

Outline: A Study in the Book of



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Note from Pastor: Please feel free to ask questions don't be too shy to inquire, before, during, after class or contact us through the web through our YouTube page or email at www.4176sbaptist@gmail.com.

- Questions can make the teacher better able to communicate and give us a better sense in the application of the Word in our walk with GOD.
- All questions are welcomed and encouraged.
- Questions add to a point of teaching that will make the efforts more complete.
- Did you know that questions can help in the teaching process?

Pastor's comments:

- Thank God for bible class, where we can learn scripture to encourage yourself and witness to others the "Good News" of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- This experience will better equip you in your witnessing, gives fertile ground, and effectiveness for fruitfulness.
- Studying and learning scripture blesses you with the truth.
- (John 8:32) **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**
- **Have clarity and conviction on what we believe; victory over the adversary.**
- **Our lives are in God's hand! He gives knowledge. He is able!**

Outline in the Book of Revelation of Jesus Christ:

- Believed author: Apostle John, one of the twelve who walked with Jesus Christ. (Rev. 1:4,9;22:8)

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- John exiled to island of Patmos for preaching the gospel in Asia.
- "Revelation" comes from the Greek word "apocalypses" and refers to an unveiling or disclosure of something unknown.
- (Proverbs 3:5) Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
- (Proverbs 3:6) In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
- (Philippians 4:13) I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
- He is my power to overcome myself. Greater understanding to witness.
- We ought to trust that God is in control; if you are empty of the Word of God you will try to deal with the issues of life yourself. The Word says ultimately this leads to failure. God is sovereign!

Review: Revelation of Jesus to Apostle John

- Blessed letter to seven churches of Asia.
- Represents the church universal; same issues exist today with the church!
- Seven is complete and the fullness; represented 7 churches then, right now and in the future, being revealed which was once a mystery.
- Likely these seven churches chosen to receive the letters because of lessons they provided for "all the churches."
- All reflect realities found:
 - Characteristics of the risen Christ
 - Commendation of the church
 - Criticism of the church's shortcomings (though not is Smyrna and Philadelphia) and how to correct them.
 - Command to "hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
 - Commitment to the preserving spiritual victory, to conquer.

Chp. 2 The Loveless Church:

(Revelation 2:1) Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

- (Psalms 18:35) Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.
- (Isaiah 41:13) For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying

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unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

- (Isaiah 60:1) Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.
- Jesus is the light for the lampstands! He is the light!!

(Revelation 2:2) I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

- You can't recognize evil out of our own vision but through the Holy Spirit of God.
- Every Christian can say since I've been born again, I am "sin-less."
- Your pastor is "sheep" too.

(Revelation 2:3) And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

- (Galatians 6:9) And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
- Persevere by faith. (Psalms 18:2) The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

(Revelation 2:4) Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

- Condition of the church, abandoned love for God.
- (Matthew 22:37) Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

(Revelation 2:5) Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

- Fallen does not mean losing salvation, required repentance a change of mind and heart or Christ would cause the church to close.
- Christ would remove His right hand (lampstand)
- (John 15:5) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

(Revelation 2:6) But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

- Jesus knows who is a part of His kingdom; He is Alpha and Omega!
- Jesus hated the deeds; the strongholds.

(Revelation 2:7) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

- We are called to be overcomers, faithful and obedient believers.
- (Genesis 3:22) And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:

(Revelation 2:8) And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These

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things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

(Revelation 2:9) I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

- Jews were to be the light for the Gentiles to the One true God.
- Jesus fulfilled the purpose for which God chose the Jews (He is the True Vine), if you are in Him, you are a Jew; circumcision of the heart.
- Jewishness is not outward but inward.

(Revelation 2:10) Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

- (James 1:12) Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
- (2 Corinthians 5:10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad
- (Psalms 46:1) God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- (Philippians 4:1) Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

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