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Topic: Studies in Revelation - Who is a Martyr?

Text: Revelation 11:1-19

1. The word “*martyr*” comes from the word witness. Therefore, martyrs are those who risk their lives because of their witness and strong Biblical conviction. It does not mean that every martyr will die a horrible death. Those who abide in the same spirit are also considered martyrs.
2. A martyr is one who is truly born again. Not everyone who dies because of what they promote can be considered as a martyr. A real martyr is one who is protected of the Lord until the Lord calls him home. During the end times, the Lord will protect some of His people in a supernatural manner for a prolonged period. But there will be the two witnesses who are protected by the Lord only for a short period of time before they are killed. All are martyrs for the Lord but God has a different lot for them individually.
3. The Great Tribulation is split into 3.5 years of peace and 3.5 years of war. The two witnesses will minister during the second half of the Great Tribulation because it will be a time of great persecution and calamity. The two witnesses are described as two olive trees and two candlesticks because they are light-bearers of God. They will have the power to do miracles but will end up being hated and killed for it. God will then vindicate by causing them to rise from the dead and go straight to Heaven.
4. God will reward all the martyrs and bless them richly. If we stand up for Christ today, He will not forget our little sacrifices. Therefore, as God has called us all to be His martyrs, let us be willing to take on this role as His witness.

*For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain*