

# Midweek Bible Study

## Endurance, Faith, and Works

### Revelation 14:12-13

#### Recap - Rev. 14:6-11

Angel One: The Eternal Gospel (6-7)

Angel Two: Heralding the Fall of Babylon (8)

Angel Three: Doom for the Worshipers of the Beast (9-11)

The world is divided – beast worshipers and Lamb worshipers!

#### I. The Perseverance of the Saints (12)

A. Here is the perseverance of the saints

1. Cf. 13:10
2. *hupomenē* **the capacity to hold out or bear up in the face of difficulty, patience, endurance, fortitude, steadfastness, perseverance**
3. Perseverance is a necessary fruit of genuine faith  
Luke 21:19; 2 Thess. 1:4; Heb. 10:36; 12:1

B. Those keeping the commands of God

John describes perseverance for us

1. The persevering saints are those who keep the commandments of God
2. Obedience to God's law  
John 14:15; 14:21; 15:10; 1 Cor. 7:19; 1 John 2:3-4; 3:24; 5:2-3; Rev. 12:17

C. And the faith of Jesus

#### II. Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord (13)

A. And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write

B. Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord from now on

1. Blessed *makarioi* μακάριοι  
Seven such benedictions in Rev. 1:3; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7, 14
2. Are the dead who died in the Lord *from now on*  
The little phrase "from now on" is problematic.

C. Yes, the Spirit says



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- D. In order that they shall rest from their works
  - 1. Rest – something which the beast worshipers never enjoy (14:11)
  - 2. Eternal respite in the new earth as the fulfillment of the Promised Land (Heb. 4)
- E. For their works shall follow them
  - 1. We are not saved by our works, but our works testify to the genuineness of our faith
  - 2. And our works are rewarded by a gracious God  
Matt. 5:12 (6:1-18); 1 Cor. 3:8; 9:17-18; Col. 3:23-24  
Heb. 10:35; 11:24-26; 2 John 1:8; Rev. 22:12

## Conclusion

Perseverance is enduring in obedience and faith in Jesus. To get to our destination, death, they enter their rest and rest from their labors and are rewarded for their labors.

