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I am dedicating this issue to an important topic that in the end times will decide the destiny of souls. Revelation 7:1-3 speaks of the seal of the living God that is placed on the righteous before the return of Christ when judgement will be executed on the righteous and the wicked. The righteous will receive eternal life and the wicked will be destroyed (John 5:29). Therefore it is imperative that we understand what is the seal of the living God and how to receive it.

Because this seal is placed on the forehead it signifies that the thoughts are holy. Those who receive this seal become like Jesus, they have been sanctified through Christ. In Exodus 31:13 the Sabbath is given as a sign that it is God who sanctifies us. While the law acts as a mirror to point out sin, only Christ can bestow holiness through his life and death on the cross. The repentant sinner is covered with the righteousness of Christ, like the robe given to the prodigal son, in exchange for his filthy rags (Luke 15). The believer is transformed by the power of God (Romans 12:2). This transformation makes him Christlike, he develops the fruit of the spirit such as love, gentleness, patience, joy, longsuffering, faith etc.

The end time seal of God is placed on those who keep God's commandments and have the faith of Jesus (Revelation 14:12). Those who deliberately break the 10 Commandments and knowingly violate the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy cannot expect to be sanctified by God.

This end time seal is similar to Ezekiel's vision in Ezekiel 9. Judgement begins with the house of God, and only those who mourn over the wickedness going on, those who were genuinely seeking holiness have a mark placed on them for salvation.

At the end of time the Sabbath is the seal of the living God. Only in the Sabbath commandment is found the name, office and jurisdiction of the Creator and Redeemer, all the elements of a seal. And those who truly keep the Sabbath, trusting in Jesus for salvation will be transformed in their minds so they become Christlike. This is reflected in their selfless characters in helping the oppressed and feeding the hungry (Isaiah 58). The result of genuine sanctification is a turning away from selfishness to ministry to others and a desire to glorify God. (For more information on this topic please see my book, "The Mark of the Beast and the Seal of God").

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