

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for October 6, 2013

A Vision of the Exalted
Revelation 14:1

In Revelation 14:1-5, John shares three facets of a vision of those purchased from the earth, which would encourage his readers to persevere through hardship, trials, and persecution.

John shares that he saw an exalted company (Revelation 14:1).

A. John notes that he saw the Christ.

1. Notice how Christ is portrayed.

In the book of Revelation, the Lamb is depicted as:

- Slain (Revelation 5:6; 13:8)
- Sanctified (Revelation 5:6-14; 7:9-10)
- Savior (Revelation 7:13-14)
- Shepherd (Revelation 7:17)
- Sovereign (Revelation 17:14)

2. Notice where Christ is positioned.

This vision is picturing the ultimate triumph of Christ, the Lamb, following His second coming when He assumes His millennial reign on the earth from the literal Mount Zion (Psalm 2:6; Isaiah 24:23).

B. John notes that he saw a crowd.

1. Notice the number of this crowd.

These 144,000 are from the 12-tribes of Israel (12,000 from each tribe).

2. Notice the names on this crowd.

The writing of these names on the foreheads of the 144,000 is a reference to the seal placed on their foreheads in Revelation 7:3.

May God give us the grace to always be faithful regardless of the circumstances, trials, or difficulty that we face.

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