

# Guide & Record of your thoughts

7/4/10

Week 27 - Revelation 14:1 - 5

## Following the Message:

1. (14:1) So far we have seen the lamb slain (5:6), glorified (5:8, 12-13), exalted (7:9, 10), as redeemer (7:14), and as a shepherd 7:17). In this verse we now see him "standing" in Jerusalem. This scene describes the return of Christ to earth.

2. (14:1) None of the 144,000 witnesses are missing. This is the shielding power of God. Despite Satan's best efforts all survive to meet Christ at His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.

3. (14:1) They're invincible because the Father's name is written on their foreheads. Unbelievers receive the mark of the beast. The 144,000 have the mark of God placed on their foreheads to identify them as His own.

4. (14:1) They're pictured as victors – standing with the lamb of God. These are winners; triumphant – NIKAO

5. (14:2,3) A new song is a song of praise for something God has done; one that is fresh with understanding; and one that others cannot experience in the same way.

6. (14:4, 5) These 144,000 witnesses shine forth like beacons of purity in the midst of darkness. This means that they stand apart from their culture.

7. (14:4,5) These 144,000 stand apart because they are morally pure. They follow the Lamb where He goes epitomizing dedication and clarity of life, and they speak the truth.

8. (14:4, 5) These 144,000 are blameless, but that doesn't mean that they are sinless. We are all sinners in need of a Savior.

## Greek words used today:

Revelation 14:1, behold: **idou**, *id-oo'*; used as impersonal **Io!** - **WOW**.

Revelation 14:1, standing: **histemi**, *his'-tay'mee*; to stand:- abide, establish, set (up), stanch, stand- firm, un-moveable.

Revelation 14:3, new: **kainos**, *kahee-nos'*; new – especially in freshness (fresh in response or- understanding)

## Reflecting on the Text

In an age filled with lies we see that the 144,000 refuse to bow the knee to the lies of the antichrist and they speak truth even though deception is rampant. If they can, how much more can we in our age filled with lies and deceit w/o antichrist!

There has never been anything to equal completely committed Christian MEN & WOMEN. Can we claim the qualities of:

- **Joseph** - UNCOMPROMISING
- **Daniel** - CONFIDENT
- **Gideon** - FEARLESS (*once he understood*)
- **David** - SINGLENESS OF HEART
- **Paul** - UNASHAMED
- **Peter** – BOLD

To be an image bearer of Christ today, one needs only ONE INGREDIENT – “the want to” ingredient. One must want to be an image bearer, and then chase after it.

Reflect and rejoice over the fact that those who belong to God are His possession and are protected by His power.

Apart from Him - NO POWER, NO PROTECTION.  
With Him – POWER AND PROTECTION.