

ARRIVED

REVELATION 7:9-17

Big Idea:

Celebrate our future in Christ; it is a purpose beyond compare.

1.) Celebrate the state of the **DEPARTED** in Christ (v. 9-17).

- v. 7:1-3 – This is a vision of heaven in this age.
- This passage is a picture of the present state of all who have departed in Christ and now await the New Heavens and Earth.
- This is a marvelous text to show anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one who trusted Christ (v. 9-17).

2.) Celebrate ethnic **DIVERSITY** (v. 9a).

- It is God's will that His eternal kingdom should be composed of people from every place and ethnicity (Acts 10:34-35, Mat. 28:19).
- The **NATIONS** should be precious to us because they are precious to God.
- No one should delight in ethnic variety more than we who long for the kingdom of Christ.
- Christ's sacrifice is sufficient for every kind of sin and every kind of people, not just certain kinds of sins or certain kinds of people.
- Give to international missions. Pray for the nations. Go where God leads.

3.) Celebrate the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of Christ (v. 9b).

- White robes are a symbol of Christ's perfect righteousness given to Christ purchased people (Revelation 3:4-5, 3:18, 4:4, 19:7-8).

- The **SIN** that brings destruction and despair on earth will be forever banished in the presence of Christ.
- To the greatest possible measure, let us strive to model to the righteousness of heaven on earth today.
- *Do you rejoice in the righteousness of Christ?*
- If we love what God loves, then we will love righteousness and pursue it right now.

4.) Celebrate our VICTORY in Christ (v. 9c-12).

- Palm branches were a symbol of victory (John 12:13).
- There is only one cause that will ultimately be victorious—the singular victory of **SALVATION** in Christ.
- We will rejoice in the God of our salvation and that He saves in Christ alone.
- *Are Jesus Christ and His gospel the center of your joy, or are your hopes set on something smaller?*

5.) Celebrate your call to WORSHIP (v. 10-12).

- The chief thing taking place in heaven is worship of the one true God in Christ.
- The praise of the sealed servants in this text is the jubilation of people who are absolutely enthralled and invigorated to experience the immediate presence of God.
- *How eagerly do you desire to be engaged in true worship of God?*
- Everyone worships something. Those in Christ worship the one and only thing that is **WORTHY** the one true God.
- There is one purpose worth giving everything for! *Is it the driving purpose of your life?* (Philippians 3:8-15)