

Sunday, February 4, 2024

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Series: Revelation ... 1 **Text:** Revelation 1:1 - 20

Purpose: I want to **INFORM** my congregation of the importance and the promise of giving attention to "The revelation of Jesus Christ."

Introduction:

Last week we were blessed to have Alex, Amber and Leo share in the Word and their ministry call to Mexico. This week we begin a series from the book of "The revelation of Jesus Christ."

~ The immediate observation is that it is NOT the book of revelations; the Holy Spirit announces that it is "*The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place.*"

~ In order to best benefit from this book we will be examining;

~ Ecclesiology – that is the study of the Church

~ Eschatology – that is the study of things to come

1. The Holy Spirit's Introduction to the Book:

~ vs.1, "The revelation of Jesus Christ"

~ the word "revelation" is apokalypsis and it is NOT a synonym for chaos, catastrophe and judgment

~ the word apokalypsis in the Greek means to uncover, to reveal, to make manifest

~ vs. 1, "*The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place.*"

~ notice the submission of the Son to the Father!

~ authority from the Father to make these things known to "his servants;" that is the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ!

~ vs. 1, "*He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,*"

Contrast with:

~ Daniel 12:4, "*But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.*"

~ Revelation 22:10, "And he said to me, "*Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.*"

~ vs.2, "*who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.*"

~ John 20:31, "*but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*"

Believe the Prophet

~ 1 John 5:13, "*I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.*"

Assurance through the Priest

~ Revelation 22:20, "*He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"*

Be ready for the King!

~ vs. 3, "*Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.*"

Compare with Matthew 4:7

2. The Holy Spirit's Word to the Church and in Particular to the Seven Churches:

~ vs. 4, "*John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits what are before his throne.*"

~ Notice Christ Jesus is eternal – who was, is, and is to come

~ seven spirits witnesses to the completeness and oneness of the Holy Spirit;

~ Isaiah 11:2, "*And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.*"

~ vs. 5, "*and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loved us and has freed us from our sins by his blood*"

~ There is a difference between resuscitation and resurrection. Jesus is the first born from the dead and was raised with a glorified body. See Hebrews 9:27 – 28

~ Notice the incredible power of the blood of Jesus Christ!

~ vs. 6, "*and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*"

~ We are a kingdom and Christ Jesus is the KING! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom.

~ We are priests to our King and God, the Lord Jesus Christ. See Romans 12:1 – 2

~ vs. 7, "*Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him, Even so. Amen*"

Conclusion:

Communion