

The Revelation of Jesus Christ!

Revelation 1:4-8

Message 3

September 27, 2020

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. *Revelation 3:20, NKJV*

A Warm Welcome!

Greeting the Seven Churches

⁴ John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." *Revelation 1:4-8, NKJV*

The Father is Perfect in His Person! (1:4,8)

...who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! *II Corinthians 9:14a, 15*

For the grace of God has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. *Titus 2:11-13*

The Holy Spirit is Perfect in His Presence! (1:4)

The God who lives in every believer, is the God who is before the throne!

He is the one who energizes, empowers, and equips the church for worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and mission!

The Son is Perfect in His Provision! (1:5-7)

In His Revelation – He is the Faithful Witness!

In His Resurrection – He is the First Born From The Dead!

In His Rule – He is the Ruler of the Kings of the Earth!

In His Redemption – He Loved Us and Has Set Us Free From Our Sins By His Blood!

His Reign – He Has Made Us Kings and Priests!

His Return – He Is Coming Back Again!

Personal Reflection and Application:

What would you say is the main theme of the book of Revelation?

What role does the Holy Spirit play in bringing grace and peace to those who believe?

What does it mean to have the expectation of the imminent return of Christ?

What do these names mean for you in your daily Christian life and walk?

Seven Action Steps:

Receive

Read

Memorize

Pray

Come

Invite

Expect

NLC's verse for 2020

As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! *John 20:20, NLT*