

"ALL THE SAINTS: BELIEVE, SEE, GOD'S GLORY AND GRACE!"
NOVEMBER 7, 2021 - ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
ISAIAH 25:6-9; REVELATION 21:1-7; JOHN 11:32-44
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

We live in a society where people and products and services constantly try to differentiate themselves from each other. `How is this different from that?' `What does that one offer, that no one else does?' `How is that person unique from the others?' In our reading from John today, Jesus proclaims, `Did I not tell you that if you believe you would see the glory of God?' On this All Saints' Sunday, we are blessed to celebrate and proclaim once again that we are "set apart" as saints, to see our net worth is in grace alone, we are made unique and differentiated from the rest of the world by The One who is different from all the others, by The One who is more unique than all the rest, by The Only One who can provide what he offers, by our Brother, by The One set apart for our salvation's sake. As `all the saints,' let us celebrate and give thanks, for in Jesus, God is every day, for all eternity, blessing us to believe and to see, we can come forth, we are unbound and let go, we are alive, we are resurrected, we live anew, in God's glory and grace!

1. As `all the saints' let us boldly believe and see and trust anew, we live, and we will live forever, thanks to God's glory and grace!
Isaiah 25:7; Revelation 21:6-7; John 11:40-42
 - A. As `all the saints' we live believing we will truly live, we will see and celebrate the complete glory and grace of God still to come!
 - B. As `all the saints' even in our preoccupation with heaven, we are invited, graced, to believe and to see, the blessed assurance, the glory of God every day!
 - C. As `all the saints' we believe, we see, we live reassured by, comforted by, convicted by, driven by, God's glory and grace right here, right now!
Thanks be to God for all we believe and see here, all around us, in our presence, lives, hearts, spirits!
2. As `all the saints', believe and see, `resurrection' is from God, the glory and grace of God! Isaiah 25:7; Revelation 21:4; John 11:32,40,42-44
 - A. Boldly believe and see, as Jesus called out to Lazarus, Jesus will forever call you, his saints by name, to "come forth."
 - B. Boldly believe and see, as Jesus raised Lazarus, Jesus will raise up all that is down in your life, all that you think it is too late to unbind, to let go of, to resurrect, Jesus gives life to, breathes life into, raises up.

- C. Boldly believe and see, God gives more than resuscitation, more than restoration, God resurrects, makes you and all things new, creates new creations, gives you new life!
3. As 'all the saints', believe and see, each of us are created, set apart forgiven, saved, anew, to be God's own, as we give thanks for God's abundant glory and grace! Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:1-3,6; John. 11:34-37,40
- A. 'If you believe, you will see the glory and grace of God': As Jesus came to Mary and Martha, as others saw Jesus weep, you as his saints will see Jesus come to you, his compassion for you.
 - B. Clearly see as Jesus saw the saint in others, and defines your net worth in God's grace alone, as Jesus saw one and all as God's children, God will open our eyes and hearts to see others as fellow saints, as God's children, to believe and see, the One who blesses us to call each other brother and sister, calls you, "my brother," and "my sister," in glory and grace.
4. "Did I not tell you that if you believe you would see the glory of God!" Thanks be to God, we are God's very own! We are here and now, for all eternity, set apart, saved, assured, sent, gifted, as 'all the saints' showered with faith to boldly believe, to see, to live anew in the glory and grace of God! John 11:40