

# Revelation Beatitudes #2

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Beatitude

Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”

# Who are the blessed dead?

- Not those
  - Who just die (Heb. 4:14-15)
  - Who are fearful (Rev. 21:8)
  - Whose names are missing in the book of life (Rev. 20:15)
  - Whose names are blotted out (Rev. 3:5)

# But those who die “in the Lord”

- Baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27)
- Live in Christ (Col. 3:3-4)
- Not to cease to live; but die to live with Him in a higher sphere.

# “From now on”

- Not only those who have died are blessed, but those who die in the future
- Some were concerned in Paul’s day  
(1 Thess. 4:13-18)

# What is it to rest from one's labors?

- Not inactivity (Heb. 4:4)
- But rest from cares, grief's from one's labors
  - Example: Paul (2 Cor. 11:28)
  - Judas
  - Demas
- Special kind of rest – from labors
  - Our work on earth
  - Jesus, Paul

# Works follow them

- We can't take our works of art, music, etc.
- But we can take satisfaction from
  - Those who heard the gospel from our lips (Rom. 10:15)
  - What we have left behind (Heb. 11:4)