

## SERMON NOTES

All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2024 – Pastor Kischnick

THEME: “Not Lost, Just Away”    TEXT: Revelation 7:9-17

INTRO. 14 names > 1/10,000 of “144,000” = the full measure of the Saints w/ white robes. Memories > sorrow, yes, BUT today is a day of joy and victory: All Saints Sunday, day we celebrate the victory – those who died in Christ. Live w/Him, safe & HOME.

TRADITION: 11/01 – All Saints, 11/02 – All Souls. “Saints” – more good works than sins. We believe all in Christ are “Saints” so today we thank God they are “Not Lost, Just Away.”

### I. WHO ARE THEY?

ILLUST. Civil War importance of flags/guidons: in confusion of battle need to know “Who are those people?”

A. The Elder: “These are they who...”

1. White robes made clean in the blood of the Lamb.
2. Palm branches to symbolize VICTORY.
3. Have come out of the GREAT TRIBULATION = Life in this world.

B. From every nation, tribe, people, and language.

C. Live before God and “under his tent”.

D. The Lamb will continue to be their Shepherd.

### II. THEY ARE NOT LOST

ILLUST. “A Christmas Story” Ralphie has big fight. Mom washes face, to bed. In kitchen she hears whimper. Smiles. Knows Randy there. Not lost.

A. Our “dead in Christ” are not LOST.

1. We know where they are and we’ll see them again.
2. I Thess.4 – “The Lord will bring WITH JESUS...the dead in Christ will rise FIRST.”

B. Separated from us ONLY by time.

C. “The Communion of Saints” – we are eternally connected to the Saints, living AND departed. We worship God TOGETHER.

### III. THEREFORE, LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS!

A. “See what great love the Father has lavished on us...”

1. Children of God
2. “We shall see Him as He really is...”

B. Perhaps the Best Promise in Scripture: “And He will wipe away EVERY TEAR from their eyes.”

CLOSE: Dan & family moved – Bullitt Co. (45 min.) to Ithaca (11 hrs.). We know where they are. See them at Christmas, we hope. Better promise from God: those at home with the Lord – not IF but WHEN we see them again. PROMISE OF GOD in Christ Jesus, our Savior. “Not Lost, Just Away”