"We All Need an Infusion of Divine Hope" <u>Revelation 14: 1-5</u>

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We must deal with a *dis - eased* world

Jesus gave His friends, His followers, YOU, a promise John 16: 33

This is the key to survival in a dis - eased world!

Hold on to Jesus and know He is holding on to you!!

The Lifeline HOLDS!

Jesus has made a way to the Father. He is the Lifeline

between you and God. He is the Lifeline to the peace your soul cries out for.

When war wages within you, when turmoil surrounds you, Jesus is your LIFELINE!

For He is the Maker, the Giver of Life, the Christ, and the ONLY Light to follow.

You can overcome the turmoils of the day by holding onto Jesus.

He is the lifeline that

STILL HOLDS !

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Verse 1

Scene One: The 144,000 in Heaven - An Infusion of Hope

There is a scene shift, *from earth to a heavenly scene*!

The 144,000 Jewish evangelists are with the Lamb

These are seen as being preserved through the Tribulation

All is not as it appears on earth!

God is at work even when we cannot see Him at work!!

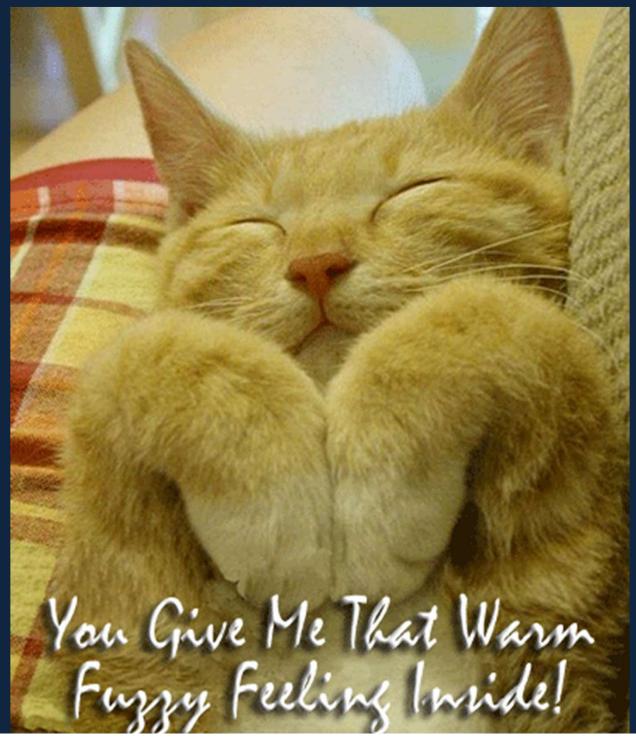
The 144,000 are sealed by God

God has placed His name on them and YOU! Ephesians1: 13-14

Seal = a mark of privacy, genuineness, security - a guarantee!

You, *who are sealed*, are guaranteed of making it home safely!

SOUNDS WARM AND FUZZY!



What must we see while here in this dis - eased state?

With great relief, we must see the **SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD** in all its glory!!

At the lowest point in Job's life, Job realized *who God is* and who he (*Job*) is - Job 42: 1-6

<u>Verse 2 - 3</u>

The Redeemed sing a new song - An Infusion of Hope

This song was special for the 144,000!

These are called the "redeemed" - You are also the "redeemed"

> **<u>Redeemed</u>** = to buy back, to pay the purchase price

Christ sacrificed His life for my life!

Jesus took all the wrath of God that I deserved!

<u>Verse 4 - 5</u>

Set apart unto God - sanctified - An Infusion of Hope! These men are true disciples of Jesus Christ!

There is a big difference in one who is saved and one who is a disciple. How so?

JUSTIFICATION - SALVATION	DISCIPLESHIP
FREE GIFT	COSTLY
RECEIVED THROUGH FAITH	ENTERED INTO THROUGH COMMITMENT AND OBEDIENCE THROUGH THE SPIRIT'S ENABLEMENT
NOT BY WORKS	INVOLVES OUR COOPERATION
INSTANT	LIFE-LONG PROCESS
JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION
JESUS PAID THE PRICE	BELIEVER PAYS THE PRICE
TRUSTING JESUS AS SAVIOR	FOLLOWING JESUS AS LORD
BELIEVE THE GOSPEL	OBEY THE COMMANDS
ONE CONDITION	MULTIPLE CONDITIONS
EXPERIENCED BY ALL CHRISTIANS	EXPERIENCED BY SOME CHRISTIANS
RESULTS IN ETERNAL LIFE	RESULTS IN REWARDS & AUTHORITY

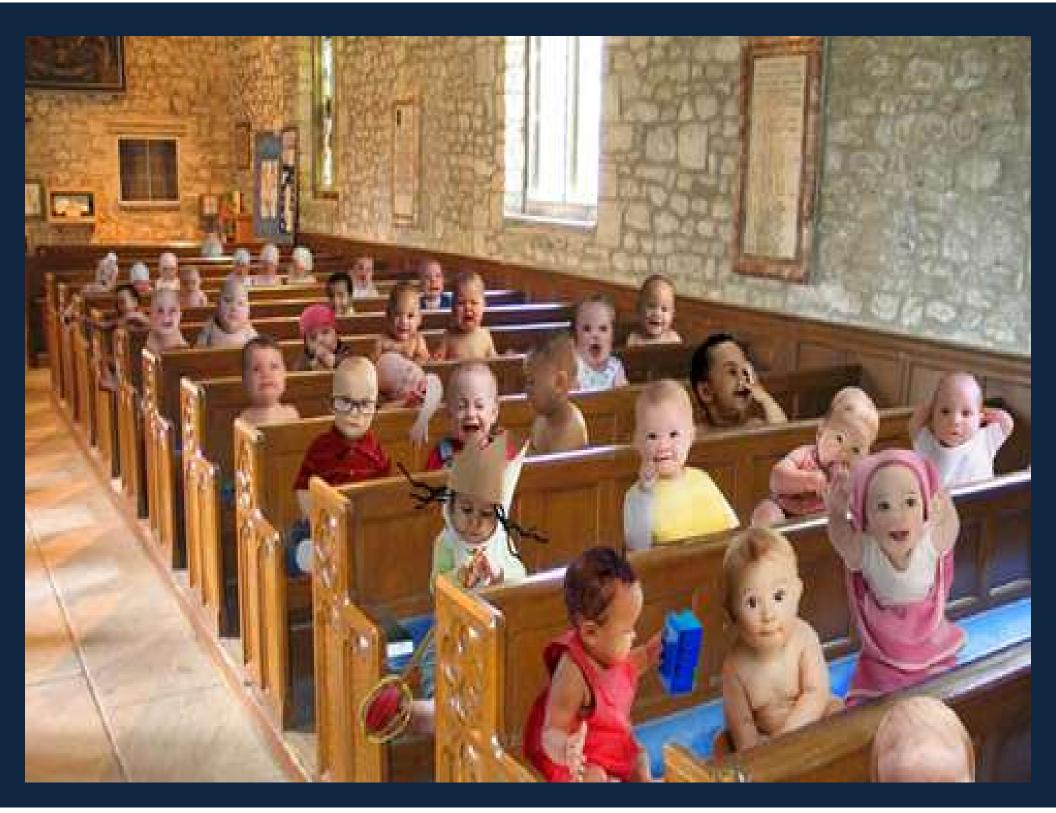
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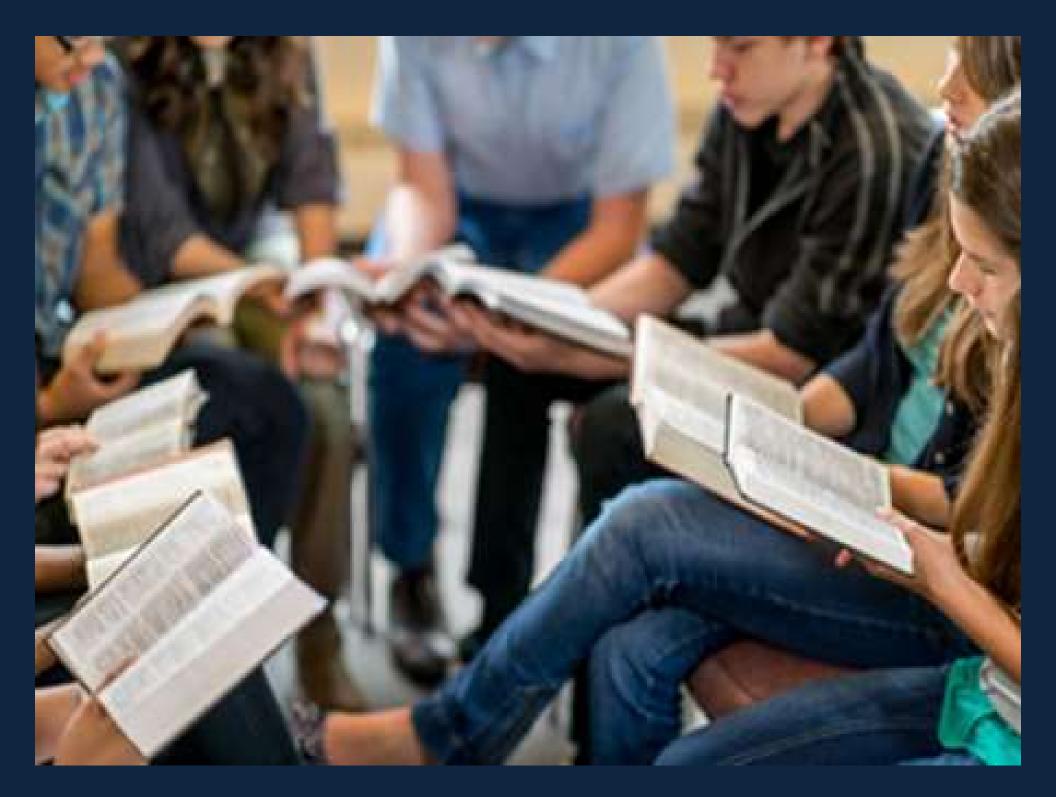
Your entire Christian life is designed for you to become a disciple of Christ!

No one is saved to be a baby forever!

Babies are easily identifiable:

- Center of attention
- All about me
- Never serves
- Wants to be served
- Are easily offended!





First fruits offering = giving God the best of the harvest, with a guarantee of more to come

The 144,000 were the first saved in the Tribulation - *much more would come!* - <u>Revelation 7: 9</u>

Jesus Messiah is our:

- Redeemer
- Reconciler
- Mediator
- Propitiation
- Justifier
- Sanctifier
- Glorifier

WHAT AN INHERITANCE! WHAT A SAVIOR!! WHAT A FUTURE!!!

<u>CLOSING</u>: WE ALL NEED AN INFUSION OF DIVINE HOPE

Hope = the desire of some good, with the expectation of obtaining it

This is what Jesus Messiah offers us daily - HOPE!!

All world religions are *works based*, and none of them know if their works will merit rewards

ONLY CHRISTIANITY IS HOPE BASED!

Hope, not in ourselves, but hope in Christ and what He did for us!

OUR GOD IS A GOD OF HOPE!!

A verse of hope spoken by Paul -<u>Romans 15:13</u>

Hope, joy and peace - super abounding hope through the *dis* - *ease* of life is available to you now! Our future on earth is unknown to all of us - this can create anxiety!

Your anxiety cure:

TRUST IN GOD!!

Corrie Ten Boom put it this way:



Think about this hope! JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING:

1) Jesus changes anxiety 2) Jesus changes depression **3)** Jesus changes hopelessness 4) Jesus changes doubt 5) Jesus changes fear 6) Jesus changes lives 7) Jesus changes defeat 8) Jesus changes hate 9) Jesus changes death 10) Jesus changes everything

Your promotion is right around the corner!

No more of earth's *dis - ease!* YAY!!

JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING!!

NOW THAT IS AN INFUSION OF DIVINE HOPE THAT WE ALL NEED!!