

11. Going back to the book of Revelation, how were the sealed ones dressed and what does it mean? Revelation 7:13-14; 19:8.

They were arrayed in white clothes, which are..... of the saints.

- ✓ The seal is accepted by faith, through the merits of Christ, but as a fruit of that salvation, it produces good works in obedience to God's requirements.

12. Which day will be kept in eternity in the new earth? Isaiah 66:23.

"And it shall come to pass, [that] from one new moon to another, and, saith the Lord."

- ✓ In eternity, in the new earth, that seal of the living God that marked their lives during their pilgrimage in this valley of shadows will be their delight. There they will meet in the New Jerusalem where there is no temple, because God is their temple, where the sun is not necessary because Christ is the Son of Righteousness. There, the people of God, just as they do here, will meet with God every Sabbath.

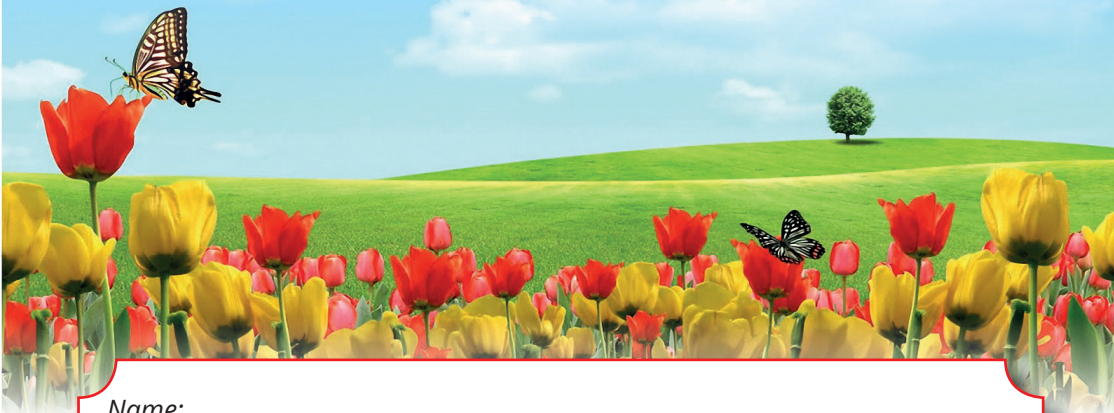
13. According to the book of Revelation: What characteristic have the true worshipers of God at the time of the end? Revelation 14:12.

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are, and the faith of Jesus."

- ✓ The prophecies show that the last church keeps the commandments of God, and the Sabbath is the fourth commandment. James 2:10 says that he who transgresses one of them is guilty of all. Jesus wants to help us to keep them.

His promises are true: Psalm 119:165 says:

**"Great peace have they which love thy law:
and nothing shall offend them."**



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Topic 9

The Seal of God on the book of



In the terrible war between light and darkness presented in the book of Revelation, we find God's seal as opposed to the mark of the beast. Our destiny depends on which side we take. What are these seals?

When we speak about those who are to be saved, we should all like to know what are the visible signs of those who are approved by God. People have many ideas about what it entails to be saved, but the book of Revelation reveals us the seal of the living God, which is placed on the forehead of His servants.

1. Which two events does the Book of Revelation point to? Revelation 7:1-4.

- a) Four holding the four winds of the earth.
- b) Another angel having the to be place on the of the children of God.

- ✓ In the study N° 1 we have seen that winds mean wars. God, in His mercy, have angels who preserve humanity so that it is not destroyed. Before the winds destroy humanity, there is something the other angel must finish doing: sealing the servants of God on their forehead.

2. How does the Bible illustrate the act of sealing? Ezekiel 9:1-4.

As a man, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. He was given the command to place a seal upon for all the abominations committed within Christianity.

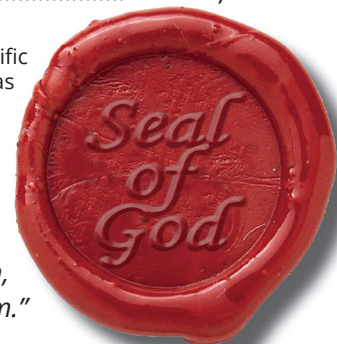
3. What is the purpose of that sign or seal? Malachi 3:18.

"Then shall you return and discern between him that serveth God and him "

- ✓ Since antiquity, all things that belonged to someone had a specific sign or mark of their region, village or master. Likewise, God has a sign that identifies His children.

4. According to the Bible, what is the distinction between God and His people?

Ezekiel 20:12. "Moreover also I gave them , to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them."



Ezekiel 20:20. "And hallow my Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know God".

5. What elements in the fourth commandment, that asks us to keep the Sabbath holy, define it as the seal of God or the sign that marks the children of God? Exodus 20:8-11.

- ✓ In the fourth commandment are revealed the characteristics of God by which we may be identified and are an unmistakable sign of His authority. There are to be found the necessary elements in a seal: Name, Position and Jurisdiction. On the Sabbath we find all three: Name: The Lord your God; Position: Creator ("created...") and Jurisdiction: "heaven and earth..."

6. What does he who spends the Sabbath resting and in contemplation remember?

Every time we honor the Lord with our Sabbath rest, we relate to His attributes:

Creator: *"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; and for thy pleasure"* Revelation 4:11.

Redeemer: *When they left Egypt, a symbol of sin from bondage. Deuteronomy 5:15.*

Rest in Christ: *"For he that his rest, he also....., as God did from his."* Hebrews 4:10.

True delight: *"Then shalt thou in the Lord".* Isaiah 58:13-14.

Sense of Identity: *"Therefore the Son of man of the Sabbath" Mark 2:28. "It is a signthe children of Israel." Exodus 31:17.*

7. What characterizes the children of God? Romans 6:22.

"Being servants of God, ye have your fruit"

- ✓ As we have seen in topic N° 8, one of the miracles that God works in the life of His children is sanctification, since He separates us from daily worries and leads us to lift our mind to God.

8. In which way is the Sabbath different from the other days?

And God blessed the seventh day,....., because that in it he had rested from all his work which he had made." Genesis 2:1-3.

- ✓ The Sabbath can be distinguished as a sign of creation, and God blessed and sanctified it since the beginning of this world. If every person would rest on the Sabbath day, there would be no idolaters, no evolutionists, atheists, etc. Each sanctified Sabbath would be a memorial of the fact that there is a God through whom all things came into existence, grow and are kept.
- ✓ The Bible teaches that preparation for the Sabbath day should be made on Friday, so as to be able to dedicate the Sabbath to the Lord:

"Tomorrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord,"



today, and, seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning" Exodus 16:23.

- ✓ When God gave the people of Israel manna in the wilderness, He worked a miracle that made the Sabbath different from the other days: On Friday more manna was gathered so that on Sabbath they would not have to cook the food. Exodus 16:22. If any day they left manna for the following day, it would rot and get worms; but on Sabbath that did not happen. Exodus 16:24. Every morning there was manna on the surface of the earth, but on Sabbath none was to be found. Exodus 16:25-30.

"Six days shalt thou labor.....; but the Sabbath day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God; in it thou shalt notwork." Exodus 20:8-11.

- ✓ As a part of God's law, the Sabbath was different from the other days of the week since none of the habitual activities were to be done on that day. It was a day to concentrate only on religious activities.

"If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath on my holy day; and called the Sabbath, nor speaking thy own words." Isaiah 58:13.

- ✓ Everything that is meant to satisfy man's vanity as well as all business had to be left aside on Sabbath.

9. Was it a special day only for the Israelites?

"Blessed is the man everyone that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant." Isaiah 56:2-7.

- ✓ It is a universal day in which all races, castes, social classes and sexes receive the blessing that comes from obeying.

10. Did Jesus and His apostles make any difference between the Sabbath and the other days of the week?

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought upon the Sabbath day." Luke 4:16.

- ✓ It was Christ's day, He Himself said in Mark 2:28, and as it was His custom, he attended the synagogue on Sabbath.

"And they returned and prepared spices and ointments and according to the commandment." Luke 23:56.

- ✓ Maria, and the other women, in spite of the pain for having to bury their Master, rested on Sabbath, following the example Jesus had given them.

"And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought; for by their occupation they were tentmakers. And he reasoned in the synagogue, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks." Acts 18:3-4.

- ✓ After Jesus' ascension, the apostles kept the divine command and honored the Sabbath day by dedicating it to the service of God. An evidence of this are the following texts:

Paul in Thessalonica: *"And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures." Acts 17:3.*

Paul in Antioch in Pisidia: *"And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God." Acts 13:14, 42, 44*

Paul in Philippi: *"And on the Sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer." Acts 16:13.*

