

WHO IS WORTHY?

Rev 5:12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

The modern day church in a large part is caught up in the quest for power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and especially blessing. The key to receiving these things rests on the word "worthy". Many today are busy teaching Christians how they can receive, qualify for, and be worthy of these things. They preach principles, steps, rules, commandments, and secrets to unlocking them. When you boil all this teaching down to its foundation, you get- "***You must be worthy to receive these things from the Lord.***" Of course they teach that you must be saved in order to be a candidate for them, but it really rests on you being worthy of these by your own works and performance of the principles, steps, rules, commandments, and secrets. It is as if getting saved by God's grace allows you to enter into "the game" in which you can work the Christian system in order to get power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing from God. They are basically teaching that once you are in, you need to learn how the system works to get all these things from God. Ultimately we end up with a system not much unlike the Old Testament Law. "You must perform to receive from the Lord."

There is something being said in heaven **LOUDLY!** We must know what this is, understand it, and then say it loudly today! What is being said in heaven loudly? "**Worthy is the Lamb**, who was slain **to receive** power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing!" However, what is being said by many loudly today is this: "Worthy is the Lamb and **ME**, to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing!" The flesh wants to participate with the Lamb in being worthy of receiving these things. There is but one worthy to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing- Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Jesus is symbolized by a lamb in this verse. This speaks of Him being our redeeming sacrifice by His unique death on the cross. There was a

marvelous exchange at the cross. The Lamb of God went to the cross as an unblemished sacrifice for us. He was altogether righteous before God. He lived a perfect life under the Law thus fulfilling all the just requirements of God He had for mankind. Jesus Christ was worthy to receive all power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing from God. He is the only man that has ever been, is now, or ever will be truly worthy before God.

As our sacrificial Lamb, Jesus took all our unworthiness to receive good from God, and our guilt of sin, and bore the penalty of it. The Lamb took our unworthiness, but in exchange we received all of His worthiness and righteousness before God.

By believing in Christ and His finished work for us on the cross and resurrection we enter into Christ. Because we are in Him, we share in what Christ has received from God. When Jesus rose from the dead he received all the power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing of God the Father. He was worthy! In Christ we have been made worthy to receive these also. God has made us qualified to partake in His inheritance he gave His Son. **[Col 1:12]**

The problem with much teaching today is the fact that receiving power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessings are being divorced from Christ's work as being the Lamb of God for us. The teaching that is being heard gives the impression that we have our own individual standing, authority, and merits before God. We do not! We share Christ's standing before God. We share Christ's authority before God. We share Christ's merits before God. That is why we pray in Jesus name and not our own! Praying in Jesus name is praying based upon the standing, authority, and merits of Christ before God and not our own.

Our part in getting saved was to simply believe and trust in Christ. Walking in power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing today is based upon the same principle- Belief and trust in Christ! As we have received Christ so walk in Him! **[Col. 1:6]** The church is called to the "obedience of faith" and "good works produced from faith". **[Romans 1:5, 16:26; Ephesians 2:10]**

By receiving God's power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing by the gift of His grace we will be equipped to live a God honoring life. We will bear the fruit of righteousness and be a testimony to all of the greatness of God and of the Lamb- Jesus Christ.