

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.

Pastor’s comments:

- **Revelations** is like the book of Daniel; they both have lots of symbolism.
- **Remember pay attention to the:**
 - **#’s, the names, the people, the places....**
- The **main things** of God are the **plain things** of God!
- All instructions ought to be held up by the Word of God!

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Jesus is coming back for His church: (Ephesians 5:27) That he might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Review:

- Jesus says concerning all the churches before that He knew their works.
- Jesus didn't just tell them how terrible He thought they were, instead He highlights what they were doing; Their beginnings and their end.
- (Revelation 1:8) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.
- Rev. 2:12-15: Pergamos the location of Satan's throne.
 - The doctrine of Balaam in the OT (Num. 22-25), probably linked to the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, had a strong foothold in the church.
 - Followers of Jezebel committed themselves to her teaching, this group will be killed, a foreshadowing of widespread death by plague later in the book ("great tribulation") might suggest Jezebel was a first-century preview of Babylon the great.
 - (2 Kings 9:10) And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled.
 - Jezebel was told by the prophet Elijah to repent; all of Ahab's 70 children perished which she witnessed.
 - (Dogs devoured Jezebel's body leaving only her head)
- Thank God for His grace and His mercy;
- (Galatians 6:7) Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Chp. 3: Church of Sardis; The Dead Church:

(Revelation 3:1) And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

- The seven Spirits of God (1:4) are the seven manifestations of God, the enabling power of the Holy Ghost.
- This church is full of unfulfilled works; "they did not finish the work"
 - (Galatians 5:22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
 - (Galatians 5:23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
 - (1 Corinthians 12:7) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

(Revelation 3:2) Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that

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are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

- Strengthen spiritually what remained or they would die.
- They had not followed through on the works honoring God.

(Revelation 3:3) Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

- Instructions were given to this church to fight but they went their own way, they added to what they heard, changed it, let go of the Word of God, failed to carry the Word out in their lives.
- Hold-fast, repent were urgent spiritual wake-up calls from Jesus!
- (Matthew 24:46) Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
- (2 Peter 3:10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

(Revelation 3:4) Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

- Jesus says all will not walk with Him (everyone in church isn't saved!)
- Few remained faithful to the Lord, those would be clothed in the victor's garb of white, the holiness of God.
- they were worthy of both heaven and of returning with Christ at His second coming.
- The Word of God is the lifeline out of untruths.
- (Matthew 7:14) Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

(Revelation 3:5) He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

- Is your spiritual man dressed in the holiness of God?
- Book of Life contains the name of each person who is eternally elect.
- He who overcomes refers to faithful and obedient believers; they will be clothed in white garments and will not have their name blotted out.
- God knows you by name; He calls the stars by name....
- (John 10:27) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

(Revelation 3:6) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

- Jesus' warning echoes to His hearers;
- Failure to overcome means losing spiritual rewards, not losing salvation.