

# Book of Revelation – The First Angel’s Message, Part I (Rev 14:6 – The Everlasting Gospel)

## Series REV-34A- Appendix

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### APPENDIX A

#### TESTIMONY OF JESUS

Revelation 1:2, 9-11; 22:16 (cf Rev 12:17 & 14:12)

These passages indicate that the “testimony of Jesus” is the messages given to the Seven Churches. God’s people are to embrace these messages, overcome sin through the power of the Holy Spirit in these messages, and give the truncated version of these messages (Three Angels’ Messages) to the world.

Note this statement—

*“The proclamation of the third angel’s message, the commandments of God and the **testimony of Jesus**, is the burden of our work.”*

Remember, the “**testimony of Jesus**” involves three things:

- 1) **Praise to God**
  - a) Declaring the truth about His Father—a **character of agape love**
  - b) That the Father hath heard our prayer—i.e. He hath not despised our **affliction** (Ps.22.24)
- 2) **Suffering and grief of Christ’s Humiliation** (Isaiah 53)
- 3) A **faith** that gains the victory—this **faith** works by **love** (Rom 3:22)
  - a) Out of the **faith of Jesus** (Phil 3:9)

All of this “**Testimony**” comes out of “**the faith of Jesus.**” This **experience of Christ** is what our **Christian experience** is based on. It is **all in Him**, if we do, it is **in Him**, if we strive, it is **in Him**. It is **all in Him!** In Summary—what we did **in Him**, i.e. by the “Obedience of One,” without any choice on our part, He is to now do in us, **by our choice, thus** “many are made righteous” (Rom 5:19).

Because Christ went through all of our experiences and going through them perfectly—we have hope and a pathway to victory.

We can ask Him, if we have that personal relationship with Him—“How do you want me to think about this matter, O Lord?”

The 144,000, who are the ‘**meeek** of the earth,’ will declare the truth about our God to the world, because they have **experienced** in their sphere—**suffering and grief**, as the Lamb of God has **experienced** in His sphere. Because they have overcome sin, by “the **blood of the Lamb** and the word of their **testimony**, they are equipped and prepared to represent Christ Jesus to the world. What a privilege!

But let us not forget, that Jesus has walked with them all through the process.

In the following table we have a comparison between the Lamb on Mt Zion and the 144,000 which stand with Him.

<b>The Lamb</b>	<b>The 144,000</b>
Christ Came to Earth—to vindicate His Father’s character as expressed in the law, by taking man’s nature. -RH I, 139	These who “follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth” (Rev 14:3) will become ‘partakers of the divine nature’ through Christ in order that they too will vindicate their Father’s character
He came to refute Satan’s lie, that God had given a law which man could not keep. -ST IV, 252	“Here are they (144,000) who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” (Rev 14:12) These refute ‘Satan’s lie’ now in their own experience.
Christ covenanted with God to lay aside the claim of divinity (rightfully His) and clothed His divinity, with humanity to bear testimony against the assertion of darkness that man could not live without sin. -ST IV, 293	The 144,000 who have received Christ as Lord, covenant with God (Rom 8:15; Heb 10:16). They too will bear testimony against the ‘assertion of darkness’ that man can and will “live without sin” proving the enemy wrong.
Christ came to our world to live a life of stainless purity, thus to show sinners that in His strength they, too, can obey God’s holy precepts, the laws of His kingdom. -RH I, 261	These have ‘no guile’ for “they are without fault before the throne of God.” (vs.5) Thus, they show that through the ‘strength’ of Jesus, they too are living in harmony with God’s holy precepts.

The First Angel’s Message contains five parts as we’ve come to know. These five parts are all linked sequentially to the first five churches. In the table on the next page, we will see this relationship more clearly, that we may understand more fully and have a clearer grasp when giving the message what it truly entails.

### **EVERLASTING GOSPEL** (Rev 14:6)

In Rev 10:11, we find that God’s people 177 years ago were told to “prophecy again” before many peoples, nations, tongues and kings. God knew that at least a generation would be needed to prepare a people with the advanced truths of the three angel’s messages before they would be ready to give the loud cry.

Unfortunately, the first-generation Adventists didn’t keep pass with the light, so He permitted the second generation (Jones and Waggoner) to be privileged to bring this “light” to our people, along with the servant of the Lord. But just as in the time of Moses on the borders of Canaan, so it happened again—division in the ranks. Oh, what a disappointment for heaven, who longed for the end to come then. Another 100 years must pass before a ‘final generation’ could be found who would:

***GET READY! BE READY! STAY READY!***