

Sunday, October 13, 2024

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

Title: Come Lord Jesus

Series: Revelation ... 28

Text: Revelation 22

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to stand on the Word in the Fullness of the Holy Spirit watching for the return of Christ Jesus.

Introduction:

From chapter 21 we considered the NEW heaven and the NEW earth and the NEW Jerusalem:

~ 1) Behold a New Heaven and a New Earth; 2) Behold the “no more”; 3) Behold the Contrast Between the First Creation and the New Creation; 4) Behold the New Jerusalem

~ 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 9 and 10, “remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, (10) and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.”

1. Celestial City:

~ vs. 1 – 5

~ vs. 1, notice the river in the city! Contrast with Ezekiel 47:1 – 7

~ vs. 2, “the tree of life”

~ vs. 3, “No longer will there be anything accursed”, no more curse; contrast with Genesis 3:14, 16, and 17.

~ vs. 4, “They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.” Cf. 1 John 3:1 – 3

~ vs. 5, “And night will be no more.”

2. Coming Soon:

~ vs. 6 – 15

~ vs. 6 – 7, “*And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.” (7) And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” Cf. Revelation 1*

~ vs. 8 John is overcome with awe!

~ vs. 9 John is corrected by the angel.

~ vs. 10, “*And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.”*

Contrast with Daniel 8:26, “*The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now.”*

~ vs. 11, YOU choose

~ vs. 12 – 15, “*Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done...*”

3. Christ Jesus Confession:

~ vs. 16 – 21

~ vs. 16, “*I Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”*

~ vs. 17, “*The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.”...*

~ vs. 18 – 19, “*I warn everyone hears the words of the prophecy of this book...*”

~ vs. 20 – 21, “*He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (21) The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.”*

Conclusion:

As one commentator wrote: “He has always been and always will be; He had no predecessor and will have no successor; You can’t impeach Him and He isn’t going to resign!”

Philippians 2:9 – 11, “*Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, (10) so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, (11) and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*