

THE GOSPEL IN THE SEVEN BLESSINGS OF REVELATION

THE CHURCH PERFECTED IN HEAVEN

Revelation 2-3 as fulfilled by Revelation 19-22

Verse	Blessed are those...	Church	Sin or weakness	Promised reward & fulfillment
1:3	who HEAR this book and keep its words			
14:13	who DIE IN THE LORD, that they may rest from their labors	Ephesus	loss of first love	tree of life (Rev. 22:2)
16:15	who STAY AWAKE and keeps their garments on	Smyrna	persecuted	crown of life, no second death (Rev. 20:6)
19:9	who ARE INVITED to the marriage feast of the Lamb	Pergamum	false teaching	hidden manna & white stone (Rev. 19:9)
20:6	who SHARE in the first resurrection, who will be priests and reign with Christ	Thyratira	tolerates heresy	morning star, (Rev 22:16) authority over nations (20:4)
22:7	who KEEP the words of this book	Sardis	dead works	white robes (Rev. 22:14) name in book of life (21:17)
22:14	who WASH their robes, and thus get the Tree of Life and enter the city by the gates	Philadelphia	persecuted	pillar in temple, (Rev. 21:10ff) given God's name (22:4)
		Laodicea	lukewarm	dine with Christ, (Rev. 19:9) seated with Christ (20:4)

So to be blessed forever, we must:

- 1) Hear the Word & obey in faith (Romans 10:9-17)
- 2) Die in Christ (Philippians 1:19)
- 3) Keep the faith (Jude 3)
- 4) Commune with Christ (John 6:35-58)
- 5) Be born again (John 3:1-16)
- 6) Keep God's Word (Matthew 7:24-27)
- 7) Have our sins forgiven (Colossians 1:13-14)

Thus, the seven imperfect and weak churches of Revelation 2-3 (which may represent the universal church) are perfected in heaven, as they repent of their sins and/or endure in faith, awaiting their reward from above.

In short, all these blessings come through hearing and believing the Gospel of grace, which leads to a changed life (Ephesians 2:8-10)

