"Remain Faithful to Jesus"

Revelation 14.1-13

Book of HOPE and ENCOURAGEMENT - FOR CHRISTIANS IN STRUGGLE

Apostle John in Exile writing to Christians under PERSECUTION

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads the words of this \bullet prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart \bullet what is written in it, because the time is near.

NOT REVELATION S Revelation 1:1 The revelation of Jesus Christ

VIVID SYMBOLISM - IMAGERY - HEIGHTEN THE WONDER OF GOD

Chapter 14 - VISION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

"the Lamb" the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! • John 1:29

SAINTS IN HEAVEN SING

"Worthy is the [Lamb, who was slain], to receive power and wealth • and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Revelation 5:12

MOUNT ZION - GOD'S HOLY HILL IN JERUSALEM

Psalms 48 {2} It is beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the • whole earth...is Mount Zion, the city of the Great King.

144,000 - ALL WHO HAVE EVER BELIEVED IN JESUS

PERFECT NUMBER - SYMBOLIC - COMPLETENESS // 12 tribes, 10 squared

SEALED "had (Lamb's) name and his father's name on forehead"

SAVED "redeemed from the earth"

SINGING "a new song before the throne (of God)"

Revelation 14:2

And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters ullet and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that ullet of harpists playing their harps.

AWESOME PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

MORAL PURITY

- 1) "did not defile themselves with women"

 BRIDE OF CHRIST PURE AND SPOTLESS MADE CLEAN BY GRACE
- 2) "no lie was found in their mouths" STRICT REGARD FOR TRUTH
- 3) "blameless" NOT SINLESS, SINS WERE FORGIVEN AND FORGOTTEN
- 4) "follow the Lamb wherever He goes"

FACED OPPOSITION & DIFFICULTY

HOW WERE THEY THERE "purchased from among men and offered as ullet first fruits to God"

BOUGHT WITH THE PRICELESS COST OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

OWNERSHIP - WE BELONG TO JESUS - IN LIFE AND IN DEATH

MORAL LIFE IS EVIDENCE OF THE LIFE OF JESUS IN US

THREE ANGELS "MESSENGERS" OF GOD SENT OUT

1) "eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth" FEAR GOD AND GIVE HIM GLORY - JUDGMENT COMING - WORSHIP HIM URGENCY OF MESSAGE

GOD IS SOVEREIGN - THIS IS HIS WORLD

ETERNAL GOSPEL - not just message for today - FOREVER TRUE

2) ALL IS NOT WELL - GOSPEL BRINGS JUDGMENT - DECISION

FALLEN IS BABYLON THE GREAT - HUMAN OPPOSITION TO GOD

EVIL INFLUENCE "made the nations drink wine of adultery"

SIN DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED

WORSHIP THE BEAST - anything in opposition to God

AWFUL VERSE - SOBERING

"drink the wine of God's fury which has been poured full strength ullet into the cup of his wrath"

TORMENTED DAY AND NIGHT - NO REST DAY OR NIGHT

BIBLE MORE ABOUT HELL THAN HEAVEN - BANNED IN SCHOOL AS IMMORAL!!

CUP OF WRATH- Jesus sweat drops of blood in agonizing ullet anticipation

CALLS OF PATIENT ENDURANCE - REMAIN FAITHFUL TO JESUS

NOT KEEP ON SAVING YOURSELF

JESUS KEEPS NOW AND FOR ETERNITY PURCHASED WITH HIS BLOOD

BLESSED ARE THE DEAD IN THE LORD - REST - REWARD FOR LABOR

MESSAGE OF GOD IS GOING OUT TO YOU

1) Good News 2) Judgment 3) Decision - ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES