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Dear Darryl,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You wanted to know if the unfaithful servant of Matthew 25:30 who was said to be weeping and gnashing his teeth belonged to the Restitution Class, the Great Company, or the Second Death Class and why.

We believe the unfaithful servant of Matthew 25:30 is representative of all those who have been called to be part of the Church Class, but have missed their opportunity for a variety of reasons of their own making. The unfaithful servant was lazy and chose the easy path. Therefore, the Lord rejected him as unworthy to be part of the Church Class. Nonetheless, we also believe that he and those he represents do not belong to the Second Death Class either because members of this class no longer have any kind of life since they have been destroyed. Subsequently, they cannot weep or gnash their teeth. That leaves us with the Great Company and the Restitution Class, both of which may be possibilities.

Since the Great Company is composed of spiritual beings, why would they be weeping or gnashing their teeth? Obviously, they would not be once they received their heavenly reward. In Revelation Chapter Seven we hear this great company rejoicing. "After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.'" (Revelation 7:9-10) This picture is illustrative of the final destination of the Great Company. However, it does not picture their condition at the very end of this age after the final Church member has been taken home. We believe that this condition is pictured in Jeremiah 8:20. "The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved." Here we believe that the Great Company realizes that the Bride Class is complete and in heaven with her Lord while they are left on earth to "wash their robes" at the onset of Armageddon, the great time of trouble. There is most likely extreme disappointment and chagrin causing weeping and gnashing of teeth for a time until they wash their robes and join the Church Class, although on a lower heavenly plane.

All of the above having been said, there is another possibility. The unfaithful servant of Matthew 25:30 might be representative of a class of our Lord's followers who have been called and have been given an opportunity to serve, but have fallen far short so that they are not deemed worthy of a spiritual reward even on a lower plane.





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Nevertheless, they have not denied the Lord nor have they been continually sinful without repentance. If they had been, they might be considered a second death class. Their conduct in no way warrants them to be members of this class. Even though they have not lived up to the opportunity given them and are not worthy of a heavenly reward, they do not fit the second death category. They were called. They were given a chance, but they relinquished that chance due, as is noted in this particular parable, to laziness, or lack of initiative, etc. Therefore, they fall into the Restitution Class.

Does the unfaithful servant of Matthew 25:30 belong to the Great Company or to the Restitution Class? We believe that there is a possibility that he might fall into either of these two categories. We hope we have given you some food for thought. Be sure to sign up for CQ Rewind at www.christianquestions.net. The service is free without obligation and will provide you with scriptural perspective on many questions and topics.

Sincerely,

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