

God's Message for Today's Church

A Ten Part Series from: The Book of Revelation!

Part 1. Chapter 1:1-3

(Sunday September 20th 2020 with Gympie Baptist Church)

Some Introductory Comments: (For your own note taking)

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. 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. (ESV)

Seven truths that all Christians are to hold onto, that are declared in the book of Revelation (and indeed all of scripture) for those that live between the first and second coming of Jesus.

1) Believers must prepare themselves and be ready to meet up with Jesus whenever that maybe (and so be faithful to the end).

Blessing 1: "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" (Revelation 1:3).

2) There will be trouble right up until Jesus comes back for believers and non-believers.

Blessing 2: And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" (Revelation 14:13).

3) Some believers will not be ready and turn away and lose hope.

Blessing 3: "Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!" (Revelation 16:15).

4) Those believers who die in between the first and second coming of Jesus are with Jesus now.

Blessing 4: "...Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:9).

5) The good news of Jesus must be lived and proclaimed to the end of the age right up until the time when Jesus returns because it is the means by which God saves sinners from death to life!

Blessing 5: "Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years" (Revelation 20:6).

6) Jesus will come again as the victorious conquering king and though we don't know exactly when that will be we must be ready because it is soon!

Blessing 6: "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book" (Revelation 22:7).

7) There will be a final judgment by God of everyone.

Blessing 7: "Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates" (Revelation 22:14).

Keeping it Real by Going Deeper – This Week.

There was a lot in this week's message to think about. As you think over the sermon, I would like to encourage you to ask the following questions of the message as well as of the scriptures that were spoken about.

What **STOOD OUT** to you?

What **PUZZLES** you? (With this particular question if you have something that you would like raise or ask one of the pastors/elders please do so. If you do, we may even be able to address these questions in up and coming messages. I am sure others would appreciate any questions that you have raised that we might be able to answer and weave into our messages for the benefit of others as well).

What do we **LEARN** about God and his people?

How might this **APPLY**?

What will you **TALK** to God or others about?