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Call to the Word Rev 6:9-11



When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

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Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

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introduction



Vengeance: retributive justice, response to criminal behavior that focuses on the punishment of lawbreakers and the compensation of victims.

> Deu 32:35 Ps 94:1-2 Rom 12:19

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The Panoply of Martyrs The Prayer of the Martyrs The Peace of the Martyrs



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Panoply: "A complete or impressive collection of things"

Martyr: witness

Mat 24:9; Rev 13:11-15

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"....slain for the word of God..."

Matt 28:19-20 John 15:20 Mark 13:12-13 Rev 13:15, 20:4

The Prayer of the Martyrs



The Peace of the Martyrs



White robes: holiness, purity and righteousness

Imputed: credited to us

Rest: chill out, relax, just enjoy where you're at for a little while longer.

reflection



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4. He is calling us to be *willing* to lose our lives for His sake.

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