

April 7, 2024 Worship Service Pastor Bruce Adrian WeAreLifeBridge.com

### **Dear Church: 7 Letters to 7 Churches**

Lesson One • Revelation 1:1-3

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If Jesus visited LifeBridge, what would He SAY about our church?

His answer is found in the seven letters to the seven churches in Revelation.

"Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

Revelation 1:11



### Jesus' Call to the Church

Stay faithful and <u>OVERCOME</u> to the end, for Jesus has overcome and is coming again.

Therefore, don't give up in the face of persecution and tribulation, and don't give in to the pressure and temptation of the world.

"I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart: I have overcome the world." John 16:33

"The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with Me on My throne, as I also conquered and sat down with My Father on His throne." Revelation 3:21

### Introduction to Jesus' Call to the Church

## 1. Jesus' Call to the Church Comes from Our Sovereign GOD!

### Nature of the Call from God

- This Call from God is the <u>REVELATION</u> of Jesus Christ (v. 1).
- This Call from God is the TESTIMONY of Jesus Christ (v. 2).

# 2. Jesus' Call to the Church Comes with a Special BLESSING!

### Blessing for the Church

- The blessing comes to those who read, hear, and <u>KEEP</u> what is written in Revelation (v. 3).
- > The blessing comes to those who <u>OVERCOME</u> until Jesus comes again, for the time is near (v. 3).

### Three Takeaways

- ASK GOD to give you an ear to hear and a heart to obey.
- ❖ TAKE HEART that Jesus has overcome and is coming again.
- HOLD FAST to Jesus as your Risen Lamb and Triumphant King.