Revelation 22:1-5

The Eternal Privileges of Heavenly Citizenship: Joyful Priestly Service

(pt. 2)

INTRO: "Membership has its privileges…"

In the economy of grace God extends countless *eternal* privileges & blessings to faithful believers

E.g. Jim and Elizabeth Elliot (note also the saints in Hebrews 11)

How should these future blessings impact the life of our youth (during the prime of life)?

How should these eternal privileges impact how we use our retirement years?
(in terms of the stewardship of time, treasure, and talent/God-given skills)

<u>Heavenly Citizenship (Membership) Has its Eternal Privileges</u>:

The first eternal privilege is as follows:

1) _____

(Revelation 22:3)

For Further Reflection/Application: *Are you coming under the ministry of the Word of God?*

"Membership has its privileges." What are some of the benefits you enjoy with any memberships that you may have? Perhaps it's a Costco membership, Amazon Prime, a rewards card membership at the local movie theatre, an airline credit card membership, etc, etc?

What are the best perks you have every heard of in terms of membership benefits; (perhaps what one of your friends experienced)? How does those blessings/rewards compare with the eternal privileges/benefits of heavenly membership? What does this say about our God and Savior?

Read Revelation 2 and 3 and write down what blessings God promises to those saints/local churches who "overcome."

In the economy of grace our benevolent God extends countless eternal privileges to those who remain faithful to end (note Rev. 21:7; 22:1-5). Why is this staggering? If God gave sinful man (including me and you) what we deserve what would be our lot in life and in death?
Let the wonder of this move your heart to the heights of wonder, love, and praise.

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain which he can never lose."
How did the future promises and eternal privileges impact the life and ministry of Jim and Elliot Elliot?

How might these heavenly promises impact the life of a Christian who is a young adult/youth? How should these eternal privileges impact the values, priorities, decisions of a Christian who is retired? As one preacher says, "Don't waste your life!" "Don't waste your retirement spending all your time collecting seashells be the seashore!" We only have one life to live for the King!

Related Praise Songs: *Theology fuels Doxology! We dig deeply in God's Word in order that we may go high in praise and adoration!*

Salvation Belongs to Our God- Crystal Lewis
Living Waters- Keith and Kristyn Getty
Take My Life and Let It Be- Hymn
The New Jerusalem- R.C Sproul and Jeff Lippencott
Shall We Gather at the River? Classic Hymn
City Called Heaven- Jubilant Sykes
All Creatures of Our God and King- "Prayers of the Saints," Sovereign Grace Music
We Look to You- "Prayers of the Saints," Sovereign Grace Music
When We See Your Face- "Prayers of the Saints," Sovereign Grace Music
One Day (When We All Get to Heaven)- Matt Redman
O That Will Be Glory- Hymn
Soon and Very Soon- Hymn

Related Scripture Passages: *Search the Scriptures to see if these things be so.*

Revelation 22:1-6; 21:7; 7:9-17; 2-3; 1:1-3; Philippians 2; 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10.

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