

## Extra Credit Questions

### Will Christians experience the wrath of God if they endure the Great Tribulation?

*1 Thess. 1:8-10 (NASB) For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place the news of your faith toward God has gone out, so that we have no need to say anything. <sup>9</sup> For they themselves report about us as to the kind of reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is, Jesus who rescues us from the wrath to come.*

**CONCLUSION:** Christians will never experience God's wrath. We should not fear God during times of tribulation nor the Great Tribulation but totally depend upon Him. God can pour out His wrath while at the same time protect His people just like He did in Egypt with Moses and during the Flood with Noah.

### Who are the People in Heaven with White Robes? (Revelation 6-7)

People that believe the Church will be raptured before the Great Tribulation say, "The Church is never talked about after Revelation 4 when John was taken to heaven. So, we must be taken from the earth and not experience Tribulation." However, they forget that John wrote the entire book of Revelation to the Church. The Church is people. You must decide who these people are in Revelation 6-7. Some will say it's the people left behind that are saved during tribulation. However, Revelation does not have one verse about the rapture. The people in White Robes are the Church. Read the passages below and decide the identity of these people for yourselves. If Jesus, the Apostles, and so many martyrs after them were killed because of their faith, what makes us think we will escape the difficult times of the Great Tribulation?

**Revelation 6:9-11 (NASB)** *When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been killed because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; <sup>10</sup> and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who live on the earth?" <sup>11</sup> And a white robe was given to each of them; and they were told that they were to rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers and sisters who were to be killed even as they had been, was completed also.*

**Revelation 7:9-10 (NASB)** *After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all the tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; <sup>10</sup> and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."*

**Revelation 7:13-17 (NASB)** Then one of the elders responded, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." <sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. <sup>16</sup> They will no longer hunger nor thirst, nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

**Who are the Saints in Revelation 14:12-13?** (same Scripture using different translations)

**Revelation 14:12-13 (NASB)** Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. <sup>13</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

**Revelation 14:12-13 (NLT)** This means that God's holy people must endure persecution patiently, obeying his commands and maintaining their faith in Jesus. <sup>13</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!"

**Answer:** The Church- Everyone who believes in Jesus as Messiah. (The rapture doctrine say the Saints are only Israel. Although, in Revelation and other New Testament passages, the saints represent everyone who believes in Jesus- Believing or Chosen Israel and the Church.). The original audience that John is writing to is the Church (Jews and Gentiles). They would have understood that all the events in Revelation are meant for them as a blessing and warning of what would take place.

**What does Jesus' prayer mean to you? How do you interpret it?**

**John 17:13-21 (NASB)** But now I am coming to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking You to take them out of the world, but to keep them away from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> Just as You sent Me into the world, I also sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. <sup>20</sup> I am not asking on behalf of these alone, but also for those who believe in Me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one; just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

## **What does history teach us of tribulation, war, disease, and death?**

“Can you imagine what it was like to be a believer in Rome under the emperor Caligula, or Nero, or Domitian? To face the arena, burning at the stake, or the lion’s den for your faith? What do you suppose Christians were thinking when the legions captured Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple in A.D. 70? Or when Attila overran Europe in the 5th century, the Vikings in the 9th, Genghis Khan in the 13th, or the Muslim Turks in the 16th? Might anyone have concluded that the end was near when the Black Death decimated Christendom, wiping out entire towns and claiming more than 25 million lives between 1347 and 1352? How did the situation look to believers at the beginning of the last century, when the so-called Great War destroyed the flower of an entire generation (37 million casualties)? Or a few decades later, when the shadow of Hitler and the Third Reich was rising over Germany and Eastern Europe (6 Million Jews were killed)? Clearly, the early 21st century has no monopoly on death, disaster, devastation, and terror. You don’t need to know a great deal about history to realize this.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/family-qa/preparing-for-the-end-times/>