

**Revelation 14:13**

The Promise of Rest for Believers  
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**Those in Allegiance to Christ Are Blessed**

Revelation 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

**What Time Period?**

1. Entire church age
2. Time period from John's writing onward (95 A.D.)
- ③ Time period specific to Great Tribulation

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**True Sabbath Rest Is Found in Christ!**

**Four Views:**

1. Sabbath on Saturday must still be observed
2. Sabbath on Sunday must still be observed
3. Sabbath rest must still be observed, but on any day
- ④ Sabbath rest is found through faith in Christ

Colossians 2:16 NET Therefore do not let anyone judge you with respect to food or drink, or in the matter of a feast, new moon, or **Sabbath days**. 17 These are only the shadow of the things to come, but the reality is Christ!

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### How Does One "Come Short" of Sabbath Rest?

Hebrews 3:18-19 And to whom did He swear that **they would not enter His rest**, but to those who were disobedient? 19 So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

Hebrews 4:1 Therefore, let us fear **if, while a promise remains of entering His rest**, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.

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### How Does One Enter Into Sabbath Rest?

Hebrews 4:2-3 For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. 3 **For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, "AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST," although** His works were finished from the foundation of the world.

- God's rest from creation didn't exhaust Sabbath rest.
- Israel's entering into the promised land didn't exhaust (or fulfill) Sabbath rest.

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### Sabbath Rest Through Faith in Christ

Hebrews 4:6-9 Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience, 7 He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS." 8 **For if Joshua had given them rest**, He would not have spoken of another day after that. 9 So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

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Joshua/Jesus Comparison	
<b>Joshua (Jesus)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Uniquely faithful in his day</li><li>2. Subdues some of God's enemies</li><li>3. Brings people into a promised land</li><li>4. Gave God's people an imperfect rest!</li></ol>	<b>Jesus (Joshua)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Uniquely faithful for all time</li><li>2. Subdues all of God's enemies</li><li>3. Brings people into <i>thee</i> promised land</li><li>4. Gives God's people a perfect rest!</li></ol>
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