

Characteristics of the Faithful

*In the Book of
Revelation*





Revelation 14:9–13

Two groups of people

Heaven bound

Hell bound

Characteristics

- They were Christians, or to use the term used 13x in this book, saints.
 - Became Christians the same way everyone else in the N.T. did (Revelation 1:5).
 - When does that occur? Acts 22:16.
 - Galatians 3:27.

Characteristics

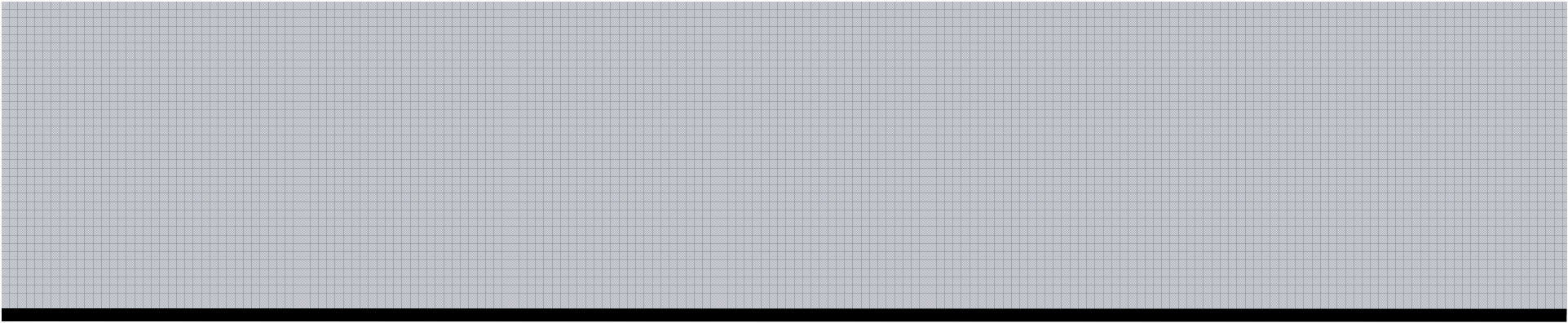
- These Christians had faith—in God, and in His Son, Jesus Christ.
 - Christians in Thyatira commended for their faith (Revelation 2:19).
 - Revelation 13:10; 14:12.
 - “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6).

Characteristics

- These Christians had love—for God, and for others.
 - Revelation 12:11.
 - “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:26).
 - Christians in Thyatira also commended for their love (2:19).

Characteristics

- These Christians feared God, not man.
 - Matthew 10:28.
 - Do not fear man—Revelation 2:10.
 - But do fear God—Revelation 11:18.



What kind of works would you expect from these Christians who had faith, who loved God and others, and who feared God?

Characteristics

- These Christians kept God's commandments.
 - Revelation 12:17.
 - Revelation 14:12.

Characteristics

- These Christians showed great courage and perseverance.
 - Served God faithfully, even at great personal cost.
 - Revelation 6:9; 20:4.
 - Took seriously the charge, “Be faithful unto death” (Revelation 2:10).

Characteristics

- These Christians would not teach, believe, or practice a lie.
 - Note how those “before the throne” are described in Revelation 14:5.
 - What happens to those who DO believe, teach, or practice a lie?
 - Revelation 2:14–16, 20–23; 21:8; 22:15, 18–19.



These Christians must have been perfect!

*No, they weren't
perfect, but...*

Characteristics

- These Christians were willing to repent of their sins.
 - Note the admonitions to repentance—Revelation 2:5, 21–22; 3:3, 19.
 - Those who wanted to please God and be saved eternally would do just that.