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• God's Word will be printed in regular faced text with Pastor Joe's commentary in the smaller faced text.

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1. The Scroll

Revelation 5:1, NIV84 -¹ *Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll!* [GK: βιβλίον, *bib-li-on* gives us our word "bible"; the GK rf. an important legal document; "a deed of title" or "Last Will and Testament"; biblical scholars agree that this scroll is the title deed to the earth, which Holy God will give to Jesus Christ] with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals.

Revelation 5:1, NEP -¹ *Then I saw Holy God sitting on the heaven's throne and in His right hand was a deed of title to the known world. It was a rolled scroll secured with seven wax seals.*

Question: "Who is Worthy?"

2. The Search

Revelation 5:2-4, NIV84 -² *And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"*³ *But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.*⁴ I wept and wept! [GK: κλαίω, *kla-i-o*, means "unrestrained emotion"; it's the same word describing Jesus' weeping over Jerusalem (Lk. 19:41), Peter's bitter weeping after betraying Jesus (Lk. 22:62) and weeping of the young daughter who had died (Lk. 8:52) because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

Question: "Where is He the One who is worthy?"

3. The Selection

Revelation 5:5-7, NIV84 -⁵ *Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, [a messianic title of Jesus, cf., Genesis 49:8-10] the Root of David [another messianic title of Jesus., cf., Isaiah 11:1, 10), has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."*⁶ *Then I saw a Lamb [GK: ἀρνίον, *arn-i-on*, lit., "little lamb", the imagery derives from the Passover, when Jewish families were required to keep the sacrificial lamb as a household pet for four days before sacrificing it (cf., Ex 12:3-6), looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures [ie., the angels] and the elders...⁷ He [ie., Jesus] came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.*

ANSWER: "Christ alone is worthy!"

4. The Solution

Revelation 5:8-14, TLB -⁸ *And as he took the scroll, the twenty-four Elders fell down before the Lamb, each with a harp and golden vials filled with incense—the prayers of God's people!*⁹ They were singing him a new song with these words: "You are worthy..."

A. Because of Who He Is!

Revelation 5:5-7, NIV84 -⁵ *...See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals...⁷ He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.*

B. Because of What He Did!

Revelation 5:8-10, NIV84 - *...⁹ And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, [lit., "butchered"], and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation....*

C. Because of What He Has!

Revelation 5:11-14, NIV84 -¹² *In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive [aorist, indicative Gk. Verb or "past tense"...Lit., "He has already received"...] power [Gk. Δύναμις, rf. "dynamite"] and wealth [πλοῦτος, lit., "a rich one"] and wisdom [Gk: σοφία, lit., "full understanding"] and strength [Gk. ἰσχός, lit., "mighty ability/power"] and honor [lit., "reverence"] and glory [meaning "to worship"] and praise [Gk. Εὐλογία, rf., "eulogy" meaning "to remember" or praise for their actions!]"*

Question: Why is Christ Our Only Hope?

This world is His by right of Creation—He made it!
This world is His by right of Calvary—He redeemed it!
The world is His by right of Conquest—He will soon retake it!
The World is His by right of Capacity—Only Christ can fix it.

Final Question: Is He Worthy?

Final Answer: He is!