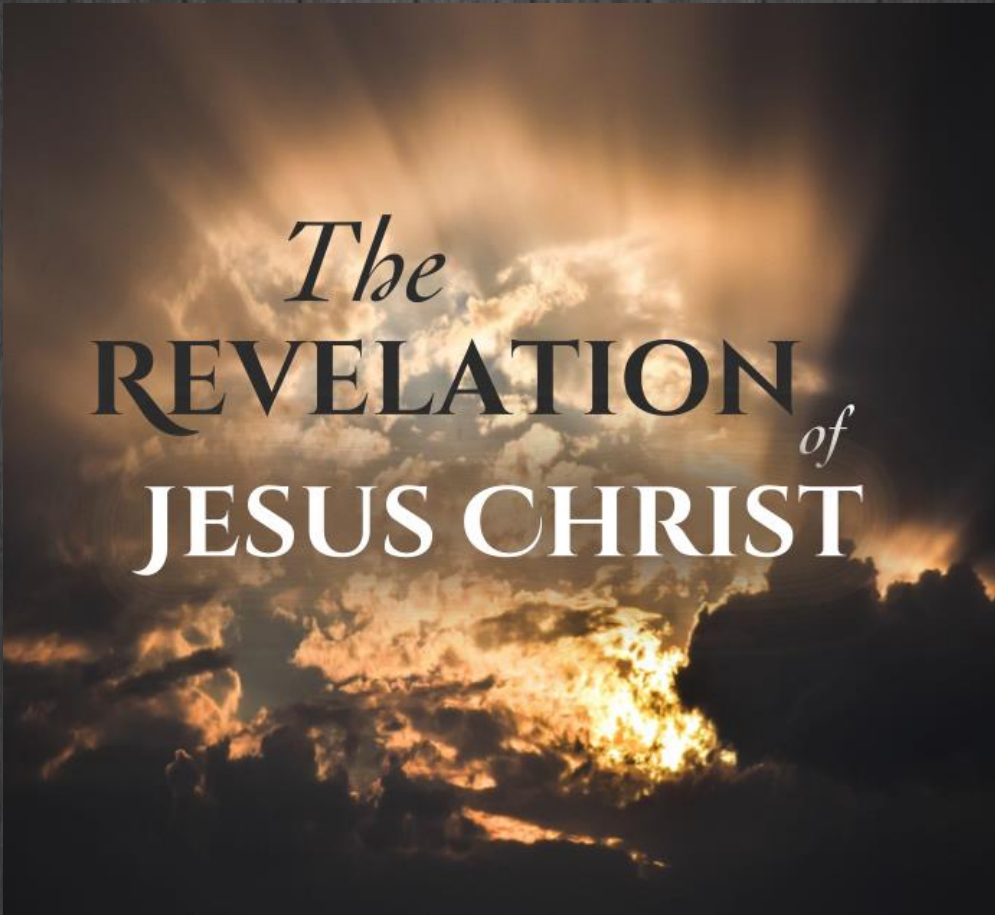


REVELATION

What or who is God
revealing to us?

“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place.”

Revelation 1:1a



The
REVELATION *of*
JESUS CHRIST

But what about “the Apocalypse”?



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REVELATION

The Apocalypse



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- Revelation 1:4-5 says, “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 who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.”

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- The Holy Spirit is described as “The seven spirits who are before his throne.”
- Isaiah 11:1-2 “There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 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.”

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- Jesus Christ is described as “The faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.”
- The focus of the book is on Christ, but we see the TRINITY (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) described.

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B. What does this trinitarian God say about Himself? What does He consider important enough to reveal?

- Faithful Witness (Rev 1:5): The message is trustworthy
- Firstborn from the dead (Rev 1:5): Resurrection is *preeminent*-the most important in history
- Ruler of kings on earth (Rev 1:5): Christ has authority to rule and judge the earth

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- God is Eternally God (Rev 1:8)
- Isaiah 44:6 “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ‘I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.’”

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- God is Almighty (Rev 1:8)



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- Since God is Almighty, He will be victorious . . .
 - ❖ Even when things look bleak in the seven churches
 - ❖ Even when things look bleak in the middle of the Tribulation
 - ❖ Even when things look bleak in our own lives



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- Christ is coming again (Rev 1:7)
- The climax of the revelation of Christ is when every eye sees Him . . . We look forward to when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord.

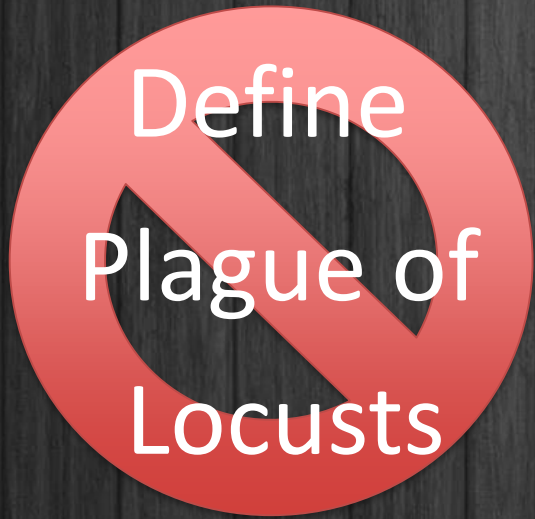
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- God absolutely hates sin (Rev 16:1)
 - ❖ Throughout Revelation, we see God pouring out just wrath and punishment on sin.

2. So knowing these truths about God, what has God done?

A. God blesses those who read aloud, hear, and . . .



**KEEP
HIS
WORD**



Rev 1:3

2. So knowing these truths about God, what has God done?

A. God gives grace and peace (Rev 1:4)

HELLO

HI

ALOHA

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU

2. So knowing these truths about God, what has God done?

B. God gives grace and peace (Rev 1:4)

- ❖ Because of our sin, we deserve to have God's wrath poured out on us as much as anyone in this book. But God gives grace and peace.
- ❖ We can depend on this grace and peace throughout our lives, no matter the circumstances.

2. So knowing these truths about God, what has God done?

C. God saves from sin (Rev 1:5)

- ❖ We must never lose the wonder of our salvation – always glorify Him!
- ❖ God absolutely hates sin.
- ❖ We sin greatly against Christ, yet Christ gives of Himself to save us.

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C. God saves from sin (Rev 1:5)

- ❖ We should seek to turn from sin
- ❖ We often turn back to the very sin for which Christ died.

Ephesians 4:20-24

“But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”

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D. Christ made us a kingdom and priests.

- ❖ Exodus 19:5-6 “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

Did Israel fulfill this mission? Did Israel represent God well to the nations?

- ❖ Joshua 6:25: Rahab and family
- ❖ Ruth 1:16: Ruth
- ❖ 1 Kings 10:9: Queen of Sheba
- ❖ Daniel 3:28: Nebuchadnezzar
- ❖ The faithful witness of some led outsiders to acknowledge the Lord. But Israel often turned away from the Lord instead of representing Him.

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- ❖ Christ has *already done* this.
- ❖ Will we fulfill the mission that God has for us?

Conclusion: What do we do with what God has revealed?

Build a biography of God

Trust what we have learned

God is . . .

Faithful Witness

Almighty

Firstborn from dead

Coming again

Ruler of kings on earth

Hating sin

Eternally God

Next Time

Revelation 1:9-20

- Jesus Christ is Head of the Church.