

Three Angels' Message
Sermon Series
Third Angel's Message Part 1
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What is the urgent call of the third angel's message?

Revelation 14:9-11

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,**

10 **The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God**, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his **indignation**; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever (everlasting results): and they **have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image**, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Who is the beast? Papal Roman System, headed by the Pope

Who is the image of the beast? Apostate Rebellious Modern Churches

All those who do not take heed to the first & second angel's message (Babylon is fallen, is fallen) and continue to drink the intoxicating false doctrines of Babylon's wine will worship the beast and its image. They will receive the mark of the beast either in their forehead or hand – not both.

What is the Greek word for "Mark"?

Mark (Greek) – charagma [*khar'-ag-mah*] a scratch or etching, that is, stamp (as a badge of servitude), or sculptured figure (statue): - graven, mark.

Charagma is where we get our word "Character" from.

Character (Greek) = "Engraved Mark"

Engraved mark is a permanent etching of your character like letters etched in stone. We naturally have a sinful character etched within our being. Only the wonder working power of the blood of Jesus can changed our characters.

Character is first determined by the way you think and make decisions. Decisions and Character are formed in the frontal lobe of your brain. Your thinking & decisions are the etching tools of your character. Character formation is a revolving process. Your decisions determines your feelings; your feelings determine your behavior (actions); your habits (repetitive actions) form your character. Your character will determine your decisions.

Jesus has come to transform our engraved marks, characters, in the likeness of Him.

First, Jesus wants to change the way we think.

Romans 12:2

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Renewed thinking is only achieved by living in Christ daily

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, **all things are become new.**

If your thinking is in line with truth, your feelings will be in line with truth, your actions will be in line with truth, your habits will form your character in the line with truth and your character will give you right thinking.

Satan wants our sinful characters to be unchanged because he knows that it will lead to destruction and death.

Note: Your character will determine who you truly worship. Your character will also determine if you will receive (accept) the Mark of the Beast or the Seal of the living God!

What is the fate of all those who receive the mark of the beast?

Beginning of Revelation 14: 10 The **same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God**, which is poured out without mixture...

This wine of wrath of God is not be mixing with any mercy.

What is the wrath of God that will be poured out?

Revelation 15:1

1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the **wrath of God**.

Revelation 16:1-2

1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and **pour out** the vials of the **wrath of God** upon the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the **mark of the beast**, and upon them which **worshipped his image**.

The wrath of God that will be poured out on all who have the mark of the beast will be the seven last plagues!

What will be the final punishment for those who receive the mark of the beast?

Revelation 19:20

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Not only will those who receive the mark of the beast suffer from the seven last plagues, but their final punishment will be hellfire also known as the lake of fire. This is the fire and brimstone that Revelation 14:10 is speaking about: "he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone."

What is the "Mark of Beast"?

The mark of the beast is not a micro chip placed in the forehead or hand, nor 666 barcode stamped on the forehead or hand.

Remember: Everything that God has that is genuine Satan has a counterfeit. If the mark of the beast is identified as Satan's counterfeit we need to know God's genuine "mark".

If we clearly identify God's mark on His people, we know that Satan has a counterfeit mark close behind. Let's briefly go to Revelation 7:2-3.

What is the “mark” of the true God of Heaven?**Revelation 7:2-3**

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the **seal of the living God**: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have **sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads**.

Notice: God only seals or marks those in their foreheads who have the character of Christ. So we see in this text that John saw in vision an angel symbolically mark the faithful people of God with the seal of the living God in their foreheads.

Seal (Greek) sphragis (sfrag-ece') - a signet (as fencing in or protecting from misappropriation); by implication the stamp impressed (**as a mark** of privacy, or **genuineness**), literally or figuratively.

Governments use a seal as a mark of authenticity of an official document or law.

A seal is a device for making an impression in wax, clay, paper, or some other medium, including an embossment on paper, and is also the impression thus made. The original purpose was to authenticate a document. (Wikipedia.com) Show pictures of seals, etc...

Seal of God is the mark of God's governmental authority. It is His government's official seal.

What is the seal of the living God that officially marks the faithful people of God as a sign of their loyalty and obedience?**Ezekiel 20:12, 20**

12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

Sign (Hebrew) meaning: 'ôth [oth] a signal (literally or figuratively), as a flag, beacon, monument, evidence, etc.: - mark, miracle, (en-) sign, token.

Sign, Seal, and Mark are the same. They are synonymous in their meaning.

Keeping the Seventh-day Sabbath is a sign or mark of your loyalty to God in which you keep ALL of his commandments as an expression of your love to Jesus.

Where does God place His official seal of authority within the 10 Commandments which makes this document of heaven official?

3 Elements of a legal government seal 1. Name 2. Title 3. Territory

Ten Commandment's seal found in the 4th Commandment:**Exodus 20:8 - 11**

8 Remember the sabbath (rest) day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: (who)

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

The fourth commandment reveals the official seal of God:

- 1) His Name: Lord (Jehovah/self existent one)
- 2) Title/position (Creator)
- 3) His territory (heaven, earth, sea and all)

The seal of God or official mark of God that authenticates His Ten Commandments is the Seventh-day Sabbath. The Sabbath commandment reveals the author of the Ten Commandments. This is the reason why Satan has an all out assault on God's true Holy Sabbath.

Seventh-day Sabbath = Sunset Friday to Sunset Saturday

Seal of the Living God = TRUE Seventh-day SABBATH including ALL His commandments.

True Worship vs False Worship

The Sabbath of God is the authenticating mark of God that is a test of your loyalty to God

The mark of the beast is a counterfeit "sabbath" that reveals that those who follow it reject the commandments of God and follow the tradition and commandments of men.

If you know that the mark of God is His seventh-day holy sabbath, the mark of the beast is Satan's counterfeit that **has to do with a day of worship** which opposes God's true seventh-day Sabbath according to the Bible.

What is the Mark of the Beast?

To be continued...