

THE COST OF SALVATION
REV. 7:9-17 / 8-22-18 / WED

I. THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS MULTITUDE (VV. 9-12).

A. How are they described?

1. Their number-beyond counting, praise God!—7:9 **“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count...”**
2. Their nationalities, both Jews and Gentiles saved during the tribulation--7:9 **“...from every nation, tribe, people and language...”**
3. Their natures.
 - a. Standing-they do not represent the church that was already in heaven because earlier the church was shown sitting-4:4—7:9 **“...standing before the throne and before the Lamb...”**
 - b. Virtuous-white robes of righteousness—7:9 **“...They were wearing white robes...”**
 - c. Victorious-palm branches signifying victory—7:9 **“...and were holding palm branches in their hands.**

B. What they say (praise God for their salvation)—7:10—**“And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”**

C. What they start or encourage from others (heavenly praise of God)--vv. 11-12—**“All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”**

II. THE DELIVERANCE OF THIS MULTITUDE (VV. 13-14).

A. The question of their deliverance—7:13-14a--13 **Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” 14 I answered, “Sir, you know....”**

- B. The method of their deliverance (By faith, just like us (Eph. 2:8-9)—**7:14b**—“... And he said, “**These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**”

III. THE DESTINY OF THIS MULTITUDE (VV. 15-17).

- A. They are destined for a heavenly place—78:15a “**Therefore, they are before the throne of God...**”
- B. They are destined for a heavenly profession (serving God eternally).—**7:15b** “...and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.”
- C. They are destined for heavenly provisions .
1. They will hunger no more—7:16—“**Never again will they hunger...**”
 2. They will thirst no more—**7:16** “...never again will they thirst...”
 3. They will suffer no more (heat).—**7:16** “...The sun will not beat down on them nor any scorching heat.
 4. They will weep no more—**7:17** “**For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**”
- D. We must remember, though, that the price of waiting until the Tribulation to receive Christ is martyrdom—**6:9**--**When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.**