

## Doctrine of the Church in Revelation

1. It is one of the great doctrines of the New Testament, that those who are in Christ will not suffer the eternal wrath of God.
  - *John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*
  - *Romans 2:8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath.*
  - *1 Thessalonians 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*
  - *1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.*
2. According to Scripture, all people are born physically alive, but spiritually dead and so are "by nature children of wrath".
  - *Ephesians 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*
  - *Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*
3. Having been declared righteous by the blood of Christ, Christians are not the objects of the wrath of God.
  - *Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

<b>MATTHEW - JUDE</b>	<b>REVELATION 4 - 19</b>
<b>Saints</b>  Romans 1:7  1 Cor. 1:2  Eph. 1:1	<b>Saints</b>  Rev. 14:12  Rev. 15:3  Rev. 17:6
<b>Fellowservants</b>  Col. 4:11  Col. 1:7	<b>Fellowservants</b>  Rev. 6:11
<b>Brethren</b>  1 Thess. 1:4  Col. 1:2  2 Thess. 1:3	<b>Brethren</b>  Rev. 6:11
<b>People washed in the blood</b>  Cor. 6:11	<b>People washed in the blood</b>  Rev. 17:14
<b>Called, chosen by God, faithful</b>  Eph. 1:4  2 Thess. 2:13	<b>Called, chosen by God, faithful</b>  Rev. 17:14
<b>The servant of Jesus</b>  Eph. 6:6  Phil. 1:1	<b>His servants</b>  Rev. 19: 2, 5
<b>Those who sleep in the Lord</b>  1 Thess. 4:14	<b>The dead who died in the Lord</b>  Rev. 14:13

Prophets	Prophets
1 Cor. 12:28	Rev. 16:6
1 Cor. 14:29	
1 Cor. 14:32	
Eph. 2:20	

4. It would not be consistent to use the same terminology for the church in Revelation 4-19 that is found in the rest of the New Testament, and then deny that the church exists on earth during the tribulation period Jesus spoke of, and John saw visualized.
5. Too much has been made over the absence of a specific term for the church, *ekklesia*, while ignoring the many other references to the church in Revelation 4-19.
6. If the absence of the specific term for the church, *ekklesia*, means that the Word of God does not speak of, or to the church directly, then the following books of the Bible must also be for someone other than the present people of God, because the specific terminology, *ekklesia*, is not found in them either. The word *church* is not found in Mark, Luke, John, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, or Jude.
7. No one would suggest that these books be discarded as not speaking directly to the church simply because a specific term is not found.
8. The great tribulation Jesus referred to is today a historical fulfillment. Once it was future, from AD 30 - AD 70, but fulfillment came as Jesus predicted.