

## QA: What Can a Christian Do To Be Important? by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

## QUESTION: What significant work(s) can a Christian do to be important to the Lord?

**ANSWER:** No Christian is insignificant to Jesus Christ or His church! In Heaven, John pictured, in addition to the 144,000 from the tribes of the children of Israel, those surrounding The Throne of God thusly:

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Revelation 7:9-10)

## AND they have work to do:

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

And I said to him, "Sir, you know."

So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them." (Revelation 7:13-15)

Where did they come from? This question is answered by the Resurrection of Christ,

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

They are "disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Ancient Egypt had a Book of the Dead, but the Living Lord has His Book of Life.

And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life. (Philippians 4:3)

Some are named in Scripture, but the vast majority are not. While the Apostles, Prophets, Preachers, Elders, and Deacons in the church of Christ may be known to us, the "great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues" will stand "before the throne and before the Lamb." Everyone who serves the Christ will make up that "multitude." There is no job, work, or effort any Christian may do that is not noticed by God, and no one is more impressive than any other of us,

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. (2 Corinthians 5:10)

It is as Peter said:

Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him." (Acts 10:34-35)

David may have been foreshadowing the church of Christ:

As his part is who goes down to the battle, so shall his part be who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike. (1 Samuel 30:24)

This is still God's Rule.

—— jtpll, April 2, 2023