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Rev 6:9-11

9 When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;

10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

11 And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.

Rev 14:1-5

1 Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

4 These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

5 And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.

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Highest number in Scripture?

Rev 9:16

16 The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

20,000 X 10,000 = 200,000,000

“nation” = culture

“tribe” = descent

“people” = race

“tongue” = language

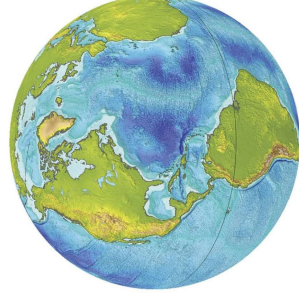
*“Jesus loves the little children . . .”

*Notice the individuality.

GOD



Israel



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Gen 12:1-3

1 Now the Lord said to Abram,

"Go forth from your country,

And from your relatives

And from your father's house,

To the land which I will show you;

2 And I will make you a great nation,

And I will bless you,

And make your name great;

And so you shall be a blessing;

3 And I will bless those who bless you,

And the one who curses you I will curse.

And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Rom 11:25-26

25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed

of this mystery — so that you will not be wise in

your own estimation — that a partial hardening has

happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles

has come in;

26 and so all Israel will be saved;

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2. The long robe of hypocrisy - anger.

Luke 20:46-47

46 "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love respectful greetings in the market places, and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets,

47 who devour widows' houses, and for appearance's sake offer long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

Robes of emotion -

1. The torn robe of Job - sorrow.

Job 1:19-22

19 and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

21 He said,

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,

And naked I shall return there.

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away.

Blessed be the name of the Lord."

22 Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

3. The scarlet robe of mockery - sympathy.

Matt 27:28-31

28 They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.

29 And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

30 They spat on Him, and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head.

31 After they had mocked Him, they took the scarlet robe off Him and put His own garments back on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.

4. The white robe of righteousness - joy.

Isa 61:10

10 I will rejoice greatly in the Lord,

My soul will exult in my God;

For He has clothed me with garments of salvation,

He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,

As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,

And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

"clothed in white robes"

1. λευκος στολασ- white stole - describes a dazzling, brilliant, shining white. An outer garment, worn for dignity, and grace, and beauty, and distinction.

2. "white" – honor, dignity, righteousness, purity and holiness.

3. White robes in that day were marks of festival rejoicing associated with victory. Generals and commanders wore white robes in a victory parade after battle.

4. Here the robes indicate not only victory for faith, but also the righteousness obtained through the death of Christ.

- So who gets a white robe?

- They have no righteousness in themselves.

- The righteousness that they have was given to them. It came from an outside source. An alien righteousness.

- It is a righteousness that was obtained by the perfect life that Christ lived in full obedience to the Law.

- Therefore very believer gets a white robe.

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Why Palm branches?

Palm branches were symbols of joy by those observing a feast or watching a triumphal procession.

Lev 23:39-40

39 'On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the crops of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the Lord for seven days, with a rest on the first day and a rest on the eighth day.

40 'Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the foliage of beautiful trees, palm branches and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days.

John 12:12-13

12 On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel."

Do they have resurrected bodies?

In Revelation the wearing of a white robe does not require a resurrection body.

Bodiless souls could wear a robe. . . .

Consider the following:

- When the rich man of Luke 16 died, his body was buried (Luke 16:22), and his soul went to hell (Luke 16:23). Even though his soul was without its body, Jesus ascribed eyes (Luke 16:23) and a tongue (Luke 16:24) to his bodiless soul.
- The angels do not have physical bodies by nature, but the Bible ascribes wings, faces, feet, and hands to them (Isa. 6:2, 6; Rev. 10:1-2+, 5+, 8+, 10+) and portrays them wearing clothing (Mat. 28:2-3; Mark 16:5; Acts 1:10; Rev. 15:6+). . . .
- ** Although the Bible ascribes such things as hands, feet, faces, tongues, and the wearing of clothing to human, angelic, and divine beings, it does not mean that those beings have literal, physical bodies such as resurrected people have.

Jonah 2:9

9 But I will sacrifice to You

With the voice of thanksgiving.

That which I have vowed I will pay.

Salvation is from the Lord."

Isa 43:11-13

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And there is no savior besides Me.

12 "It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed,

And there was no strange god among you;

So you are My witnesses," declares the Lord,

"And I am God.

13 "Even from eternity I am He,

And there is none who can deliver out of My hand;

I act and who can reverse it?"

Acts 4:12

12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

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John 5:23

23 so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

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Rev 5:11-14

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,

"To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

14 And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Notice how the redemption of the unsaved is so complete that they can worship side by side with the heavenly creatures.

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If you can't see the sun you will be
impressed with a street light. If you've
never felt thunder and lightning you'll be
impressed with fireworks. And if you turn
your back on the greatness and majesty
of God you'll fall in love with a world of
shadows and short-lived pleasures.

— John Piper —

"Let it be established . . .

Blessing – for He deserves praise

Glory – for all that God is

Wisdom – for His ability to do all things perfectly

Thanksgiving – for Who He is and what He has done

Honor – for He is worthy

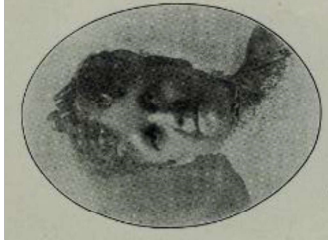
Power – unleashed power

Might – stored power

be given to God forever.

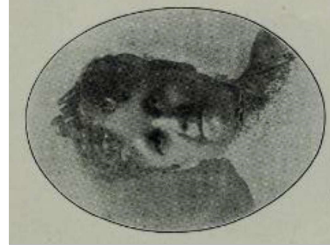
Let it be established."

There will be a permanent ongoing worship of the
majesty of God throughout all eternity.



Julia Harriet Johnston
1849-1919

This hymn was written by Julia Harriette Johnston. She was born on January 21, 1849 in Ohio. At the age of six, she moved to Peoria, IL where she resided the remainder of her life. Her father, Robert Johnston, was a Presbyterian minister. Her mother founded the Presbyterian Missionary Society of Peoria and Julia served as president for over twenty years. She also wrote Sunday School lessons for David C. Cook Publishing Company. Over the years she authored several books including *Indian and Spanish Heroes* (1905) and *Fifty Missionary Heroes* (1913). She wrote over 500 hymns, including *Trust in Jesus*, *Praise the Redeemer* and *What Would Jesus Have You Do?*. She worked with various composers over the years to set music to her poems.



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Daniel Brink Towner composed the music for this hymn that Julia wrote. He was born on March 5, 1850 and began studying music under his father at a young age. He served as music director for a variety of churches before becoming music director at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL. He composed over 2000 hymns including *At Calvary*, *O Grace of God so Boundless*, *Send Out the Light* and *Anywhere with Jesus*.

The hymn that Julia wrote . . .

GRACE GREATER THAN ALL OUR SIN

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, 3. Dark is the stain that we
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! cannot hide.

Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, What can avail to wash it

There where the blood of the Lamb was away?

spilled.

Refrain

Grace, grace, God's grace,

Grace that will pardon and cleanse

within;

Grace, grace, God's grace,

Grace that is greater than all our sin.

2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves

cold,

Threaten the soul with infinite loss;

Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,

Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Refrain

Will you this moment His grace
receive?
Refrain

Look! There is flowing a

crimson tide,

Brighter than snow you may be
today.

Refrain

4. Marvelous, infinite,

matchless grace,

Freely bestowed on all who

believe!

You that are longing to see His
face,

Will you this moment His grace

receive?
Refrain