

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 2024

MORNING MESSAGE

“The Beginning of the End”

Revelation 1:1-3

- I. THE CENTRAL PERSON OF THE REVELATION – “The Revelation of Jesus Christ”
  - A. The central person is Jesus Christ
    1. “Revelation” means to unveil, to uncover, or to reveal; literally, it means to take the cover off
- II. THE CLEAR PURPOSE OF THE REVELATION – “which God gave unto him, to show his servants things which must shortly come to pass”
  - A. The clear purpose is to show things which must shortly come to pass
    1. “Him” is a reference to Jesus Christ
    2. “Servants” means slaves
    3. “Shortly” means quickly, speedily, or in a brief time
- III. THE CELESTIAL PRESENTATION OF THE REVELATION – “and he sent and signified it by his angels unto his servant John: Who bare record of the Word of God and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw”
  - A. The Revelation has an unusual presentation
    1. It was presented by an angel
    2. It was presented to an Apostle
- IV. THE COMFORTING PROMISE OF THE REVELATION – “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein”
  - A. God promises to bless those who read, hear, and keep the things written in this book
    1. The definition of being blessed
      - a. “Blessed” literally means to be happy
    2. The duty to be blessed
      - a. Read the Revelation
      - b. Hear the Revelation
      - c. Keep the Revelation
- V. THE CERTAIN PROPHECY OF THE REVELATION – “for the time is at hand”
  - A. There is an urgency about these words
    1. The coming of the Lord is next

- a. "Time" means occasion or event
- 2. The coming of the Lord is near
  - a. "Near" means imminent; He could come at any time
  - b. 2 Peter 3:4, "Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation"
  - c. 2 Peter 3:8, "Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day"