

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-4

Introduction

God has reserved for every blood washed believer an inheritance. It is a place of purity, permanence, and splendor.

It will be occupied only by those who have reservations, who are undefiled, who are qualified by the washing in the blood of Jesus. It is a place prepared for a glorious church without spot or wrinkle.

I. An Inheritance

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Revelation 21:7

- A. Prepared for those who dare to serve God
 - 1. For the "overcomer"
 - 2. Not for the spectator, but for the gladiator
- B. Its description
 - 1. A real place 382,375 million cubic miles
 - 2. A perfect place
 - 3. A beautiful place
 - 4. A place of perfect fellowship
- C. Believers have received the earnest payment
 - ...in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13b-14

II. Undefined

...even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it.

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:25-27

A. This inheritance will not be defiled

1. God will not allow it

2. Its occupants must be pure

B. Occupied by a blood washed through

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 7:13-14

C. Not spotted by flesh, without fault

And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

Jude 23-24

1. Carnality not present

2. The blood washed through will be faultless

III. Reserved

And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, nor maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21:27

- A. The Lamb's book of life
1. Heaven's citizenship record
 2. Record of confirmed reservations
 3. Official log of occupancy
- B. Qualified only by being blood washed
- C. Futility of the flesh

Not everyone that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess to them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 7:21-23

Exclusion
Record

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