

WHAT DOES THE CROSS MEAN IN HEAVEN? - WORTHY IS THE LAMB!

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{Some questions to ponder on your own or if you wish, with someone else.}

Revelation 5:1-10 - *Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."*

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

*"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."*

Q: How do you picture heaven? What does it look like? What will we do there?

A couple of thoughts from the sermon.

"The Lion who is the Lamb of God, is the King of Kings who sits on the throne, still bearing the marks of the cross, so that all of creation will never forget the sacrifice offered and the victory gained by the Lion who is the Lamb."

"When the Lion who is the Lamb takes the scroll and sits on the throne, all of heaven rejoices because He is in control. Satan is cast out. The Lamb alone is worthy. Yes, even now as the world is in chaos and violence, even now when famine and pestilence go unchecked, the Lamb holds the scroll. He alone is worthy. All things are in His hands, beneath His control. He alone is worthy to take the scroll and receive our praise."

Q: How does this strengthen your soul?

Q: Does this puzzle you in some way?

"The critical question for our generation—and for every generation—is this: If you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven, if Christ were not there?"

Q: How would answer John Piper's Question?

Q: How can a person grow in their pleasure and delight in Jesus?