**Because He Reigns – Rev. 3:5**

What a great honor when we received recognition for our work & lives!

Heaven will be a place of eternal recognition for believers who have honored Jesus on earth

**Are you ashamed to confess Jesus Christ in the world today? Ashamed of His words,demands?**

**Focal Truth: Believers will be eternally accepted in heaven**

**Observations**

1. **Believers will be openly acknowledged by Jesus Christ to God the Father & to the angels when they enter heaven – 3:5**

R. 3:5 *– He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments, and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father and before the angels*

**Why does Christ acknowledge believers to God?**

1. Jesus acknowledges believers who have confessed His name in the world

Mt. 10:32 – *whoever shall confess Me before men, him I will confess also before My Father which is in heaven*

Lk. 9:26 – *whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed when he shall come in his own glory and in His Father’s and of the holy angels*

1. Believers must not be unashamed of Jesus Christ & the gospel of salvation

Rm. 1:16 – *I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ*

* Believers are not ashamed of the Lord Jesus **words & demands**
* Believers are not ashamed **to submit to** **the commands** of the Lord Jesus
* Believers are not ashamed **to witness for** the Lord Jesus

2 T. 1:12 – *for I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day*

Acts 4:31 - *when they had prayed the place was shaken, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and continued to speak the word of God with boldness*

1. Jesus Christ is their **Intercessor**: to announce them as justified by faith before God Father

Heb. 7:25 – *He is able to completely save those who come to God through him*, *since he always lives to intercede for them*

1. Jesus Christ is their **Shepherd:** to bring them as His people before God Father

John 10: *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

1. Jesus Christ is their **Advocate:** to represent them before God the Father

1 John 2:1 – *we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous*

1. Jesus Christ is their **Brother:** to stand before God with His brothers

H. 2:11 – *He who sanctifies & those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren*

1. To demonstrate the wisdom & glory of God in the salvation of sinners to the angels
2. To demonstrate the unfathomable riches of Christ

E. 3:9 – *to bring to light the manifold wisdom of God might now be made know* ***through the church to the rulers and the authorities in heavenly places***

 **Consider**

1. Believers **must be unashamed** of the Lord Jesus Christ
2. Believers are **honored to be called Christians!** – Followers of Christ
3. Believers are the **source of God’s glory** **of grace & mercy** to the angels in heaven!
4. **Believers will be welcomed by Jesus Christ when they enter heaven which is prepared for them – 3:5**

Rev. 3:5 – will be clothed in white garments…

1. God the Father prepared heaven for believers from eternity – *prepared for you from the foundation of the world*

Mt. 25:34 – *come you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world*

1. The Lord Jesus has prepared a marriage supper for His church

Rev. 19: 7 -8 - *let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to Him for the marriage supper of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready, it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean for the linen is the righteous acts of the saints*

1. The Lord Jesus has prepared heaven for believers – *I go to prepare a place for you*
2. The Lord Jesus has prepared heaven as the eternal inheritance of believers – *an inheritance, holy, undefiled reserved in heaven for you*
3. The Lord Jesus has prepared heaven to reveal His glory – *that they may see my glory!*
4. **Believers will be completely justified & acquitted from the penalty of sin when they enter heaven**

Rev. 3:5 *I will not erase his name from the book of life*

1. Believers are recorded in the book of life because God foreknew that they would believe in Jesus Christ – of unbelievers it is written R. 13:8 – *everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain*
2. Believers are recorded in the book of life because they **have eternal life in Jesus Christ**
3. Believers are recorded in the book of life because they are **counted righteous in Jesus Christ**
4. Believers are recorded in the book of life because they are **justified by faith in Jesus Christ not by their works**
5. Believers are recorded in the book of life & **will not be thrown into the lake of fire** – R. 20:15 *if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire*
6. Believers are recorded in the book of life & will **enjoy the pleasures of heaven** R. 21:27 *only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life*

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. Whoever denies Jesus in this world will be denied by Christ in heaven

*If we deny him, he will deny us?* 2 Tim. 2:12

1. What a sad day for unbeliever’s to be strangers to Jesus Christ at their judgement

*I never knew you, depart from Me who practice lawlessness* Mt. 7:23

1. Tell the world about Jesus! Live unashamed of His name!
2. What a joyful & honorable heavenly day when Jesus confesses the believers name to God the Father & the angels!

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**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**