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Dear Brothers,

This past week, we published a new article entitled **The Great Crowd of Partakers**. You can find a link to the article on the **Update Page** of our site: www.AnointedJW.org. The article shows that the ‘great crowd’, not the 144,000, are the ones who will be kings and priests. We point to this scripture:

“And when he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp and golden bowls that were full of incense, and the [incense] means the prayers of the holy ones. And they sing a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, because you were slaughtered and with your blood **you bought persons for God out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and you made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God, and they are to rule as kings over the earth.**’” – *Revelation 5:8-10*

John clearly tell us that the kings and priests are from “every tribe and tongue and people and nation,” not the 144,000 who will be “sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel” as referred to in *Revelation 7:4*. We wonder how this point could have been overlooked. It seems so clear.

The article goes on to show that since the number of kings and priests is not limited to 144,000, all Christians have the obligation to participate in the Lord’s Evening Meal as sons of God and “joint heirs Christ.” (*Romans 8:17*)

The article is not trying to fix an interpretation of who are the 144,000 or the great crowd. Instead, it is showing that one should not look to prophesy to determine how we are to conduct ourselves or worship as Christians. We point to this scripture:

“**You are searching the Scriptures**, because you think that by means of them you will have everlasting life; and these are the very ones that bear witness about me. **And yet you do not want to come to me that you may have life.**” – *John 5:39-40*

Here, Jesus explains that there is no need to scrupulously study prophesy in order to have everlasting life. All that is necessary is to ‘come to Jesus’ by way of his plain and open teachings. We hope you get an opportunity to read the article and, afterward, let our association know your thoughts on the matter.

As we near the Memorial Supper scheduled for March 26, 2013, we find that the spirit of truth is continuing to unveil truth with the purpose of bringing in more sons of the kingdom. More and more of our brothers and sisters are having the ‘witness of the spirit’ (**Roman 8:16**) and are awakening to their true status as sons of God with the heavenly hope.

Last week’s article revealed that many pre-Christians Jews were looking forward to the heavenly inheritance. This week’s article reveals that it is the great crowd, not the 144,000 who are designated as kings and priests. We wonder what more ‘new light’ the spirit of truth will reveal as we get closer and closer to the Memorial.

We anticipate a large throng of sons to step forward into the light. And we look forward to your response to these new sons, hoping that they will be accorded the respect due to ‘the least of Christ’s brothers.’

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