



The church then had peace throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, and it became stronger as the believers lived in the fear of the Lord. And with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it also grew in numbers. Acts 9:31, NLT

Becoming a Church of Worship and Awe

Revelation 5:1-14

Think about how our world is both incredibly orderly... and deeply chaotic.

The earth sits about **93 million miles from the sun...**

The earth is tilted at about **23.5 degrees...**
The air we breathe is about **21% oxygen...**
The earth spins at nearly **1,000 miles per hour...**

And yet... this same world is filled with brokenness. Storms that destroy... bodies that fail... hearts that break. So, which is it? Is this world ordered... or is it unraveling? And who decides how the story ends?

Revelation 5 takes us into a moment where that question is urgent.

The future of the world is held in a scroll... and for a moment, no one is found worthy to open it. John is weeping... because no one is worthy. But then he sees the Lamb— and everything changes. Worship begins to rise. And when we see Jesus, our weeping begins to turn into worship.

John is weeping... but when he sees the Lamb, his weeping gives way to worship. And when we see Jesus, our hearts can't stay silent. And as worship rises, we begin to see why:

He holds the future!

This is the meaning of the scroll in the right hand of God in verse 1. *Where is history headed? Is there hope? What is God's plan?* We worship because God holds it all in His Hand!

He has a good plan!

The angel asks, *Who is worthy to open the scroll?*

Who is it that will bring God's good plan for His creation to fulfillment? John weeps because no one is found.

We feel that same tension when it seems like evil will win... when death feels final... when God's promises seem delayed.

But God's plan is not absent—it is waiting for the worthy One.

He gave us His Son!

Only Jesus can open the scroll.
All of history hinges on Him.

He secured our redemption!

He is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah—and the Lamb who was slain!

He was slain... but now He stands possessing all authority!

He is worthy of our worship!

Heaven's response is to fall down before Him!

All of heaven worships Him now!

Elders, living creatures, thousands upon thousands of angels—all declaring, *Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!*

Power... wealth... wisdom... strength...

honor... glory... blessing —

He is worthy of it all!

And one day—all creation will rise in worship!

“In heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them!” Every voice will join the song!

As Philippians 2 declares— every knee will bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father!

This is why we worship! *May our worship never become a religious routine — a form of godliness without its power! Has worship become too familiar... too casual? If all this is true — how will you prepare your heart to worship Jesus?*

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