

Scripture

Revelation 5:1-14

Look for our event!





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I. No One is Worthy - vs. 1-4

Response One: Admit Our Inability

Five reasons Christ is worthy:

A. Worthy is the Promised One - Vs. 5

Genesis 49:9-10 -

Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

Five reasons Christ is worthy:

A. Worthy is the Promised One - Vs. 5

Isaiah 11:1-10 -

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him...The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Five reasons Christ is worthy:

A. Worthy is the Promised One - Vs. 5

B. Worthy is the One Who was Slain - Vs. 6, 9, 12

Response Two: Accept the Way Up is Down

Five reasons Christ is worthy:

C. Worthy is the One Who Lives - Vs. 6

Revelation 1:17-18 -

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

Philippians 2:6-11 -

Though he was in the form of God, (he) did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Five reasons Christ is worthy:

D. Worthy is the One Who Redeemed Us- Vs. 9

Galatians 3:13 -

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree."

Five reasons Christ is worthy:

E. Worthy is the One Who Transforms Us- 9b-10

Romans 16:20 -

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet!

Response Three: Bow Down and Worship - Vs. 11-14

"In worship God gathers his people to himself as center. Worship is meeting at the center so that our lives are centered in God and not lived eccentrically. We worship so that we live in response to and from this center, the Living God. Failure to worship consigns us to a life of spasms and jerks, at the mercy of every advertisement, every seduction, every siren. Without worship we live manipulated and manipulating lives. We move in either frightened panic or deluded lethargy as we are, in turn, alarmed by specters and soothed by placebos. If there is no center, there is no circumference. People who do not...

worship are swept into a vast restlessness, epidemic in the world, with no steady direction and no sustaining purpose...Life lurches from on partial satisfaction to another, interrupted by ditches of disappointment. Motion is fueled by the successive illusions that purchasing this wardrobe, driving that car, eating this meal, drinking that beverage will center life and give it coherence."

~Eugene Peterson, Reversed Thunder, 60