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1. According to the new song sung to the Lamb in Revelation 5:9-10, what are the two results of the Lamb's being slain for the people he ransomed?
2. In Revelation 5 John heard the members of God's heavenly court – elders, living creatures (cherubim/seraphim), angels – and all creatures everywhere worshiping and praising the Lamb together with God the Father. What does this tell you about the identity of Jesus?
3. For what attributes did the angels praise the Lamb?
4. The Enthroned One and the Lamb received glory together. How is there no competition among the Trinity?
5. When we feel that we need to compete for recognition, what are we forgetting about the God who loves us?

Answers:

1. First, he “ransomed” or “purchased” people for God, freeing them both from the guilt and penalty of their rebellion and from the control of the Evil One. Second, he restored them to their true purpose and calling, to serve in God’s presence as his priests and to share in God’s rule as kings who are loyal to the Great King.
2. Since God alone is to be worshipped, this worship of Jesus tells us that Jesus is God.
3. The angels praised him for seven attributes: for his power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing.
4. Instead of competing, the members of the Trinity glorify each other. The Son’s brightest glory, which came through his humiliation and sacrifice, forever increases the Father’s glory.
5. Our lives also are to bring glory to God. God always sees and knows all his children and is working for our good and his glory.