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La Jolla Christian Fellowship

## SEVEN // A Study of the Book of Revelation Episode 3: The How Long?

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### Revelation 6:9-11

**9** When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. <sup>10</sup> They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" <sup>11</sup> Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.

### The Fifth Seal Pertains to The Righteous:

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***The Martyrs of the 5th Seal are kept waiting under the throne of God  
and given white robes even before the day of judgment.***

- **The Martyrs Testimony:** One who chooses to suffer death rather than renounce religious principles.
  - "...had been slain **because** of the word of God and the testimony they had **maintained**."
- **The Martyrs plea:** "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?"
- **The Martyrs blood turned to righteousness:** Then each of them was given a white robe,"
- **The Martyrs timing: Vs. 11** Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.
  - **2 Corinthians 5:8** *We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.*

**Practical Takeaway:** Wash your robes in the blood of the Lamb.

- **Revelation 3:4** *But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.*

### Small Group Questions:

1. What can we learn from the Martyrs?
2. Why would the Martyrs be waiting under the throne of God?
3. The Martyrs were given white robes that symbolize holiness. How can we keep our robes white? Is that possible when we still live on earth?
4. The Martyrs "maintained their testimony". How hard is that today, and what is our testimony?
5. The 5th and 7th seals are the only one of two seals that don't release immediate judgment upon the earth, but are about the redeemed. Why do you think this is?