

The Experience Continues

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.” ~ Acts 2:42

W **MORE Answers in Prophecy:** Next week we’ll be studying America in Bible Prophecy. Wednesday, 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Th **House of Prayer:** Songs, testimonies, and united prayer. Thursdays, 7pm in the Conference Rm (starting Nov. 11).

Sa **Grounded:** a Sabbath School class for those new to faith or wanting a new start. These weekly studies will focus on growing a deeply rooted relationship with Jesus. Sabbaths, 9:30am in Adult Classroom 1.



The Real Issue

- Revelation 14:7, 9-11—God’s end-time message makes a passionate appeal to _____ the true God and strongly warns against receiving the mark of the beast.

In order to correctly identify the mark of the beast, we must understand its underlying issue in the context of true or false _____. Though many ideas exist about what the mark of the beast will be, the real issue is not about tattoos and computer chips. The real issue is who we really worship. God is calling for people who will worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23), those who keep His commandments and the faith of Jesus (Rev. 14:12).

Understanding the Seal of God

- Revelation 6:17-7:4—Those who are able to stand in the last day are God’s true followers who have received God’s _____ in their foreheads.
- 2 Timothy 2:19—God’s seal is a sign that we _____ to God.
- Ephesians 1:13-14—Receiving God’s seal is receiving the work of His _____ in our lives as a pledge and foretaste of heaven.
- Revelation 14:1-5—God’s seal is synonymous with God’s _____. Those who receive God’s seal...
 - have passed through a _____ experience of God’s grace (v. 3)
 - are undefiled with women, that is, false _____ (v. 4)
 - follow the Lamb _____ He goes (v. 4)

What's in a Name?

- ❑ Throughout Scripture, names were often given to indicate identity, destiny, and even _____. (e.g. Jacob/Israel, Abram/Abraham, Simon/Peter)
- ❑ Exodus 33:18-34:7—God's name is synonymous with His _____, which is revealed in His _____.
- ❑ Deuteronomy 6:6-8; Hebrews 10:15-16—Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God wants to write His law on our hearts and _____, empowering us to keep God's law in our lives. This picture of righteousness by faith is reflected in the description of God's end-time followers in Rev. 12:17; 14:12.
- ❑ Ezekiel 20:12, 20—At the very heart of God's law, the Sabbath is the unique _____ of God's power and authority in our lives.
- ❑ Conclusion: By the power of His _____, God's end-time followers will be sealed with God's _____ revealed in His _____. The _____ specially points to God's power to perform this transforming miracle.

The Beast and its Mark

- ❑ Notice the counterfeit parallels.

If the seal of God is:

- ▶ a sign of ownership/authority
- ▶ the work of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ synonymous with the name/law/character of Jesus Christ
- ▶ revealed in a life of obedience to God's law, trusting in God's power

then the mark of the beast is

- ▶ a sign of ownership/authority
- ▶ the work of the _____ Holy Spirit
- ▶ synonymous with the name/law/character of the _____
- ▶ revealed in a life of obedience to the _____ law, trusting in the _____ power

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- ❑ Who then is the beast in Revelation 13? As we learned in a previous meeting, this beast is the Antichrist beast, the system that would subtly counterfeit Jesus Christ by substituting man's authority in place of God's. This beast power represents the _____. (see *Answers in Prophecy #4 and #11*)
- ❑ What is the mark of this system's authority? The act of changing _____ to _____.
- ❑ Does this mean that people currently have the mark of the beast? The answer is _____ because the issue has yet to be _____ (cf. Rev. 13:15-17).

The Bottom Line

- ❑ If the central issue portrayed in Revelation 13 and 14 is over worship, the bottom line question is one of loyalty and faithfulness. In other words, who will have the supreme authority in our lives—the Antichrist or Jesus Christ?
- ❑ John 19:14-15—In the days of Jesus, supposed followers of God were faced with a similar decision: _____ or Christ?
- ❑ Joshua 24:15; 1 Kings 18:21—God is calling for a people who will stand on His side. Who will I choose to serve today?