Rise & Reign

Series: FINDING FAVOR – The Blessings in Revelation

Being "Blessed" is trending these days. But what does the Bible mean when it says we can be blessed? Today we look at the 5th of seven blessings listed in Revelation. And while at first this blessing seems far away, it holds incredible benefits right now.

The blessing: _____

Revelation 20:6

Birth _____ **Death** _____ **Resurrection**

The benefits:

- **You are** <u>*set apart*</u>

- **You can share in** <u>*the risen life*</u> **now**

- **Your life story can be** <u>*radically altered*</u>

- **And you can be** <u>*God's representative*</u> **right now**

1. Are you afraid of heights?   A) Yep. Ladders scare me   B) A little. Not a fan of cliffs   C) Not at all. Take me as high as you can in a hot air balloon.

2. John, the human author of Revelation, wrote this book when he was quite old. What do you think he was trying to pass on to the first century believers?

3. Doug said that when Revelation was written there was a rumor that Jesus was coming back before John died. Doug also gave some ways that John tried to correct that belief in the gospel he wrote. How about Revelation? So far in our series, do you think Revelation would reinforce that rumor, or squelch it? Why?

4. Read Revelation 20:6 and review the graph you diagramed. What part of the description stands out for you in understanding the Christian life?

5. What hope does this passage offer for life after death? How is that a blessing now?

6. Here in Revelation 20:6 it states that we will be priests. Compare Revelation 1:6 and 5:10. What does that mean to be a priest? How could you do that in your everyday environment?

7. Read Colossians 3:1. From that passage, how can we experience the resurrection life now?

Take time to share prayer requests and pray together.