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# REVELATION STUDY

## SESSION 14

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### Questions arising?



Unforgiven Sin – why can't those who die in their sin still go to heaven?

In our message on Sunday we wrestled with the coming judgment, and in particular, what alternatives may have been available to God (not that we should have a say). I suggested that apart from the path God chose, which is to take the penalty for our sin upon Himself, forgiving those who receive Salvation through faith in Jesus, punishing those who reject it. These other options are available:

Alternative 1: God can indulge the sin of the world and allow it to go on forever. Discuss:

Alternative 2: God can force servitude. Discuss [There is still the problem of unrepented sin which will make up a question in a moment]

Alternative 3: God can withdraw Himself [Discuss] See especially Colossians 1:15 – 17 & Revelation 22:2

The Gospel tells us that Jesus has paid the price for our sin – He only needed to do that once, and it was sufficient to pay the debt for every sin. And if we accept His salvation – our debt is covered.

So – if God were to simply 'overlook our debt' and allow us into heaven – some say He wouldn't be true to Himself – and that is true – but there may be a more pressing problem. Read and discuss what Exodus 33:18 – 23 teaches us about the problem of sin:



## What are the various thoughts about the age of accountability?

Passages like 2 Samuel 12:23 provide assurance that there is an age of accountability before which a child who dies without a personal faith in Christ will still inherit Eternal life:

Other passages also give comfort and input especially to those who have lost loved ones at an early age:

Discuss

## How does this relate to children and the rapture of the church?

Even among those who agree with a Pre-Tribulation Rapture (or pre-wrath for that matter) there are differences in views regarding what happens to children below an age of accountability or even unborn.

1. All children, alive and unborn below the AOA are raptured
2. Only the children of believers
3. No children unless they have made a personal profession of faith

Remembering that the primary reason for the Rapture of the church is to remove the Bride of Christ before the time when God brings righteous judgment to the earth. Ask the question “Who is Jesus coming to judge?” Discuss