



**GROW
IN
GRACE**
NEWSLETTER

Volume 45, No. 33, August 18, 2020 / Southside Baptist Church / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / **The Grow in Grace Newsletter is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes— designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD JESUS CHRIST!"***

THE SONGS OF HEAVEN! [THE GRAND UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST to His Church— Revelation 1-22! (Part 3)]

THE REVELATION, a glorious unveiling of Jesus Christ, reveals the ULTIMATE PURPOSE of all human history; and the ultimate purpose of Jesus' first coming to earth— namely, a redeemed, resurrected people of God who, ultimately, **WORSHIP HIM**, and rule and reign with Him for all eternity: Revelation 19:6b-9; 21:2-4; 21:9b-14; 22:1-5.

THE REVELATION: WHAT AN AMAZING BOOK! THE AGED APOSTLE John was exiled on the Isle of Patmos and forced to labor long hours even though he was about 80 years old.

But it was there that God gave him THE REVELATION to send to the FIRST CENTURY persecuted Saints and to the persecuted Christians of all ages!

WHY? To UNVEIL JESUS IN PRESENT REALITY and to remind them (and us) that God will have the last say! THE REVELATION informs us that no matter what seems to be happening in the world and in our own personal world— JESUS is supreme, sovereign, and sufficient. **MOREOVER,** The Revelation is a reminder that joy is not

the absence of suffering; but JOY IS the presence of God and confidence in God!

TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO, JESUS came the first time! JESUS personally beat sin and satan! JESUS PAID the sin debt of sinners given to Jesus by the Father, John 17! JESUS AROSE, ascended, and the Holy Spirit was sent! FROM HEAVEN, JESUS continues His ministry of SEEKING and saving the lost!

AND ultimately— JESUS WILL BRING IN A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH, (Revelation 22:1-5; Ephesians 1:10) — TO THE END PURPOSE “... **that all human history shall be consummated in Christ!**” (Phillips); and THAT IN THE AGES TO COME, **He will** “display how immense are the resources of His grace!” (Eph. 2:7);

SO THAT ALL ANGELIC POWERS WILL SEE FROM THE BLOOD BOUGHT SAINTS FOR ALL ETERNITY— THE INNUMERABLE aspects of God’s WISDOM! (Eph. 3:10)

THE REVELATION, chapters 1-19— The Sovereign Lamb of God has been, is, and will be SAVING MULTITUDES OF LOST SOULS! HE WILL PROTECT HIS REDEEMED ONES, (Who will experience the evil wrath of satan and wicked humans... but never the wrath of God);

And at the same time JESUS will CONTINUE moving events on earth—

ALL toward that great and glorious day when He, the Lord Jesus Christ, will come back to this earth to rule and reign;

and ultimately to bring about NEW HEAVENS and EARTH.

[AT PRESENT, the whole world is deeply and increasingly entrenched in a ‘BABYLON SPIRIT’ of greed, get, arrogance, and

conflict— religiously, educationally, socially, and politically.
HOWEVER, THAT SYSTEM WILL be shaken and will UTTERLY FALL— Revelation 17 & 18.]

IT IS NEEDFUL TO REMEMBER that The Sovereign Lamb is carrying out His will, ALL OF HIS GOOD PLEASURE, **in spite of** the rulers of nations and/or the religion of the world—

Psalms 22:28— GOD is THE GOVERNOR among the nations;

Psalms 75:6, 7— GOD is THE JUDGE and He puts one down and sets up another;

Psalms 103:19— The LORD'S kingdom rules over all;

Psalms 115:3 / 135:6— GOD has done whatsoever He pleased in heaven, in the earth, in the seas, and all the deep places;

Proverbs 21:1— The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water; He turneth it whithersoever He will;

Daniel 2:20-21— GOD: He removes kings and sets up kings;

Daniel 4:17; 4:34-35; 5:21— *The MOST HIGH GOD rules in the kingdom of men, and He appoints over it whomsoever He will.*

SO, YES, while men and satan do things which steal our earthly freedoms... and much more— they cannot alter or hinder JESUS! HE WILL SAVE ALL WHOM THE FATHER HAS GIVEN HIM— JOHN 17.

They may imprison the Christian's body; but they cannot imprison the Christian's soul nor steal our future eternity with Christ! JESUS IS STILL SAVING JEW AND GENTILE; and doing ALL OF HIS GOOD PLEASURE!

THE REVELATION, chapters 20-22— THE SOVEREIGN LAMB WILL BE ETERNALLY enthroned and His holy Bride will be with Him in the New Earth and the New Heavens. **NEVER FORGET:** THE SUPREME, ULTIMATE GOAL OF ALL HISTORY IS A REDEEMED BRIDE FOR JESUS (Revelation 21:9-14) COMPRISED OF THOSE REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB FROM ALL ERAS OF TIME! (Revelation 21-22)

THEREFORE, IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE REALITIES SET FORTH IN THE REVELATION— WE SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED that the Revelation is a book **filled with praise songs** exalting the Conquering Christ; and **ENCOURAGING SAINTS WHO LIVE AND WITNESS IN A SIN-FILLED, GOD-HATING, CHRISTIAN-HATING WORLD!**

All through the Book of Revelation there are songs, music, praise to God and the Lamb! ***The songs are 'SPOKEN or SUNG' in Heaven to God and to the Lamb! No one in heaven is ANXIOUS or WORRIED!***

STRONG REALITY: THOUGH HISTORY, TODAY, and IN DAYS AHEAD— MUSIC HAS AND WILL PLAY A HUGE ROLE IN SPIRITUAL BATTLES! **AGAIN,** *the Revelation is FILLED WITH SONGS of WORSHIP, exalting the conquering Christ!*

These are THE SONGS OF HEAVEN!

They are SAID or SUNG in the presence of Christ! If you are a Christian join in the celebration! (Rev. 4:8)

INDEED, it will be of great encouragement to read / mediate through these 14 SONGS OF HEAVEN

1. ANTHEM OF THE TRIUNE GOD: (Revelation 4:8) *Holiness - the quality most basic to God's essential nature. Holiness - from a root word meaning "separateness", indicating that God is self-existent and independent from all other beings. Listening to the chatter of songs today, it is all "me centered" - and humanistic-love centered. God is love but it is not cheap love; God's love is holy love. And God's love is always against evil - as the Revelation shows.*

2. THE CREATION HYMN: (Revelation 4:11) *Affirms the incomparable worthiness of our Lord... Calling us to the expressed purpose of creation!*

"Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." *This song affirms that God deserves all our heart's adoration.*

3. THE NEW SONG of REDEMPTION: (Revelation 5:9-10) *Christ's worthiness rests upon His sacrificial death. The cross thus becomes the basis for adoration.*

4. THE ANGEL'S CHORALE (Revelation 5:12) *A seven-fold tribute: (a) The first 4 speak of attributes which belong to Christ; (b) The last 3 relate more to our attitude toward Him.*

5. THE CRESCENDO of the UNIVERSE (Revelation 5:13-14)
The praise of God never ends! Amen!

6. THE MARTYR'S CHANT: (Revelation 6:10) *SINCE the Captain of our Salvation learned obedience through His sufferings, how can we expect to understand Calvary love on beds of ease? (Heb. 2:10, 15:8; 2 Tim. 2:12; 2 Cor. 4:17-18; Rom. 5:3-5)*

God is interested in the blessedness of these sufferings, for apart from them, we can experience neither the depths of His character nor the full sufficiency of His grace.

7. THE SONG of SALVATION: (Revelation 7:10) *Saints may be bruised and threadbare from struggles on earth, but now in heaven they are clothed in the clean, white robes of victory. Old things are passed away. Now the saints rejoice forever more!*

8. THE ANGELIC 'AMEN': (Revelation 7:12) *AMEN* - a word used to affirm that which is certain or reliable, that which can be trusted without question. These are they who come out of great tribulation. Like Paul and Silas, they doubtless sang in their prison cells and/or... on to their fiery deaths!

Now in heaven, they are still sure it was worth it! They still sing! And (7:12) the angels agree!

SINCE angels rejoice over one sinner who repents can you imagine their celebration upon the arrival of this numberless singing multitude!

9. THE KINGDOM CAROL: (Revelation 11:15) *The essence of this declaration is that the rule of this world has passed into the hands of the rightful King! It matters not what our lot be here on earth - it only matters on the day of Revelation 11:15, THAT WE WILL be rejoicing and not angry! (Revelation 11:18)*

10. THE PSALM OF JUDGMENT: (Revelation 11:17-18) *It is a hymn of thanksgiving to the omnipotent Sovereign who has with mighty power, taken charge of the situation!*

11. THE SHOUT of the OVERCOMERS: (Revelation 12:10-12) *As the attacks of the enemy mount, let us meet them with a sense of destiny, knowing that the days of conflict are coming to an end. The secret is in the inner experience of the cross— that joyous dedication to fulfill the will of God, whatever the cost.*

Our understanding of the meaning of the cross deepens as we follow our Lord, to be sure, but at any time, we should be willing to respond to all that we know of His Word! (Galatians 2:20)

12. THE SONG of Moses and the LAMB: (Revelation 15:3-4)

Attention focuses entirely on the excellency of the King. In the perfect vision of God, self is wholly forgotten.

The glory of the Lord so overwhelms the saints that the difficulties over which they are triumphed seem as nothing.

13. THE HALLELUJAH Chorus: (Revelation 19:1-4) *“Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the Heavenly King may speak their joys abroad!”* *The choirs of heaven are singing and shouting the praises of God— can't you hear them! LET US JOIN THEM!*

14. THE SYMPHONY of the Marriage Feast: (Revelation 19:6-7)

Imagine the majestic crescendo of heaven's great multitude. (19:1; 5:12; 12:1, 10) Unrestrained by any selfish inhibitions, united as a single voice of praise. (19:6; 5:10; 19:1)

[NOTE: The above article was developed from a book by Robert E. Coleman, “The Songs of Heaven! PLEASE... read this article ALONG WITH reading Revelation 1-22, LOOKING for the SONGS OF HEAVEN!]

Grace to one and all! James Bell
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NEWS NOTES:

EVERY Saturday, * 8:00am — Men's Bible Study: New Studies— “SPECIAL, NEEDED WORDS FROM THE WORD OF GOD... FOR MEN!”**

***** NEXT Ladies Bible Study— September 1, 11:00am: Women of the Bible!**

SUNDAYS— August 23, 30 - Every Sunday we have:

***** Sunday School at 9:30am:** Nursery, Children's classes, Youth, and Adult classes.

***** WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45am!**

Additional Sunday Events:

1. August 23, 6:00pm- Church Wide DISCIPLESHIP... presently an important STUDY on PRAYER, R.C. Sproul videos...

2. August 30, Church-wide SINGING / PRAISE to the LORD / Scripture Reading!

TUESDAYS: WEEKLY Youth Group Meeting, ages 12 and up ... NOW, Tuesdays a 7:15pm... at Jaden and Rhi's home...

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ SOUTHSIDE: 6:30pm—

***** Adult Prayer Service***

***** Young FAMILIES Prayer Service***

***** HEALTH REMINDERS as to CHURCH SERVICES**

1. IF YOU ARE SICK... OR if you are presently in a state of high immune deficiency **or if** (at home or work) you are caring for one who is sick; **or if** you have • **Fever**; • Coughing; • • Chills; • Headache; • Sore throat; etc.... **please stay home!]**

2. IF YOU ARE HEALTHY and well... you may or may not choose to wear a mask... or gloves... WE do not require; we WILL NOT provide such.

3. WE CONTINUE to encourage FREEDOM... as to 'social distancing'— 6ft apart... give sensitivity and respect one to another.

4. LET each of us DO OUR PART IN personal hygiene. IF you use the restrooms— please wash your hands with SOAP; and use nearby SANITIZER.

5. IT IS A MATTER OF SAFETY for all, (ESPECIALLY for SENIOR ADULTS), CHILDREN IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE— no unsupervised Children!

6. THOSE AT HOME: TO RECEIVE THE 10:45am LIVE STREAMING of the worship service for July 26 ... **SIMPLY GO TO OUR CHURCH WEBSITE: www.southsidegallatin.org**

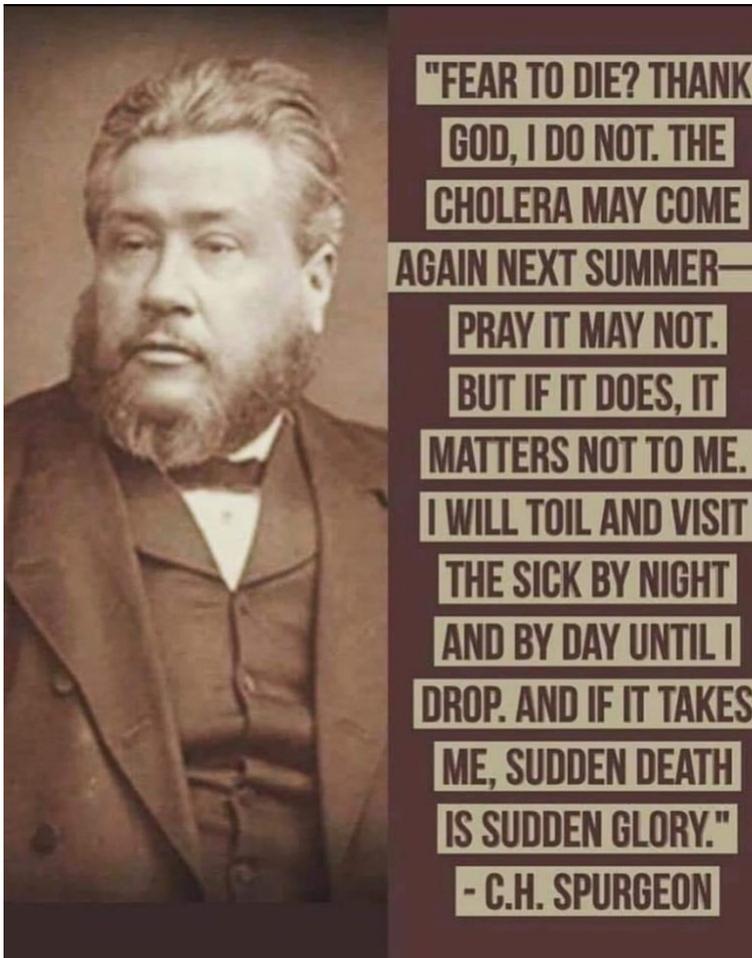
[At the same location, you can access our YOUTUBE page... and view/listen to previous services; Men's and Ladies Bible Studies!]

7. LOVE OFFERINGS UNTO THE LORD BY MAIL or ONLINE GIVING:

SUCH funds, (if checks), make out to Southside Baptist) — MAIL TO: Southside Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1594, Gallatin, TN 37066

OR, you may choose to GIVE, via ONLINE GIVING @

<https://southsidebaptist.breezechms.com/give/online>



"I hope that it won't offend you, but if you were to die today, where would you spend eternity? The Bible says that it will either be in heaven or in hell. Would you think about that, please? Thank you. God bless you!" ~ ~ Frank Jenner