The series of events – leading up to the Final Judgement.



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The Apostle John – The Book of Revelation

- **Author:** The Apostle John. (1,4,9 and 22:8)
- **Date of Writing:** Between A.D. 90 and 95.
- **Purpose of Writing:** John (while in exile on the Isle of Patmos) wrote to tell the Church about Christ's return, the final judgment of sin and Satan, and the new heaven and new earth.

The Book Of Revelation:

- Gives us a glimpse of heaven and the glories awaiting those who keep their robes white.
- Describes the Great Tribulation and the Judgments that unbelievers will face for all eternity.
- Records the defeat of Satan and the doom he and his angels will face.



John on the Isle of Patmos

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Our Eternal Destination In Christ. Rev. 7 – 21



The Multitude of Nations



New Earth & New Jerusalem



The Holy City of God

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Read Rev. 7:9 – 17

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1. What evidence is there that this is the true church of Christ?

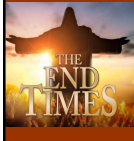
- Their Presence (v.9) The fact that they are in heaven in the presence of the Lord is evidence of true faith.
- Their Praise (v.9 – 13) The believers praise is received and echoed by the host in heaven.
- Their Posture (vv.13 - 14) They stand in confidence, their robes washed in the blood of Christ – white and Holy.
- Their Position (vv.15 – 17) They have the blessing of serving Jesus the Lamb of God before His throne.



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2. On what basis do these believers stand in the presence of God?

- The Grace of Christ - They praise in the knowledge that they stand in the Grace of God.
- Their Faith in Christ – Their actions even in the face of Tribulation, demonstrated their faith in Jesus.
- Their Service To Christ – They sacrificed their, time resources and life to and for Christ.
- The Sacrifice of Christ – The blood of Christ – the Lamb, that justifies us before God.



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3. How will their experience of Christ after death more than compensate for the trials for Christ in this life?

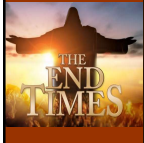
- Eternal Compensation – Life Eternal along with rewards for faith and service (Crowns of Life/Righteousness).
- Joyful Compensation - Unending praise and joy to and of Jesus – joining with the Angels in Heaven around the Throne.
- Bountiful Compensation – More blessings than we can ever imagine. No death, pain, hardship or sadness.



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4. Why would people unwilling to follow Christ find this an unappealing future environment?

- **Those who reject God on earth would find no enjoyment in the worship in heaven.**
- **They have already chosen god(s) to worship (Satan, Self, Worldliness).**
- **Unless we worship God we will inevitably worship the evil trinity: the beast, the harlot and the false prophet.**



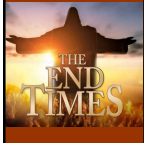
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Read Rev. 19:1 – 10

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5. God has now finally dealt with the world system (Babylon) and culture (the harlot). What do the saints rejoice in?

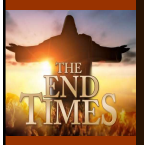
- God's Person – They rejoice in His character, justice, holiness and righteousness.
- God's Power – They rejoice in His ultimate victory of Satan, the world and all of his forces. Our God is Awesome God!
- God's Purpose – From the very beginning it was His purpose to bring all who will put their faith in Jesus to life eternal in His Kingdom.



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6. Why is the marriage of the Lamb an appropriate metaphor for our future experience of the Second Coming of Christ?

- The Marriage – Throughout the OT and NT marriage represents the covenant God makes with His people.
- The Lamb - Jesus as the Lamb indicates the Sacrifice made to bring His Bride to Himself
- The Bride – The church chosen and provided for by the Grace and mercy of God – witnessed by Heavenly host.



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Read Rev. 21:1 – 9

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7. What new information do we gain about our final destiny in Christ??

New Heaven - God is remaking an eternal place above us

New Earth - God is remaking the Earth below us – cleansed from sin, death and Satan.

New Dwelling Place – The Holy City the New Jerusalem. A place of splendor – Full of the Glory of

New Perspectives – God will be dwelling with His people – No Temple needed.



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8. How is this final vision much more than people commonly think of as “heaven”?

- Heaven is not a place of clouds and harps - but a heavenly city full of the Glory of God.
- It not simply a place of rest – but a place of Worship and Service to God.
- It will be a place of momentary tears – but also everlasting Joy.
- It will be exact opposite of Hell – saint/joy – sinners/torment.



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9. Knowing how the story ends, how can you shape your daily life now with a view to this wonderful future?

- Living with Anticipation – having an awareness of the 2nd coming of Christ – joy and hopefulness.
- Using Time for Proclamation – Take every opportunity to give Glory to God and point others to Christ.
- Gospel Participation – Giving of my time talent and treasures to proclaim and promote the Gospel.



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Keys For Living

- If someone goes to hell, it is their choice. Heaven is a prepared place for people (who by faith in Christ) are preparing to go there.
- The trails and hardships that we face in this life pale in comparison to the Glory of God in heaven and revealed in us through Christ that we will experience in Eternity.
- As we see things getting worse, we can take comfort the Christ's 2nd coming is nearer than every before. Let's be ready when He comes.

