

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for April 6, 2014

Blessed are the Dead
Revelation 14:12-13

In this beatitude, there are two main questions that must be answered so that we might have assurance of our salvation and long for our future hope in heaven.

I. Who are the dead?

A. The dead are saints suffering through the tribulation (Revelation 14:12).

B. The dead are saints slaughtered during the tribulation (Revelation 14:13).

II. Why are the dead blessed?

A. They are blessed because of their life (Revelation 14:12).

How will they live? They will live with perseverance (Revelation 14:12; John 5:24; Philippians 1:6; Matthew 10:22; 24:13)!

1. Their perseverance will be demonstrated by following the Scripture (Revelation 14:12; John 8:31; 14:21; 15:14; 1 John 5:3).

2. Their perseverance will be demonstrated by faith in the Savior (Revelation 2:13; 13:17; 14:12).

B. They are blessed because of their death (Revelation 14:13).

How will they die? They will die with promise!

1. At death they will receive rest from their works (Revelation 14:13).
2. At death they will receive reward for their works (Revelation 14:13; cf. 1 Corinthians 3:12-14; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

As we face the difficulties of this life, I pray that we live with perseverance so that we may have the assurance of our future hope in heaven.