November 1, 2026 Who Can Stand?

(Series Info)
Kingdoms Collide (Revelation)

(Personal Fun Facts)
Share five things about yourself that are important to who you are.

(Takeaways)
What was a major takeaway moment during the sermon this week?

(Big Idea)
The world teaches us to answer the question, "Who am I?" We then answer by describing what we do, what we've accomplished, what we possess, or how others perceive us. But Scripture asks a different question, "Whose am I?"

(Discussion)
Scripture: Revelation 7:1–8; Romans 8:38--39
We Can Stand Because We Are Marked By God
Our security begins not with what we have done for God, but with what God has done for us. Being sealed (or marked) by God does not mean we will not experience suffering. Christians may experience persecution, loss, hardship, and some will endure martyrdom. The seal is not a promise that nothing painful will happen to us. It is the assurance that nothing can separate us from the God to whom we belong. Biblical security is not the promise of a trouble-free life. It is the promise of an unbreakable relationship with God through Christ.

- 1) How might our lives change if we genuinely believed that our most important identity is that we belong to God?

- 2) What are some things Christians unintentionally depend upon for their sense of security instead of their identity in Christ … especially in times of uncertainty and trouble?

Scripture: Revelation 7:9–10
We Can Stand Because We Are A People Whose Destiny is Certain
John sees a multitude that he can't begin to count. He heard 144,000 … but what he saw was much more. An enormous multitude stands before the throne and before the Lamb … not just from the tribes of Israel, but also from every nation, tribe, people, and language. This is a victory celebration. They are wearing the uniforms of those who are victorious: white robes, holding palm branches, proclaiming that salvation belongs to God and to the Lamb. What makes their destiny certain is their relationship to the Lamb. We do not stand through hardship and pain because our grip on God is strong, but we stand because His grip on us is secure.

- 3) How should this picture of heaven challenge the way Christians relate to people from different backgrounds?

- 4) What does this picture of the multitude, around the throne from every tribe and tongue, that John describes, tell us about the ultimate success of God's redemptive mission?

Scripture: Revelation 7:10–13
Our Salvation Is In The Lamb
Our confidence is not in our ability to remain faithful, but in the faithfulness of the One who has redeemed us. No one standing before the throne can claim to have earned the right to be there. That is important. Every person is there because of God's saving work through Jesus Christ. God's kingdom will not be filled with people celebrating how successfully they saved themselves. It will be filled with people celebrating the Savior who rescued them.

- 5) Why do you think it is easier for Christians to believe that Jesus forgives their sins than to believe they are fully accepted by God?

- 6) What does the image of a slain yet victorious Lamb teach us about the difference between the world's definition of success and God's definition of victory?

- 7) If the central activity of the redeemed in Revelation 7 is worship, what does that suggest about what our lives should be centered on today?

Personal Application: What do we do with this text?

- You are a person marked by God and your security rests in His claim upon your life. How will you respond?

- You belong to God's redeemed people. Your life is part of a story much larger than yourself. How does this change how you view your participation in the Church?

- You are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb and your hope rests in Christ's saving work and not your own achievements. How will you share this good news to others?

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You that our identity is not determined by our accomplishments, our failures, or the changing circumstances of our lives. Thank You that through Jesus Christ, we can belong to You. When life becomes uncertain, remind us that Your love is certain. When our strength fails, remind us that Your faithfulness never does. And when we face the difficulties of this world, help us live with the confidence that one day we will stand before Your throne, not because of anything we have accomplished, but because of everything Jesus has done.

Until that day, help us live as people who know to whom we belong.

In the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and who lives forever, Amen.