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REVELATION

A RENEWED IMAGINATION

Reflections

Revelation 5 is the most powerful statement of the divinity of Christ in the New Testament, and it receives its power from the praise of God the Creator which precedes it: this is the divinity which Christ has achieved, through suffering, and this divinity, so achieved, is the power behind all that follows.

- J.P.M. Sweet, *Revelation*

If we have never sought, we seek Thee now; Thine eyes burn through the dark, our only stars;
We must have sight of thorn-pricks on Thy brow, We must have Thee, O Jesus of the Scars.

The heavens frighten us; they are too calm; In all the universe we have no place.
Our wounds are hurting us; where is the balm? Lord Jesus, by Thy Scars, we claim Thy grace.

If, when the doors are shut, Thou drawest near, Only reveal those hands, that side of Thine;
We know to-day what wounds are, have no fear, Show us Thy Scars, we know the countersign.

The other gods were strong; but Thou wast weak; They rode, but Thou didst stumble to a throne;
But to our wounds only God's wounds can speak, And not a god has wounds, but Thou alone.

- Edward Shillito, *Jesus of the Scars*

Sermon

The Lion and the Lamb

Rankin Wilbourne

Scripture

Revelation 5

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.² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.⁵ And 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.”

⁶ And 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.⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.⁸ And 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.⁹ And 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,¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,¹² saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Events & News

Pacific Crossroads Choir, May 20

If you love to sing and have a heart for worshipping God, you're invited to join PCC choir for our May 20 morning services. Gather with a community of musicians and worship leaders as we celebrate the Gospel together in song.

Mom + Son Event, May 19

Take a private tour of the Peterson Automotive Museum and then enjoy a delicious picnic right across the street at LACMA. For moms and sons up to fourth grade.

Master Your Money 9-week Course, Begins June 10

Don't let money be the master of you. This 9-week course will help you identify and tackle some of the most common personal financial management issues. Learn how to budget, create a plan for debt relief, and understanding how to approach large financial decisions.

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website, PacificCrossroads.org/Events, or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.

Ministry Resources

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org or call our office at 310.551.0081.

Celebrate Recovery

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery.