

Revelation 15:1-4; 16:1-2, 8-11, 17-18

Series – Revelation: Till the Bridegroom Returns

Message – Seven Bowls and the Severe Mercy of God's Wrath

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The New Exodus

- Rev. 15:1
- "Each series brings us to the end, but in each successive case the severity and magnitude of judgment are heightened significantly" (Robert Mounce, The Book of Revelation, p.292).
- This is the _____.
- Rev. 15:2-4
- This is a song of the New Exodus, the _____ offered by Jesus.
- Point 1 – Jesus was faithful in his witness to God's grace and truth, even to the point of _____.
- Point 2 – In that death, he _____ us from our sins by his blood.
- Point 3 – Once freed, we become priests who are to be faithful _____, just as Jesus was.

Open 'Til Close

- The point of the plagues in Egypt was to get Pharaoh to _____ his mind.
- Mark 1:15
- In Greek, the word translated repent is *metanoeo*.
 - *Meta* – _____, beyond
 - *Noieo* – to perceive, think, understand, or comprehend, using one's mind to observe and make sense of something
- The word repent means to _____ your thinking, to change your understanding, to use your mind differently to observe and make sense of things.

- Revelation 16:8-11
- "They _____ to repent."
- Up until the very last moment, we can _____ refusing God's love and _____ to receive it instead.
- Luke 23:39-43

- These plagues of the bowls are the _____ mercy of God's wrath.

The Threshold of Eternity

- We _____ on the threshold of eternity.

Reflection Questions

1. A consistent theme in Revelation is the idea that Christians are to be faithful witnesses to God in the same way Jesus was a faithful witness to God. If you were to rate your faithfulness to witness on a scale of 1 – 10, what would you give it? Why?
2. What is one thing you might do to increase your intentionality in witness?
3. What struck you in the explanation of the meaning of the word "repent"?
4. As Christians, we do not live in fear, and yet we are to be mindful that we live on the threshold of eternity. How do the certainties of your death and the return of Jesus impact your daily life? How might they?
5. How is God getting your attention?
6. What might God be saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?