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Who is Worthy?

John 1:29-30 ²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is He of whom I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.'

Revelation 5:1-10 ¹Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the One seated on the throne. It had writing on both sides and was sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" ³But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or look inside it. ⁴And I began to weep bitterly, because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or look inside it. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed to open the scroll and its seven seals." ⁶Then I saw a Lamb who appeared to have been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eves, which represent the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And He came and took the scroll from the right hand of the One seated on the throne. ⁸When He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song: "Worthy are You to take the scroll and open its seals, because You were slain, and by Your blood You purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. ¹⁰You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign upon the earth." (BSB)

- I. What can we learn about the Lamb of God from these two passages?
 - A. His name is *Jesus Christ*. John 1:29
 - **B.** He is <u>*God*</u>. John 1:1; Revelation 5:6
 - C. He is <u>worthy</u> to open the Book of Life. Revelation 1:1-5 Revelation 21:27 But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who practices an abomination or a lie, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.
 - D. He was crucified to *validate* the names in the Book of Life. Revelation 5:6, 9
 - E. We are a part of His Kingdom to serve as *priests*. V. 10
- **II.** How does this affect us as believers?
 - A. We have access to *power* because of our relationship to the Lamb of God.
 - **B.** We don't have to be afraid of <u>death</u> anymore.
 - C. We are *freed* from past mistakes and failures!
 - D. We have *assurance* that we have eternal life!
 - E. We have a <u>mission</u> to do here on earth. We do this <u>mission</u> with the confidence of knowing that we will win the battle!