Morning Lesson

THE ONLY ONES GOING TO HEAVEN

Rev. 14:1-5

INTRO:

- 1. The statement is often made that no one can know who is going to heaven.
- 2. This contradicts the statement of John in 1 John 5:13.
- 3. No one can know exactly how many will arrive on the heavenly shore and that is reflected in the use of the number 144,000. $12 \times 12 \times 1000 = \text{innumerable number}$.
- 4. Today I want to share with you from God's word concerning the only ones who will make it to heaven.

I. THE FATHER LEADS THEIR THINKING. v. 1

A. The Father's name is written on their foreheads.

B. Jer. 10:23; Prov. 14:12; Psalm 1:1, 2.

II. THEY ARE REDEEMED. vv. 3,4b

- A. The price of this redemption is the blood of Christ. Eph. 1:7; Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20
- B. This blood is contacted in his death and one only gets there through scriptural baptism, which is immersion.Rom. 6:3, 4; Col. 2:12

III. THEY HAVE THE PROPER CHARACTER. vv. 4a, 5a

A. They are pure. Psalm 23:3,4

B. They practice pure religion. James 1:27

IV. THEY ARE IN THE PROPER CONDITION. v. 5b

A. Blameless in the sight of God. Col. 1:19-23

B. To get to this point, one must have his sins forgiven. Rom. 3:23

CONC:

- 1. This passage describes a vision of heaven.
- 2. These are the people who, in the vision, had already made it.
- 3. The same type of people from today's world will have the same blessing.
- 4. There can be no doubt. A person must fit the above description, or he will have no hope of heaven.
- 5. The burden of proof lies on the shoulders of those who would say otherwise.